CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 6pm (Sat), 9am, 11am Ballyheane Church: 7.30pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am

Priests: Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. George Kappen CC. Tel. 094 9021844

<u>Diocesan Child Safeguarding:</u> More information available at www.tuamarchdiocese.org Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.

Mass Intentions for the Week PARISH CHURCH churchtv.ie/castlebar

Monday 15th December:

10.00am - Seamus Herbert, Knockmore & dec. Herbert family. Tom & Nora O'Boyle, Newport. Noel Banville, dec. relatives & Holy Souls. Michael Caulfield, Station Road.

7.00pm - John & Ciss Bourke, Blackfort. Special Intention.

Eddie & Geraldine Egan, Maryland & dec. Egan & Dunleavy families.

John & Mary Togher, daughter Mary Kilgallon & dec. Togher & McNeela families.

John Dowling, Fr. Meehan Place & dec. Halligan & Dowling families.

James & Annie Grady, Ringeraun & dec. Grady family.

Tuesday 16th December:

10.00am - Mary Kate & Annie Staunton, Garryduff Court. Kathleen Joyce, Hollow Grove. Jim & Ellie Kavanagh, son Sean & daughter Marie, The Curragh.

Wednesday 17th December:

10.00am - Mae Gibbons, Cloonkeen. Special Intention. Martin & Annie Quinn & dec. family, Snugboro.

Thursday 18th December:

10.00am - Owen Maughan, Moneen. Mary Conway, Dublin.
Michael & Katie Murphy, son Michael & daughter Catherine, Newport Road.

Friday 19th December:

Mary Kerins, Lack, Parke & dec. Kerins family. Eddie, Mary Teresa & Paddy Sweeney.
 Owen Maughan & dec. Maughan & Collins families.
 Brendan Forkan, Patrician Park & dec. Forkan family, Catherine & Michael McHale, sons & grandson, Charles Street. John & Teresa King, Castlebar & dec. family.

Saturday 20th December:

10.00am - Paddy Fahey, The Curragh. Tom Courell, Rathbawn Road.

Dec. Murray family, Cashel, Glenisland, dec. Kenny family & Anthony Murray, Newport Road.

Jeff Redmond, Springfield & dec. Redmond & Fallon families.

Sheila McHale & dec. McHale family, Kilboyne & Padraic Coleman.

Cyril Killeen, Dereenmanus & dec. Killeen, O'Callaghan & Murphy families.

6.00pm - Phil Quinn. Rathbawn Road. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 21st December:

9.00am - William (Bill) Duffy, Garryduff Court. (M.M.) 11.00am - Julia Prendergast, The Curragh. (M.M.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 20th Dec.: 7.30pm - Carmel Devane nee Thomas, Ennis & Errew.

Kathleen & Walter Cannon & daughter Patricia, Cloonfert.

Pat & Eleanor Quigley, Spencer Park, Paddy & Nora Quigley, Ballyheane.

BREAFFY CHURCH churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 21st Dec.: 10.00am - Mark Faherty, Abbeyside, Breaffy & uncle Michael Faherty.

Faye Lavin, Breaffy. Michael, Mary Anne & Christy Jordan, Drumdoogh

& dec. Jordan & Taylor families.

Rest in Peace

May Conway, Middlesbrough & late of Lisgowel, sister of the late Nellie Jennings, Breaffy.

Charlie Muldoon, Carrowclogher, Ballyheane.

Maureen Grealis, Achill, mother of Seán Grealis, Milebush & Tom Grealis, Frenchill.

Eileen Heffernan, Tipperary, mother of Mary Grealis, Milebush.

Sr. Margaret McHale, An Sruthán.

Third Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Imprisoned. When I read the Gospel for today, I asked myself what is wrong with this picture? On a day the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday, a word which commands us to rejoice, we hear about John the Baptist the greatest man who dedicated his entire life to God was now behind bars. Maybe he was asking himself the same question. What's wrong with this picture? Life does not always go the way we want. We often find ourselves in circumstances that we really cannot make sense of. Situations that not only confuse us but can cause us to question ourselves and even God.

These curve balls that life throws us when we expect one thing and get another can alienate us and result in a faith crisis. We ask Why is God allowing this tragedy, or suffering? Why doesn't God act the way I want God to act? I do not understand it.

Jesus however is saying that in the midst of all the suffering we see and experience, God's kingdom is present. The greatest challenge to our faith is almost always suffering because it is the most difficult to reconcile with an all-loving God, and yet Jesus challenges us to be patient and trust in Him and look to the seeds of the kingdom all around us which are signs of hope. He is asking us to believe despite our circumstances and trust in His plan. The weeds grow with the wheat but in the end, Jesus will sort them all out. In the end everything will be okay and if it's not okay it's not the end.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Parish Church

Christmas Eve - 5pm, 8pm Christmas Day - 9am, 11am

Ballyheane Church

Christmas Eve - 7.30pm

Breaffy Church

Christmas Day - 10am

CONFESSIONS

Parish Church

<u>Wednesday 17th December</u> - *Penitential Service* at 7pm

<u>Christmas Eve</u> - 12pm to 3pm



Parish Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at 7pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.
All are welcome.



Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry (AFCM) - Afternoon of Healing

Sunday 21st December, 1.15pm to 4pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Led by Fr. Oisin Emmanual, The Gray Friars, Moyross. Rosary, Praise and Worship, Talks, Eucharistic Adoration and One to One Prayer. All are welcome.

Christmas Concert at Breaffy Church

For the first time a Christmas Concert/Carol Service will be held in Breaffy Church on Sunday 21st December from 3pm to 5pm. Music and festive songs will be performed by local artists. All donations go to Vincent De Paul charity. Refreshments afterwards at the Shamrock Bar. All are welcome, bring your family and friends.

Rotary Tree of Remembrance

To Remember a Loved One at Christmas - will run from Thursday 18th until Tuesday 23rd December on Hopkins Road. Charity partner is Castlebar Social Services.