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

PRIEST ON CALL: tel 094 9021844



PARISH CHURCH

Monday 7th May:

10.00am - Liam Gavin, Upper Charles Street. Special Intention.

7.00pm -Joe Kerrigan, Westport & Chestnut Grove.

Paddy & Kathleen McDonnell, Ballynew, daughter Kathleen & dec McDonnell & O'Hora families.

Tuesday 8th May:

Maureen McGinty (1st Anv) & husband Patrick, Harmony Heights & dec Conlon & McGinty families. 10.00am -

Michael Guthrie, Fr. Meehan Place.

Wednesday 9th May:

8.00am - Paddy Gibbons & dec Gibbons & Geraghty families.

10.00am -Pat & Agnes Gibbons, Derryharriff.

Patrick Mohan & parents Paddy & Kathleen, Davitt's Terrace & Gildea family.

Thursday 10th May:

10.00am - Teresa Collins (1st Anv) & Hannah Gallen,(1st Anv), Co Tyrone Special Intention. **Friday 11th May:**

8.00am - Seamus & Alice Padden, Springfield & dec Padden & Hegarty families.

Michael Parsons, Pontoon Road.

10.00am -Dr. Noel Hynes, Newport Road. Michael J Egan, Mountain View. Michael Connolly, Dernadiva.

Saturday 12th May:

10.00am - Breege & Mick Ruane, Main Street. Tom Power, Riverdale Court, .

Willie Joe Moran & dec Moran family, Sion Hill. Phyllis & Michael Murray, Newport Rd, Michael inr &

Mary Murray, Riverdale Court. Judy Mitchell, Dereenmanus & dec Mitchell & Crowe families.

Jimmy Groarke, Station Road. Donal Murphy, Church View.

Mary Durkan, Greenfields (1st Anv.) 7.00pm -

BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon 7th May: Wed 9th May: 7.30pm Private Intention. 7.30pm Private Intention. Fri 11th May: 7.30pm - Private Intention. Sat 12th May: 10.00am - Private Intention.

Sun 13th May: 10.00am Bobby & Kathleen Caulfield & dec Caulfield, Mulhall & O'Hora families.

> 11.30am Martin & Agnes Neary & dec Neary & McDonnell families.

> > **BALLYHEANE CHURCH**

Sat 12th May: Private Intention. 8.00pm

ALTAR SERVERS

5 th Class - starting Mon 7 th	6 th Class - Sun 13 th
7pm Mon - A	8.30am - C
8.00am Wed	10.30am - B
8.00am Fri, 10am Sat - B	12.00pm - A

ALTAR SOCIETY: 12th May

Angela Irwin Teresa O'Shea Ann Marie O'Boyle

DAILY READERS

- Sally Dunleavy Mon - Chris Casev Tues Wed Michael Kennelly Thurs Bernadette Watkin

Fri - Una Ryan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 12th/13th May

7.00pm - Mary Tighe 8.30am -Jo Kearney 10.30am - Joan Hanley

12.00pm - 1st Holy Communion

Scoil Raifteirí

REST IN PEACE

Frank Moran, Manchester & late of Glenisland, brother of Stephen Moran, Rosaleen Moran, Mary Murray & Bridie Walsh, Castlebar.

Michael Rice. Swinford & late of Moneen, brother of Pat Heyl, Sean, Tom & Maureen Rice, Castlebar. Pat Ruane, Brookhaven.

Michael (Mick) Kennedy, Dublin & late of Ballinvoash, Breaffy, brother of Nellie Reddington.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Archbishop Neary will lead the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this Sun May 6th with Ceremonies commencing at 2.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Ballyheane Church:

Sat 12th May at 11am - Derrywash NS

Parish Church:

Sun 13th May at 12 noon - Scoil Raifteiri



Pope offers practical tips on how to be holy

Pope Francis has released his third apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and be glad"), insisting that "every minute of our lives can be a step along the path to growth in holiness".

Gaudete et Exsultate ("Rejoice and be glad"), follows Evagelii Gaudium and Amoris Laetitia. It explains that holiness is the mission of every Christian. Holiness grows, it says, "through small gestures" in everyday life.

Being part of a parish and receiving the sacraments especially the Eucharist and Confession, are essential, the Pope wrote, along with giving up time for silent prayer. "I do not believe in holiness without prayer," he said, "even though that prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotion."

Describing holiness as being built up through small steps, the Pope cites the example of a woman refusing to gossip. "This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step."

Pope Francis also noted the challenges to holiness, writing at length about the Devil. "We should not think of the Devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech, or an idea," he writes. "This mistake would lead us to let down our guard, to grow careless and end up more vulnerable."

"The Devil does not need to possess us. He poisons us with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy and vice," he writes.

"When we let down our guard, he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities."

The Pope writes: "For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of charity, community life, missionary outreach."

(Catholic Herald)

NOTICES

Monthly Orthodox Liturgy

In the Parish Church on Sun 13th May at 2.30pm.

Pro Life Mass

Mon May 7th at 7pm at the foot of Croagh Patrick (in car park). Main Celebrant Fr Raymond Flaherty. All are welcome.

40 hours Adoration in Ballintubber Abbey

Fri 11th and Sat 12th May for the Protection of the 8th Amendment. Starting Friday at 9am and finishing on Saturday night at Midnight. Anyone wishing to spend an hour or two before the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Kathleen at 087 9850267.

Family Centre Castlebar - Collection

Next weekend 12th and 13th May at all Masses in the parish. Please be as generous as you can to support the important services provided by the Family Centre for the people across the Archdiocese.

Newport Church Centenary Concert

As part of its Centenary celebrations, Newport Church will host the Irish Chamber Orchestra at 8pm on Friday May 18th for a concert entitled 'Death and the Maiden'. Tickets €20 available in Castlebar Parish Office or on Eventbrite.ie.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers

There will be a blessing ceremony for all parents expecting a baby in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Knock Shrine on Sat 12th May at 12 noon. All welcome.

Breaffy Cemetery Clean-Up Day

In appreciation of all the community fundraising, Breaffy Ladies GAA Club have organised a clean-up day and planting flowers in Breaffy Cemetery, on Sat 12th May at 1pm. All are welcome.

Mayo Mental Health Fair

In The TF Royal Hotel on Wed 16th May from 9.30am to 5pm. For info tel Teresa Keane at 087 1679549.

Mayo Arts Squad

Free juggling workshop and demonstration for grandparents and grandchildren on Sat May 12th 2-4pm with Ronan Quigley at the Golden Mile Industrial Estate, To book tel 094 9047471 or mayoarts@mayococo.ie

Free Buccal Midazolam Information Session

For Parents of Children with Epilepsy U18 on May 14th in Mayo Education Centre at 10.30am. Tel 091 587640