

# CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm Ballyheane Church: 8.00pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am, 11.30am

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### PARISH CHURCH

*view online at [churchtv.ie/castlebar](http://churchtv.ie/castlebar)*

*Parish Radio 105.3fm*

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July:

- 10.00am - Mary McDonagh, Halting Site. Special Intention.  
7.00pm - Paddy Moran, Rush Street & Kennedy Gardens.  
Margaret, Martin, Kate & Pat McTigue & dec. family, Burren, dec. Durkan & Queenan families.

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July:

- 10.00am - Neville McGann, Castlebar. Kathleen Walsh, Keelcoil, Breaffy & Turlough Road.  
Des Conlon, Swinford, parents Dan & Mary Conlon, brother John, sister-in-law Maureen & dec. Conlon family.

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July:

- 8.00am - William, Ellen & Richard Rance, Mountgordon & dec. family. Special Intention.  
10.00am - Danny & Teresa Logan & daughter Sr. Ann. Dec. Corley & Gilligan families, Breaffy.  
Nikita O'Malley, Lakeview.

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July:

- 10.00am - Bedelia McAndrew & family, Main Street. Jack Byrne, Lucan Street.  
Special Intention. Mary Hynes, Garryduff Park.

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July:

- 8.00am - Special Intention.  
10.00am - Ms. Kennedy & relatives, Spencer Street. Special Intention.  
Patrick & Nancy Ward, Gladesville.

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July:

- 10.00am - Dr. Bob Healy, Spencer Park. Ciaran Forkan, Rocklands.  
Beda Tobin, The Oaks. Frank Higgins, UK & Liscromwell.  
Johnny & Tess Tuffy, Buncom & dec. Tuffy & Finnerty families.  
Beatrice Browne Davies & dec. family, UK & Castlebar.  
André Munnelly Moran, Kennedy Gardens.



#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July:

- 10.30am - Beda Tobin, The Oaks & The Mall (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.), Dr. Charles & Dick Tobin.

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

*view online at [churchtv.ie/ballyheane](http://churchtv.ie/ballyheane)*

- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July: 8.00pm - James & Margaret Staunton, Mountgordon.  
John & Margaret Staunton, Doogary.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

*view online at [churchtv.ie/breaffy](http://churchtv.ie/breaffy)*

- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July: 10.00am - Laurence & Maureen Barrett.  
11.30am - Ann & John Joe Mitchell, Cottage Road & dec. family.  
Joe Langan & son Joseph, Curragh.



## Rest in Peace

**Frank Higgins**, Nottingham, brother of the late Tom Higgins, Liscromwell.

**Cian McHale**, Castlebar & Galway.

**Marie Nolan**, Marian Row.

**Desmond Byrne**, Turlough Road.

**Colin Hornsby**, Mons Terrace, Breaffy Road.

## ***A Farewell to Fr. Dixy***

I believe that I am speaking for all of you, parishioners, as well as for myself, when I say that it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our dear Fr. Dixy as he leaves to take up his new appointment as Parish Priest of Caherlistrane and Kilcoona. As he is the third curate to leave Castlebar in my six years as Parish Priest, I can only hope that it is because of the wonderful training and experience they have received here from all of us as a parish community and not for any other reason that they have been so promoted!

We have been privileged and blessed to have had Fr. Dixy ministering to us for the past four years and we have all been immeasurably enriched by his gentle nature, affable personality, good humour, care and concern for others, inspiring faith, deep insights into the word of God, and, above all, his patent devotion to and love of the Lord and people in every single aspect of his priestly ministry. To think that he almost returned home a few days after arriving here - so disconcerting did he find his initial experience of our food and of our weather! Thank God he held on until he got over that initial shock and, I think it is fair to say, got to know and love what the Parish of Castlebar has to offer in its people and environs.

Fr. Dixy has been so generous with his time and numerous talents that his default position always is "Yes, of course, if I can be of help." to every request made of him by myself or others who needed a solid, charismatic, prayerful, spiritual mentor for meetings and activities. He also provided an invaluable support to and link with all the Indian families who have made their home here and was always encouraging them to become more integrated into the parish - which, happily, they most certainly are.

We are delighted that the Archbishop has appointed Fr. Jose Raju, who arrived in the country just a month ago, to succeed Fr. Dixy here in the parish. We welcome Fr Jose Raju wholeheartedly and hope that he will be as happy as Fr. Dixy was here among us. Note that Fr. Jose is not replacing Fr. Dixy. Nobody can do that! He is coming with his own unique vision, spirituality and talents and we sincerely thank him for his generosity in leaving home and homeland to come and minister among us in our time of need for priests. I know that you will welcome him, pray for him and do all you can to make him feel at home in, what is still for him, a strange environment, having left his homeland for the first time.

We will, of course, continue to pray for Fr. Dixy as he also takes on a different, challenging assignment of getting to know all the various demands of taking charge of a parish for the first time without the company and support of fellow priests in a Presbytery. The good people of Caherlistrane and Kilcoona will soon discover how fortunate they are to have another good and kind priest, as was the late Fr. Pat O'Brien, to minister to their spiritual needs. May God continue to bless you, Fr. Dixy, and reward you for your unstinting service here in our parish. The only thing you need to be wary of in your new parish is not ever, ever to be heard shouting "Up Mayo" and not to be seen wearing Green and Red - except, of course, in church, when the liturgy requires it!

*Fr. Conal, on behalf of a grateful Parish of Castlebar.*



### ***Church of the Holy Rosary***

**Holy Hour**

- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm

**Adoration of the Eucharist**

- Every Friday from 11am

### **Healing/ Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry Service**

An Afternoon of Prayer for Healing of Memories for victims of suicide and their families on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 1.30pm to 4.00pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Led by Fr. Bill Keogh from the UK. Rosary, Praise and Worship, Talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration after 12 noon Mass.

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage, World Day for Grandparents and Elderly  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July in Knock Basilica**

Anointing of the sick at 2.30pm, Mass at 3pm followed by Rosary. All are welcome.