

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm Ballyheane Church: 8pm (Sat) Breaffy Church: 10am, 11.30am

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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 5th March:

- 10.00am - Fadden family, Knockthomas & Thomas Street & McDonnell family, Ballina.
7.00pm - Brendan McTigue, Tullycommons, parents John & Ann. Michael & Christine Murray, Boradruma.
Nora O'Connor & dec family, Aughadrina.

Tuesday 6th March:

- 7.30am - Holy Souls.
10.00am - Patrick & Kathleen Dooney, Jack & Delia Warde.
Mary & Thady Thornton & son Sean, Ballina & Castlebar.

Wednesday 7th March:

- 7.30am - Alice & Seamus Padden, Springfield & dec Padden & Hegarty families.
Margo Foy, 'Hillcrest', Knockthomas. Cassidy family, Kilboyne.
10.00am - Private Intention.

Thursday 8th March:

- 7.30am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Michael Moran, Ballinaglough.

Friday 9th March:

- 7.30am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Chris Neary, Pontoon Road.

Saturday 10th March:

- 10.00am - Teddy & Bridgie May Hopkins, Snugboro. Henry Coll, Rathbawn Road.
Jack & Sarah Marley, Turlough Rd & dec Marley & Gallagher families. Bridget Kelly, Castlegrove.
Tom McDonagh, Riverdale Court. (M.M.)
7.00pm - John Kearns, Knockthomas Drive. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 11th March:

- 10.30am - Eileen Irwin, The Grove. (1st Anv.)



BREAFFY CHURCH

- Mon 5th March:** 7.30pm - Michael & Elizabeth Doyle, Moneen.
Wed 7th March: 7.30pm - Michael McTigue, London. (M.M.)
Fri 9th March: 7.30pm - Martin Halligan, McHale Road. (M.M.)
Sat 10th March: 10.00am - Sean Chambers & dec Chambers & Connor families.
Sun 11th March: 10.00am - Sabina Heneghan & dec Heneghan & Mannion families.
11.30am - Private Intention.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

- Sat 10th March:** 8.00pm - Pat, Sarah & John Mugan, Cloonaghmore. Michael Madden, Killadeer.

ALTAR SERVERS

5 th Class - starting Mon 5 th	6 th Class - Sun 11 th
7pm Mon - D	8.30am - E
7.30am Wed	10.30am - D
7.30am Fri, 10am Sat - C	12.00pm - F

ALTAR SOCIETY: 10th March

Marie Rance Bríd McAndrew

DAILY READERS

- Mon - Angela Gormley
Tues - Sr Teresa Kilcourse
Wed - Joan Hanley
Thurs - Eileen Lynch
Fri - Anna O'Boyle



MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 10th/11th March

Parish Church

- 7.00pm - Ian Douglas
8.30am - Breege Kelly
10.30am - Tony Monaghan
12.00pm - Michael Reynolds

REST IN PEACE

Bernadette Redmond, McHale Road.



'The road of belief has many surprises'

Interview with Andrea Bocelli

It is a crisp winter's day in New York City, and Andrea Bocelli, tall and elegant at 59, is talking about his faith. "In religion," he says slowly, "is the meaning of life."

"I want to warn you," he says, "that if we start talking about this we will not end soon – and I want to go to bed at some point today. But in just a few words ... Either we are children of hazard, of chance – and I think that from my point of view, this would be quite disappointing and not very believable – or we consider ourselves as children of Somebody that wanted this, an intelligent entity that wanted us to exist. And if you choose to follow the road of believing that, then you start on a path that you cannot abandon afterwards. And that will give you many, many and very pleasant surprises."

If anyone has earned his right to some pleasant surprises it is Bocelli. He is the elder of two sons from a middle-class family which owned a farm that sold agricultural machinery and made wine in the small Tuscan village of La Sterza. He suffered trauma before birth when his mother was rushed to hospital with appendicitis, which the doctors feared would have a disastrous effect on her unborn son.

"The doctors had to apply some ice on her stomach," he once recounted at a concert, "and when the treatments ended the doctors suggested that she abort the child. They told her it was the best solution because the baby would be born with some disability. But the young brave wife decided not to abort, and the child was born. That woman was my mother, and I was the child. Maybe I'm partisan, but I can say it was the right choice."

Although otherwise healthy, the young Andrea suffered from glaucoma and became completely blind at the age of 12 after being hit in the eye while playing football. His life was changed irredeemably. "Had it been an advantage," he says now, dryly, of his condition, "people would not call it a handicap." Luckily for him, he had his love of music to help him through.

After some years of agnosticism in his youth, he was led back to the Church. "My faith was born in adulthood," he told the Australian magazine *The Catholic Leader*, "when some existential questions became urgent. I realised that making any choice, we stand at a fork in the road – one path is leading towards the good, the second in the direction of evil ... I chose the path that seemed more logical, which my intelligence, though limited, identified as a path without alternative. Faith is a truly priceless gift that I try to maintain and deepen, and it supports me day after day."

He says that singing in front of Pope Francis is among his proudest achievements. As he recently wrote in *Time* magazine: "Having the chance to sing ... in front of the Holy Father, for whom I have deep and sincere devotion, offering my humble contribution as a fervent Catholic, is a great honour for me. St Augustine notoriously reminds us that singing is an extraordinary form of prayer. And that is my goal, my purpose and my joy: to pray together."

(Gabrielle Donnelly, Catholic Herald, Dec 2017)

NOTICES

Stations of the Cross

The children from the junior Legion of Mary are doing the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church every Fri during Lent at 7.30pm. Please come along and join them.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. Listen via free App "Radio Maria Ireland", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via phone – get live radio feed by calling 01 4373277.

Mayo Historical & Archaeological Society

Mr. Chris Corlett, National Monuments Service, Illustrated Lecture, 'Cursing Stones' in GMIT Campus on Wed March 7th at 8pm. All are welcome.

Heartfulness Meditation & Relaxation Sessions

All are welcome at any of 3 free meditation and relaxation sessions held on Wed evenings, 7th, 14th and 21st March from 7pm to 8pm at the Mayo Education Centre (behind GMIT). To book tel 094 9020700. www.heartfulness.ie

Castlebar ICA Guild

Monthly meeting in the Social Services Centre on Mon 5th March at 8pm. All are welcome.

Tea Dance

Soroptimists are hosting a Tea Dance in aid of meals on wheels, on Thurs 8th March from 2pm to 4.30pm at Castlebar Celtic Club House. Adm €5. All are welcome.

Family Centre Programmes

Enneagram Part 3 facilitated by Benny Mc Hale on 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th March from 8pm to 10.30pm.

How Food affects your Mood presented by Vivianne Maloney on Mon 12th March from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Transition from Primary to Post Primary facilitated by Helen Mortimer on Mon 12th March from 7.30pm to 10pm at the Mayo Education Centre.

Parenting a child living with a lifelong illness and its psychological impact on the child, the parent and the family on Tues 13th March from 10am to 2pm.

For information or booking tel 094 9025900
www.thefamilycentre.com

40 hours of Adoration

Ballintubber Abbey on Fri 9th and Sat 10th March to protect the 8th amendment. Organised by the alliance of the two hearts. For more info tel Kathleen 087 9825067.