

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

Diocesan Child Safeguarding: 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

view online at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 29th December:

- 10.00am - Tom Sweeney, Ballinrobe.
Delia & Tom Garvey, Lucan Street, granddaughter Elizabeth & dec. Garvey family.
7.00pm - Kay McNally, Garryduff Drive. (M.M.) George & Nancy Hyder, Lucan Street.
John & Margaret Groarke, Station Road & Mary & Peter Mc Cormack, Claremorris.

Tuesday 30th December:

- 10.00am - Attracta Moran, Westport Road. Anne Dunne, Mountgordon.
Michael Murphy, New Ross, Co. Wexford & dec. relatives.
Thomas & Margaret McDonald, Tucker Street & daughter Lily, Brooklands.

Wednesday 31st December:

- 10.00am - Tony Denning, Ballyheane. John Coyne, Clonbur.
Margaret McDonald, Spencer Street & Parke & dec. McDonald & Devaney families.
Molly & John Moran, Shunnagh, Parke.

Thursday 1st January:

- 10.00am - Bernie Roache, McHale Road (1st Anv.) & dec. family.
John Gannon, Riverdale Court.
Tom, Maeve & Marion Gilboy & dec. Gilboy & Finlay families.



Friday 2nd January:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - John McDermott, Lakeshore Drive.
Nora Geraghty, dec. relatives & Holy Souls. Martin & Nora Kennedy, Partry.
Ann & Broad Kerins, Breaffy & Lower Charles Street & dec. Kerins & Hopkins families.

Saturday 3rd January:

- 10.00am - George O'Malley, Mountain View. Peter Murphy, 'St. Anne's', Fortfield.
Bridie Gibbons, McHale Road. Helen Monaghan & dec. Molloy family.
Frank Ward, Derrylea & daughter Anne. James & Mary Tuohy, Islandeady & dec. family.
Bernadette Hynes Jackson, Main Street & Manchester.
6.00pm - Teresa Vahey, Castle Street. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 4th January:

- 9.00am - Celia Deere Webb, Snugboro. (1st Anv.)
11.00am - Ann Garavan, Pontoon Road. (M.M.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 3rd January:** 7.30pm - Charlie Muldoon, Carrowcloghter, Ballyheane. (M.M.).
Willie Murphy, Ringeraun.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 4th January:** 10.00am - Willie McNamee, Roemore, Breaffy.
Dec. Hughes, Keane & McEvilly families.



Rest in Peace

Ena Kelly, Ballina, mother of Anne Leonard, Maryland.

Breda Kennedy, Snugboro.

Richard (Dick) Quinn, Windsor.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

That God comes to us as a newborn offers us a new beginning. It also reminds us that the divine life is vulnerable, fragile, and needs to be cared for and protected. There is nothing sentimental or romantic about Matthew's version of the Christmas story. It's reality life.

When it comes to the holy life of God with us, Emmanuel, Jesus, it is always a matter of life and death; the child's, each other's, our own. God has entrusted his Son to each one of us in a variety of ways. Just like Joseph we stand in the middle between Jesus and Herod, between life and death, between the life-giver and the life-taker. We can't stay in the middle. Day by day, minute by minute, we choose. Will we get up and take the child and his mother or will we sleep through and miss what God is doing in our lives? What will it be for you? For me? What are we choosing? Are we nurturing and growing the life of Christ within us? How are we caring for the sacred pieces and parts of our lives? How are we creating a home for Jesus?

Don't be too anxious or distracted by Herod. Remember, neither God nor Joseph dealt directly with Herod. They didn't give Herod time, attention or effort. That doesn't mean we deny or ignore the Herods of our lives. It means, rather, that we gain more by nurturing, feeding, and growing the divine life. It means that our work is to cultivate deep relationships, a life of prayer, and love for all people. It means that in the end holiness always wins.

Intercom – Michael K. Marsh interruptingthesilence.com

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone involved in the various ministries of the parish for all your help throughout the year.

Parish Church Devotions

Guided Holy Hour: Sunday from 7pm to 8pm. **Holy Face Devotion:** Tuesday at 3.30pm.
Adoration of the Eucharist: Friday from 11am. **Rosary:** Daily at 9.30am.
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily at 3pm.

Castlebar Parish Magazine 2025

We would like to thank all those involved with this year's Parish Magazine. Thanks to Joe Redmond and all involved with the publication of the Magazine, to all who took out adverts, contributed articles, collected the adverts, the shops who sold the magazine and all who helped in any way.

ALONE

Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at www.alone.ie or for more information email volunteer@alone.ie or tel. 0818 222024.

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please tel. 0818 222 024.

Mayo Sports Partnership host Physical Activity Leaders Training (PALs) in January

Free training to lead members of their own groups or communities in short exercise routines, simple dances, fun games and recreational sports. To book visit Eventbrite or email kfeehan@mayococo.ie

Living Well Programme

Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with a chronic illness can benefit from these workshops. The next programme commences on Wednesday 21st January at 10.30am in Castlebar. To register and for more information tel. Liam 086 0142675.