

# 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> March:

- 10.00am - Martin Peter Lawrence, McHale Road.  
7.00pm - Rimantas Derencius, Chestnut Grove. (M.M.)  
Alicoque Hoban, 35 Rathbawn Drive. Joe & Bridget Winters & son John, Aughadrina.  
Nora O'Connor, Aughadrina & dec. O'Connor family.

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

- 8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - Evelyn McGough, Mountgordon (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.) & husband Peter.  
Michael Halligan, Pontoon Drive.  
Nora & Patrick Kilcoyne, Aughadrina & dec. Kilcoyne & Kitterick families.

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

- 8.00am - Kevin Banville, Wexford, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.  
10.00am - Dec. McDonagh family, Clooncundra & dec. Lally family, Aughadrina.

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

- 8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - John, Jack & Kathleen Deane.  
7.00pm - Mass for St. Patrick's Day.

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

St. Patrick's Day Masses: 10.30am, 12noon.

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

- 10.00am - Sean Walsh, McHale Road (M.M.) & wife Mary.  
Walter Barrett, Breaffy. Tom & Kathleen McHale, Boradruma.  
Josie & Mary Livingstone, Turlough Road. Tom Nyland, Ballinacorriga.  
John & Marie Quinn & dec. Quinn family, Sheeaune, Burren.  
7.00pm - Patrick Fahey, Curragh. (M.M.)

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

- 10.30am - Bridget Ellen Keane, Aughaluskey, Moneen. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March: 8.00pm - Tom & Kate Neary, Derrygarve & dec. family.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March: 8.00pm - Walter McEvilly, Ballyheane.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March: 10.00am - St. Patrick's Day.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March: 10.00am - Private Intention.

11.30am - Private Intention.



## Rest in Peace

**Nora Munnely**, Westport, sister of the late Patrick Kilcoyne, Aughadrina.

**Michael Kerrigan**, Birmingham, brother of Charlie Kerrigan, Killadeer.

**Lena Cunningham**, Charles Street.

**Meleesa Egan**, Cois Abhainn.

**Benny Martin**, Rathbawn.

### Third Sunday of Lent *John 4:5-42*

The lengthy dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is one of the most intriguing encounters of the Gospels. The woman is aware of the cultural barriers being crossed. 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' she asks. Jesus makes a request of her before he offers her anything, implying a level of equality; the woman is an active rather than passive participant in his ministry. They develop a rapport, discussion 'living water', the differences between their religious customs, and the promise of the Messiah. As they talk, the woman moves from calling Jesus 'a Jew' to addressing him as 'Sir', then to recognising him as a 'prophet', and finally to announcing him to others as 'Messiah'. As their connection deepens, she grows in understanding, and her testimony is authentic and convincing. Soon, others are drawn to him.

The encounter breaks religious and social taboos, but Jesus casually engages the woman in conversation as if it's the most natural thing in the world. He recognises her as an individual with a life story and a context of her own. There is intimacy in this encounter. She is deeply affected by his openness and his teaching, and becomes a crucial witness. Jesus uses the metaphor of the harvest to indicate his mission that includes the Samaritans. The time for the harvest has come, he tells the disciples, and this woman represents that movement outwards. What is beautiful about today's gospel is the way Jesus goes about winning hearts: meeting this woman where she is, transcending boundaries, listening and allowing space for questions and debate. It's a gentler model for Lent than we might be used to.

*(The Deep End)*



### St. Patrick's Day - 17<sup>th</sup> March *Mass Times*

<u>Parish Church</u>	-	7pm (Thursday), 10.30am, 12noon
<u>Ballyheane Church</u>	-	8pm (Thursday)
<u>Breaffy Church</u>	-	10am

Holy Hour - Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Church.

Adoration of the Eucharist - Every Friday from 11am in the Parish Church.

Lectio Divina - Every Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in the Monastery.

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Parish Church.



### New Pastoral Council

The Parish is starting the process of organising a new Pastoral Council. An information meeting will be arranged on what is involved in being a member. If you would consider finding out more, please give your contact details to the Parish Office tel. 094 9021844 or email: [castlebarparish@gmail.com](mailto:castlebarparish@gmail.com) and we will be in touch with you.

### Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry - Healing Service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Led by Fr. Bill Keogh, UK, from 1.15pm to 4pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship, Prayers for Healing, Talks, Confession & Eucharist Adoration. All are welcome. Tel. Carmel 086 3836055, Joseph 089 4888166 or Mary 089 4271780.

**Concert to Celebrate Saint Patrick in Knock Basilica – Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm**  
Celebrating Irish music, heritage and culture. Free Admission. All are welcome.

### Arise Catholic Family Festival, Tramore, Co. Waterford - 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April

Families are welcome to share in the celebrations of Holy Mass, and experience great teaching and seminars. Age-appropriate content is offered across the age groups. More details available at [www.arisefamilyfestival.ie](http://www.arisefamilyfestival.ie)

**The Family Centre, tel. 094 9025900**

**Breathe Easy with Flourish:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 7pm.

Venue: on Zoom and face to face in the Family Centre. Facilitator: Claire Haugh

**Centering Prayer:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm - 8.45pm. Facilitator: Niamh Brennan.