

# 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. Jose Raju CC. **Tel.** 094 9021844

**Diocesan Child Safeguarding:** More information available at [www.tuamarchdiocese.org](http://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](http://churchtv.ie/castlebar)*

*Parish Radio 105.3fm*

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February:**

- 10.00am - Mai & Jim Hernan, Chapel Street & son in law Vinny Geelan.  
Teresa Mulgrew, Knockaphunta.  
7.00pm - Frances Ruane, Kilkenny Cross. (M.M.)  
Áine Moylette, Market Square.

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February:**

- 10.00am - Nikita O'Malley, Lakeview.

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February: Ash Wednesday**

- 8.00am - Nora Geraghty, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.  
Special Intention.  
10.00am - Pat Quigley, Spencer Park. (M.M.)  
Ann & Joseph Blair, Carrickmacross & daughters Mary, Kitty & Louise.  
7.00pm - Private Intention.

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February:**

- 8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - Patrick & Kitty Griffith, Balla.

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February:**

- 8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - Alison, Elizabeth & Frank McDonald, Main Street.  
Anthony & Bridget Fallon, Harmony Heights.

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February:**

- 10.00am - Margaret & Paddy McHale, Snugboro & dec. McHale family.  
John Donegan & dec. Donegan & Fahey families, Pound Road.  
Betty MacNeely, Riverdale Court. John B. Galvin, Kilnock, Breaffy.  
6.00pm - Tom Nyland, Ballinacorrige (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February:**

- 9.00am - Vincent Daly, Ballynew. (M.M.)  
11.00am - Mass for the people of the parish.

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** 7.30pm - Patrick & Mary Mannion, Ringeraun & dec. Mannion family.  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February:** 7.30pm - Private Intention.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** 7.00pm - Ash Wednesday.  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February:** 10.00am - Paddy Duffy, Breaffy. (M.M.)  
Kevin Jordan, brother Brendan & dec. Jordan & Taylor families, Breaffy.  
Mai O'Reilly & dec. O'Reilly & Walsh families.



## *Rest in Peace*

**Nora O'Boyle nee Cuffe**, Essex & late of Bangor Erris, sister of Sr. Nancy Cuffe, Manor Court.

**Charlie Guthrie**, Boston, late of McHale Road.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The scene in today's Gospel opens with a leper coming to Jesus, kneeling at His feet, begging Jesus to make him whole, to make him clean. Keeping your distance from those individuals with leprosy was the only safeguard there was at that time.

When the leper approaches Him, Jesus is moved with pity for the man. Jesus simply reaches out and touches the leper and immediately the leper was healed!

I wonder how long it had been since anyone had touched the leper? We all need to be touched in a caring way. It is a way of saying I care about you, I am concerned about you, you are important to me. Not only had the leper not been touched, but I imagine that people kept themselves at a distance from him. If they saw the leper coming, they might have chosen to give him a wide berth or perhaps find a different route. The pain, isolation, and perhaps shame of those with leprosy, must have been intense!

Who are the 'lepers' in our day, in our world? Who are the individuals that I (and you) may treat as a 'leper' at times by avoiding them? Perhaps I simply do not like them or they may be needy and desire more from me than I am willing to give. Perhaps they simply 'get on my nerves.'

Can you and I be more like Jesus? Will we strive to be more like Jesus? Are we willing to reach out and touch the individuals we typically avoid? I pray we can answer yes... but only time will tell.

*Intercom (ferdinandbenedictines.blogspot)*

## Ash Wednesday

### Mass Times

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|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| <u>Parish Church</u>     | - | 8am, 10am, 7pm |
| <u>Breaffy Church</u>    | - | 7pm            |
| <u>Ballyheane Church</u> | - | 7.30pm         |

***Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.***



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| <u>Holy Hour</u>                  | - | Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Church. |
| <u>Adoration of the Eucharist</u> | - | Every Friday from 11am in the Parish Church.       |
| <u>Lectio Divina</u>              | - | Every Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in the Monastery.    |
| <u>'Holy Face' Devotion</u>       | - | Tuesday at 3.30pm in the Parish Church.            |



**Ending Suicide. Beginning Hope.**

**24 Hour Freephone Crisis Helpline:  
Tel. 1800 247 247**

**For Helpline Therapists text 'HELP' to 51444**

## **Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry Service (AFCM) – Afternoon of Healing**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 1.15pm to 3.45pm in Church of the Holy Rosary. Led by Marion Carroll who was healed in Knock in 1989. Rosary, Thanksgiving, Praise, Worship, Healing Prayers, Talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. Tel. Carmel 086 3836055, Joseph 089 4888166, Mary 089 4271780.

### **Stations of the Cross**

The children from the Junior Legion of Mary will lead the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church every Friday during Lent at 7pm. All are welcome.

### **Bereavement Support Meetings**

Meetings are held at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine, each Wednesday at 11am.

Meetings for bereaved partners/spouses on the First Thursday of each month at 11am. No appointments needed. Further information from Monica Morley tel. 094-9375320.