

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

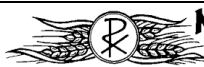
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Sunday Mass times

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

PRIEST ON CALL: tel 094 9021844



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 10th December:

10.00am - Patrick Griffith & dec Griffith & Merrick families. Special Intention.
7.00pm - Seamie Moylette & Breege Gilligan, Market Square. John Moyles, New Antrim Street.
Una Begley, Billy Keohane, McCormack, Begley & Keohane families, John Corley, Austin O'Donnell.

Tuesday 11th December:

10.00am - Gracie & Michael Lynch & dec Lynch family, Knockthomas. Michael & Margaret Marley, the Curragh,
Dominic & Mary Marley, Glenhest. Dr. Tom Staunton, Westport Road.

Wednesday 12th December:

8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - James & Bridget Morrison, Kennedy Gardens. Thomas & Sarah Miller & dec Miller families, Sligo.

Thursday 13th December:

10.00am - Michael & Mary McDonald, Mountgordon.

Friday 14th December:

8.00am - Dominic, Roseanne & Pat Staunton, Manulla & dec Staunton & Jennings families.
10.00am - Private Intention.

Saturday 15th December:

10.00am - Michael & Josephine Boyle & dec Munnely, Boyle & McCaffrey families. Tom Higgins, Liscromwell.
Murray family, Glenisland, Kenny family & Anthony Murray, Newport Road. Mary Conway, Dublin.
Martin, Bridie, Martina & Finola Sheridan, Turlough Road. Paddy & Kathleen Morahan, Marian Row.
Lily McDonald, Brooklands & parents Thomas & Margaret McDonald, Tucker Street.
Cyril & Mary Foy, Fr. Meehan Place, dec Foy & Conway families. Nora Fitzgerald, Saleen.
Mary & Tony Lavelle, Tullycommons. Nancy & John Joe McGowan.
10.30am - John & Margaret Gibbons, Knockaphunta.
7.00pm - John Dowling, Fr Meehan Place (1st Anv.) & dec Dowling & Halligan families.

Sunday 16th December:

10.30am - Sean Ó hÉalaí, Rathbawn Road. (1st Anv.)

BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon 10th December: 7.30pm - Mary & Michael Flynn, Bobby Garvey, Jenny Walsh & dec families.
Wed 12th December: 7.30pm - Kathleen & Martin Rooney & dec Rooney & Forde families.
Fri 14th December: 7.30pm - Luke Kelly & dec family.
Sat 15th December: 10.00am - John (Mossie) Jennings, parents Tom & Elizabeth & dec family.
Sun 16th December: 10.00am - Billy Foy, son Michael, son-in-law Michael Hynes & dec family.
11.30am - Mark Faherty.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

Sat 15th December: 8.00pm - Mike Moran, Errew & dec family.



ALTAR SERVERS

6th Class - Sun 16th

8.30am - A
10.30am - B
12.00pm - C



ALTAR SOCIETY: 15th December

N. Griffith B. Haugh G. Maloney T. Quinn

DAILY READERS

Mon - A. Gormley
Tues - Sr. T. Kilcourse
Wed - J. Hanley
Thurs - E. Lynch
Fri - A. O'Boyle



MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 15th/16th December

7.00pm - DTIM
8.30am - B. Kelly
10.30am - DTIM
12.00pm - E. Gavin

REST IN PEACE

Padraic Mulchrone, Newport, brother of Patricia Tuohy, Westport Road.



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Parish Church

Sat 15th Dec: After 7pm Mass
Sun 16th Dec: After 8.30am, 10.30am and 12 noon Masses
Sat 22nd Dec: 12 noon - 3pm
Mon 24th Dec: 12 noon - 3pm

Who's Who in Advent

We know that Advent focuses on a few significant themes: waiting for the Lord, preparation, readiness for His return at the end of time, silence, etc. But did you know that the Holy Season of Advent also pays serious attention to some Biblical Figures? The prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today we might focus on **the prophet Isaiah**:

Background: Isaiah was a prophet called to speak to God's people and the kings of Israel in a terrible and chaotic time. His call came in the year 732 BC, when Israel was not a united kingdom but divided in two: Israel was the Northern Kingdom and Judah the Southern. Within the country, there was a lot of corruption and infidelity to God's covenant while externally Israel was under threat by a number of great powers. Isaiah urged a revival of faithfulness to God and politically, he urged the kings not to throw their lots in with the pagan powers, but to put their trust in God. God's message was ignored and His people paid a terrible price: military defeat and mass deportation to Babylon.

Hope for God's People: Isaiah also anticipated in his prophecies God's salvation of His people and foresaw a Saviour who would be born of a virgin (Chapter 7), be a light to the whole world and who would exercise a universal authority (Chapter 9), and whose mysterious suffering would be the means by which God would bring about a spiritual liberation and redemption (Chapter 53). Sound familiar? Hundreds of years before the Incarnation and Nativity in Bethlehem these prophecies point towards Jesus Christ, the Saviour God would send.

For us, as we listen to Isaiah's remarkable prophecies during Advent, we can imagine how eagerly God's people waited for the Messiah. It may just stir up our own gratitude for Him and our desire for Him to come and reign completely. *Maranatha*- Come, Lord Jesus!

- Fr. Shane

Do This in Memory

The parents/guardians who volunteered to help with the above programme are invited to a preparation meeting on **Monday 10th December**.

The Monastery: 8.00pm - St. Patrick's, Snugboro
8.45pm - St. Angela's, Scoil Raifteirí

Ballyheane Church: 8.00pm - Errew, Derrywash, Ballyheane



Ecumenical Carol Service

Mon 10th Dec at 8pm in Christchurch, the Mall, with the Parish Choir and Castlebar Concert Band. All welcome.

Castlebar Parish Magazine

The Castlebar Parish Magazine will be on sale from Wed 12th Dec.

Pro Life Meeting

Mon Dec 10th at 7.30pm in the TF Hotel. All are welcome.

Castlebar Voluntary Social Services

If you have the time and wish to volunteer to cook and deliver a meal for an elderly person on Christmas Day, St. Stephen's Day and Thurs 27th Dec, please contact Castlebar Voluntary Social Services, tel 094 9021378.

Chapel Street Gospel Choir – Christmas Concert

Sun 16th Dec at 3pm and 7pm in Christchurch, the Mall
Tickets available from IT Music or from 087 6230164

Coffee Morning

Fri 14th Dec at 10am in the Irish Cancer Society shop, Ellison Street. All are welcome.

Car Boot Sale

This Sun in Main Street Car Park from 8am to 3pm. In aid of Snugboro Development Association.

Family Trip to Galway

Join families from Castlebar Parish for a free trip to Galway's Christmas Market on Fri Dec 14th. Bus departs at 5pm from the Church of the Holy Rosary. Christmas songs and lots of fun. Call Fr Shane to book your place tel 094 9021844

Healing/Anointing Catholic Ministry Service

Praise and Worship, Healing Prayers, Talks and Adoration will be held in The Parish Centre, Chapel Street on Sun 16th Dec from 1pm to 5.15pm.

25 Drive (partners)

Fri Dec 14th in the Tennis Club at 8.30pm. In aid of the Chernobyl Children, Castlebar Branch.

Castlebar NoName! Club

The members of Castlebar NoName! Club will be singing carols at Supervalu on Sun Dec 16th to raise funds for St. Brid's and St. Anthony's schools.

Christmas Festive Fair

Handmade Christmas crafts and baked treats for sale in St. Anthony's Special School, Humbert Way on Wed 12th Dec from 1-3pm. Carol service by pupils at 1.30pm. All are welcome.