

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - Mary Ann & Ritchie Ryan, Kilkenny, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.  
7.00pm - Bernadette Cafferkey, Chestnut Grove. (M.M.)  
John & Mary Togher & dec. Togher family, Newline.  
Margaret McDonald, Spencer Street & Parke, Lily McDonald, Tucker Street & Brooklands,  
Thomas & Margaret McDonald & dec. McDonald & Devaney families.  
Ernie Conway & daughter Josefa Ryan, The Curragh.

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - Angela & Pat Daly. Ellen Kelly, Cornanool. Martin Lawrence, McHale Road.

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

- 8.00am - Thomas & Nora O'Boyle, Newport.  
Dominic, Roseanne & Pat Staunton & dec. Staunton, Sweeney & Jennings families. Manulla.  
10.00am - Mai & Joe Armstrong & dec. family, Ballinlough. John, Dan, Tom, Katie & Mary Barrett, Ballina.

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - Noel Banville, dec. relatives & Holy Souls. Gracie Lynch & dec. Foy family, Knockthomas.  
David & Lily McSwiggan, Dublin.

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - Pat Moore & dec. Moore family, Castlebar.

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - Dec. Murray family, Cashel, Glenisland, dec. Kenny family & Anthony Murray, Newport Road.  
Owen Maughan & dec. Maughan & Collins families. Tom Courell, Rathbawn Road.  
Sheila McHale & dec. family, Kilboyne & Pdraig Coleman. Phyll McMahan, Garryduff Drive.  
Jimmy & Michael Prendergast, The Curragh. Dymna Forkan, The Fairways.  
Josephine, Michael & Josie Boyle & dec. Munnely, Boyle & McCaffrey families.  
7.00pm - Michael Caulfield, Station Road. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.30am - Tom Smyth, Springfield. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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

- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December: 8.00pm - Carmel Devane nee Thomas, Ennis & Errew.  
Patrick & Edward Brennan & dec. family, Hollyhill.  
Dick Hanbury, Killadeer.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December: 12noon - Winnie Maher, Kilnock, Breaffy. (M.M.)  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am - Dec. McEilly & Keane families, Pollanaskan & Kilmeena.  
John Jennings, parents Tom & Elizabeth & dec. family, Rocklands.  
11.30am - John Connor, Foxford. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.) Faye Lavin, Breaffy.  
Mark Faherty, Balloor & his uncle Michael Faherty.



## Rest in Peace

David Aspinall, Foxfield, Garryduff.  
Michael Walsh, Tully, Rahins.  
Bridget (Bridie) Ring, Tullycommons.  
Geoffrey Bourke, Westport & late of Station Road.  
Patricia Geraghty nee Cannon, late of Cloonfert.



Nora Woods, Garryduff Drive.  
Catherine (Cathy) Flynn, Creeragh.  
Christina Engel, Pound Road.  
Eileen Frances Gallagher, Rockvale.  
Raymond Gibbons, Cong & Ballyheane.


### Third Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist is in prison because he challenged Herod for marrying his brother's wife. We learn later in the gospel that Herod has John beheaded. While John is in prison, fear and doubt have set in. John is wondering if Jesus really is the Messiah. This is quite a turnaround from the John who felt unworthy to baptise Jesus in the Jordan and who declared 'the kingdom of heaven has come near' (3:2). John led quite an ascetic life and fasted frequently. The reports he now hears about Jesus include feasting, telling his disciples they do not have to fast, associating with tax collectors, drunkards and sinners. So one can understand why John began to have doubts. What sort of Messiah is that?

During these times, people had a checklist of ways to recognise the Messiah; it included liberating captives, healing the sick, raising the dead and restoring sight for themselves. Jesus' response to John's enquiries is that his actions speak for themselves. Jesus's actions are reminiscent of the Jubilee Year of Restoration (Lev 25; Isa 61) where injustices would be overturned, the land would be restored and the people given a fresh start. All of these things are being fulfilled in Jesus' ministry. The gospel ends with a paradox: John is the greatest that has ever been born; yet the people who are considered the 'lowest' or the 'least' in this world are considered even greater than John by God. The more we reflect on this statement, the more we come to see that both aspects of it are true and in harmony with one another. In this new age that John has announced, the poorest and those considered the lowest in society will be greater than John himself. This is the kingdom of heaven that Matthew announces to his readers. A new era, a great upheaval has begun.

*(The Deep End)*

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

<b>Parish Church:</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> - 5pm, 8pm	
	<b>Christmas Day</b> - 8.30am, 10.30am, 12noon	
<b>Breaffy Church:</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> - 7pm	<b>Christmas Day</b> - 10am, 11.30am
<b>Ballyheane Church:</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> - 8pm	<b>Christmas Day</b> - 10am

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

#### Parish Church

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - 12noon to 3pm  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - *Penitential Service - 8pm*  
**Christmas Eve** - 12noon to 3pm

### Christmas Carol Service with the Parish Choir

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Parish Church.

### Church of the Holy Rosary

**Holy Hour** - Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm  
**Adoration of the Eucharist** - Every Friday from 11am

### Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry - Healing Service, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Led by Br. Saju Vargheese AFCM, UK. from 1.15pm-4.30pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship, Prayers for Healing, Talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. Tel. Carmel 086 3835055, Joseph 089 4888166, Mary 089 4271780.

### Carol Service in Christ Church – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

With Castlebar Town Band and the Parish Choir. All are welcome.

### Castlebar Concert Band – Festive Melodies

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. All are welcome.

### Mayo Cancer Supports – Men's Support Group Meeting

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7pm in Rock Rose House, 32 St Patrick's Avenue. For info tel. 094 9038407.