

# CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 6pm (Sat), 9am, 11am Ballyheane Church: 7.30pm (Sat.) Breaaffy 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](http://www.tuamarchdiocese.org)

Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.



### PARISH CHURCH

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

*Parish Radio 105.3fm*

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

- 10.00am - Holy Souls.
- 7.00pm - Dick Quinn, Windsor (M.M.), wife Peggy & dec. Quinn & Giblin families.  
Padraig Walsh, Hollyhill & dec. Walsh family. Teresa Carton, Glenisland.  
Mary & Walter Geraghty, St. Patrick's Avenue.  
Bridie Moran & daughter Mary McDonnell, Kennedy Gardens & dec. Moran, McDonnell & Devanney families.

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

- 10.00am - Patrick Barden, Kilkenny. Richard Pigott, Watersville & Cork & dec. family.

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January:**

- 10.00am - William, Bridget, Mike & Jim Moran, Pheasant Hill.  
Paddy Gibbons & Katie Fahey, Cloonkeen.

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

- 10.00am - Private Intention.

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

- 10.00am - Dominick & Mary Marley, Glenhest & Mike & Margaret Marley, The Curragh.

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

- 10.00am - Eddie Molloy, his sister Bríd & dec. Molloy family, Cappagh.  
James Munnelly, sons David & Francis & Eamonn Conway, Ballinaglough.  
Michael Shaughnessy, Spencer Park. Rose Delaney, Dublin.  
Mary & Tom McHale, Snugboro, Cáit Heneghan & dec. McHale & McHugh families.  
Mollie & Josie Munnelly, Station Road. Philomena, Cathal & Ciarán Duffy, Rathbawn.
- 6.00pm - Richard King, The Curragh. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

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

- 9.00am - Anthony Cannon, Ballymacragh. (M.M.)
- 11.00am - Sr. Margaret McHale, An Sruthán. (M.M.)



### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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

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

- 7.30pm - Lorcan Deasy, Errew.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

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

- 10.00am - Private Intention.

## *Rest in Peace*

**Martin Edward Quigley**, Cloonfert, Ballyheane.

**Teresa Smyth**, Turlough Road.

**Nicholas Joseph Ryan**, St. Martin's Terrace.

**Anthony Cannon**, late of Ballymacragh.

**Margaret (Peggy) McNulty**, Marian Row.

**John Hopkins**, Crimlin, Ross.

**Josie Mongan**, Kennedy Gardens.

**Thomas Gallagher**, Chestnut Grove.

**Darrell Balaski**, Canada, brother of Darcy Balaski & brother-in-law of Mary Jordan, Rockvale.

**Eddie Keane**, Kiltimagh, uncle of Catriona Byrne, Buncom, Ballyheane.

## The Baptism of the Lord

It would be useful for us today to reflect on the meaning of our own Baptism and how it relates with that of Jesus. We often hear a very simplistic description of the effects of the Sacrament of Baptism as 'taking away original sin and making us children of God'. Many, especially those baptised as infants, may see it as a one-off ceremony, imposed on them by parents to bind them to a way of life in which they have no further say. However, if one truly understands the full meaning of our Baptism, this is unlikely to happen.

Baptism is not, as is true of all the sacraments, an isolated ritual. It takes place in the context of our whole life. Whether we are baptised as children or as adults, what primarily is happening is that we become incorporated, 'embodied', into the Christian community.

We become – not passively, but actively – members of the Body of Christ. It can never be something imposed on us against our will. That is why, for adults, there is now a long process of initiation leading up to Baptism and, hopefully a further process of community support after the Baptism has taken place.

We are called to be living witnesses of the Gospel, to be the salt of the earth, to be a city on a hill, a candle radiating light in the surrounding darkness. We are called, in short, to be united with the others in our Christian community in the building up of God's Kingdom.

Our Baptism is not simply some past event recorded in some dusty parish register. It is a living reality which is to be constantly deepened and enriched.

*Intercom – [livingspace.sacredspace.ie](http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie)*

### 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. **Confessions:** Saturday 12pm – 1pm.

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

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 1.15pm to 4pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Service led by Noel & Aiden Byrne. Rosary, Praise and Worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers for Healing. All are welcome.

### Tuam Archdiocese "Men of St Joseph" Group Meeting

The meeting will be held this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Tuam (H54 T656). Guest speaker will be lecturer and Philosopher Prof. Robert McNamara. Prof McNamara will speak about men's role in the family and the Theology of the Body. MOSJ was established to promote Faith, Formation, and Fraternity among Christian men in the Archdiocese. New members welcome. For more information email [frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com](mailto:frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com)

### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. Dates 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March in "St Marys", Knock. More information available at [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

### Medjugorje Pilgrimage, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September, Knock to Mostar

With Spiritual director. Discount if booked before the end of January. For details, please contact Detta Molloy, tel. or text 086 8197111. Places are limited.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10.30am in Castlebar. To register and for more information tel. Liam 086 0142675.