

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

- 10.00am - Angela & Pat Daly, Navan.  
7.00pm - Martin & Mollie Walsh, St. Bridget's Crescent. Ellen Kelly, Cornanool, Rehins.  
John & Mary Togher, New Line & dec. Togher family.  
John Dowling, Fr. Meehan Place & dec. Halligan family, McHale Road.  
Lily McDonald, Tucker Street & Brooklands, parents Thomas & Margaret McDonald & dec. McDonald & McElroy families.

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

- 10.00am - Thomas & Nora O'Boyle, Newport & dec. family. Neville McGann, Castlebar.  
Special Intention. James & Mary Tuohy, Islandeady & dec. family.

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

- 8.00am - Noel, James, Stasia & Kevin Banville, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.  
10.00am - Teresa O'Grady, Swinford. John Gerard Lawrence, Ballina.  
John & Ann (Nan) McHugh, Errew & daughter Mary McHugh, Castlebar.



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

- 10.00am - Joseph & Mai Armstrong & dec. family, Ballina. Michael Lynch, Newport Road.  
Stephen & Margaret Irwin, Mountgordon, son Sean & wife Ann, USA.

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

- 8.00am - Michael Ainsworth, 3 Auray Place. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)  
10.00am - Mary Howley, Spencer Court.  
Owen Maughan, Moneen, grandparents Martin & Ellen Maughan, aunt Mary & dec. Maughan & Collins families. Pat & Kathleen O'Haire, Newport Road.

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

- 10.00am - Jimmy & Michael Prendergast, Curragh.  
Sheila McHale, Kilboyne, dec. family & Padraic Coleman.  
Murray family, Cashel, Glenisland, Kenny family & Anthony Murray, Newport Road.  
Dympna Forkan & dec. Forkan & Hopkins families. Dec. Molloy family, Cappagh.  
Owen Maughan, Moneen Link Road. Tom Courell, Rathbawn Road.  
7.00pm - Paddy Nolan, Rockfield, Turlough. (M.M.)

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.30am - Ita Sarsfield, Ballinrobe Road. (M.M.)

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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

- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December: 8.00pm - Carmel Devane nee Thomas, Errew & Ennis.  
Paddy & Nora Quigley, Ballyheane & dec. Brady family.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am - Mark Faherty, Abbeyside & uncle Michael Faherty, Co.Meath  
11.30am - Faye Lavin, Woodlawn Park.



## Rest in Peace

Tom Smyth, Springfield.

Anthony Meaney, Davitt's Terrace.

Phil Gallagher, Roscommon, mother of Mary Connell, Knockaphunta Park.

### Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist cautions against the temptation to get caught up in having more than we need. If you have enough, share with others, he advises; do not charge more than your due, and be fair and honest in your dealings. His preaching leads people to question whether John himself might be the Messiah, but he sets them straight. He is laying the groundwork for Jesus, preparing the way for his radical vision of a world where justice reigns. John's message is clear and practical, and every bit as relevant for us today as it was in his time. It is easy for us to forget what is truly important when we are caught up in the merry-go-round of consumerism that pervades our world at this time of year; we lose touch with the heart of the season. By way of contrast, we should remember that for many people this is also a time of great generosity, with an outpouring of support for charity collections, appeals for food and toys, and ethical gifts.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. 'Gaudete' means rejoice. It's an ideal time to recapture what Pope Francis refers to as 'quiet joy' – the joy of God's love, of the blessings in our lives, of being able to share with others. It is a good time to take stock of how our Christmas preparations are going. If you are fortunate enough to have enough of everything, you might see a way to cut back on spending and donate some money or time to a favourite charity. If you are struggling with seasonal expenses, perhaps you might take a breather and consider reaching out for help. We pray that the joy of the Gospel will fill our hearts as we continue our Advent journey.

*(The Deep End)*

### NBSCCO Review of Safeguarding Practice in the Archdiocese of Tuam

The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland has conducted a review of safeguarding practice in the Archdiocese of Tuam, and its final report was received last week. The report is available on the diocesan website at [www.tuamarchdiocese.org/2021/12/nbsccc-safeguarding-review-2021/](http://www.tuamarchdiocese.org/2021/12/nbsccc-safeguarding-review-2021/)

### Vocations

In our Gospel today the people ask John the Baptist "What must we do?" Perhaps you are seeking advice on what God is asking of you too. Why not speak to your Diocesan Vocations Director or contact the National Vocations Office – email: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

### *Church of the Holy Rosary*

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| <u>Holy Hour</u>     | - | Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm  |
| <u>Lectio Divina</u> | - | Every Thursday at 7pm         |
| <u>Exposition</u>    | - | Every Friday from 11am to 7pm |



**The Castlebar Parish Magazine 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition** is now on sale in the shops.

### Grandparents' Faith Café

An online social and spiritual space for grandparents on Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm via Zoom. Guest speaker: Sr. Anna Marie McGuan. Register at [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

**Castlebar Rotary Club Christmas Tree of Remembrance** will run online again this year throughout the month of December in partnership with Western Care Association. You can access the Tree of Remembrance at <https://visufund.com/2021-mayo-tree-of-remembrance>