

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
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

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 13th May:

- 10.00am - James & Mary Kate Deere, grandson John Campbell & daughter Mary Campbell, St. Bridget's Crescent. Joseph & Margaret Campbell, Davitt's Place, Swinford.
7.00pm - Patsy Morgan, Kilkenny. (M.M.)
Nancy Walsh, Charles Street. Joe Kerrigan, Chestnut Grove.
Dec. Downey & Comer families, Roscommon & McGee & Leonard families, Sligo.

Tuesday 14th May:

- 10.00am - Michael Parsons, Pontoon Road.

Wednesday 15th May:

- 8.00am - Nora Geraghty, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.
10.00am - Kenneth & Kathleen McLaughlin, Blackfort.
Walter & Josephine Burke, Rahins & dec. McHugh & Burke families.

Thursday 16th May:

- 10.00am - Private Intention.

Friday 17th May:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Private Intention.

Saturday 18th May:

- 10.00am - Derek Wearn, Chapel Street.
Mamie & Tom McGreal, Turlough Road.
Brid Flynn, Kilmacrade & dec. Flynn & Fahey families.
Margaret & John Finnerty, Liscromwell.
Brían Hoban & parents Brian & Kathleen, Gallows Hill.
Leo Ormsby, Riverdale Court.
Rommel Razon, Philippines.
6.00pm - Christina Canning, Church View Villas. (M.M.)

Sunday 19th May:

- 11.00am - Annemarie Byrne Cunningham, Balloor. (M.M.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 18th May:** 7.30pm - Nora Mandel, Lower Charles Street.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 19th May:** 10.00am - Breda Doyle, Doogary. (M.M.)
Darragh Sloyan, Cottage Road.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Rest in Peace



Philip Quinn, Garryduff Court & Cloonkeen.

Michael Calvey, Achill, father of Mary Ann, Sion Hill & Joe, Ballyheane.

Patricia Burke, Ballinrobe, sister of Angela O'Connor, Balloor
& Rosaleen Burke, Rathbawn.

Feast of the Ascension

At the Easter Vigil we heard from the earlier ending of Mark's Gospel, and now, on the Feast of the Ascension, we hear an ending that was added by another author. While the original author of Mark ended the Gospel on an abrupt and uncertain note, with the disciples fleeing and afraid, this later ending centres around appearances of the risen Jesus, his ascension and the commissioning of the disciples to 'proclaim the good news to the whole creation'. Many readers of Mark prefer the shorter ending of the Gospel because it draws us into the narrative, inviting us to place ourselves in the shoes of the disciples. The additional material that we hear in today's gospel vastly changes the tone and appears to be an attempt to 'tidy up' the loose ends that the original text had left open. We see Jesus handing over responsibility for his mission to his followers, who immediately go out as instructed. This, at least, is in keeping with Mark's tendency to speak in totalities – they are sent into 'all the world' and to 'the whole creation'.

Controversial endings aside, we know that all the world and all creation is in need of good news, news that is life-giving. The challenge of discipleship in every age is to encounter the world and people, just as they are. The way in which Jesus reached out to heal and comfort, challenged but never judged, used images and parables that would resonate with his audience – this is the model for our communication and interaction with others as we attempt to live the Good News.

(The Deep End)

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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. |

Church Collection Envelopes 2024/2025

The Church Collection Envelopes are now ready for distribution. We would be very grateful for your help in distributing the boxes. Please contact the Parish Office at 094 9021844. Thank you.

Rosary for the Month of May

The Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary at 7pm each evening at McHale Road Grotto. All welcome.

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

Pentecost Sunday 19th May, from 1.15pm to 3.45pm in Church of the Holy Rosary. Led by Deacon John Taaffe, Apostles of Peace Ministry, Oasis of Peace Centre, Co. Louth. Rosary, Praise and Worship, Prayers for Healing, Talks, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. Tel. Carmel 086 3836055, Joseph 089 4888166, Mary 089 4271780.

'Come Follow Me' Weekend Workshop, 7th - 9th June

An introductory training weekend to teach children (ages 7–11) about the Catholic faith using the 'Come Follow Me' catechetical programme, for use in parishes and schools. Presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Mary's Church, the Claddagh. No previous experience required! For details and to register, tel. Ruth at 087 4090344 or email comefollowmegalway@gmail.com

Accord Castlebar Marriage Preparation Programmes

Accord Castlebar have programmes available on 13th & 14th September and 18th & 19th October. They are held in the Ellison Hotel. Book at www.accord.ie

Castlebar Tidy Towns

Application Forms available for Tidy Towns Competitions for Residents' Groups, Businesses/Shops and Schools – email officialcastlebartidytowns@gmail.com for competition entry form.

Consecration of Home and Family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Would you like this consecration for your home? For more information tel. Mary at 087 7971474.

Castlebar ICA

Monthly meeting will be held on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm in Social Services Centre, Castle Street.