

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

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 November:

10.00am - Donald McArthur, Rowan Drive. (M.M.) Mary McDonagh & dec. McDonagh family, Ardvarney. Jimmy, Stasia, Noel & Kevin Banville & dec. relatives.

7.00pm - Mass for those who died in our parish during March, April, May.

Tuesday 14th November:

10.00am - Brian & Mrs. Loftus & family, Main Street. Dec. members of the Legion of Mary.

Wednesday 15th November:

8.00am - Nora Geraghty, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.

Michael & Maisie McHugh & son Mick, Main Street.

10.00am - John & Julia Johnston, Achill & son-in-law Paddy McCarney, Snugboro.

Mary Waldron, Station Road & dec. Waldron family.

Tom Bourke, Snugboro & Holy Souls.

Thursday 16th November:

10.00am - Holy Souls. Special Intention.

Friday 17th November:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Agnes & Pat Gibbons & dec. family, Derryharriff. Tim & Nora O'Reilly, Glenisland.

Saturday 18th November:

10.00am - Pete & Margaret Moran, Westport Road. John & Mae McGowan, Lucan Street.

Ellen & William Staunton, Snugboro & Sr. Mathilda.

Joey Flannelly, Curragh. Teresita & John Foley, Rathbawn Drive.

Jim & Ellie Kavanagh, Curragh, son Sean & daughter Marie.

George & Bridget Richardson, Manulla.

7.00pm - Frank Griffin, Hopkins Road & Kiltimagh. (M.M.)

Sunday 19th November:

10.30am - Gerry Solan, Curry. (M.M.)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 18th November: 8.00pm - Kathleen & Michael Quigley & dec. family, Carrowclogher, Ballyheane.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 19th November: 10.00am - Pat & Nora McHale, Kilmacrade & dec. McHale & Gibbons families.

11.30am - Phil Scannell, Corheens. (M.M.)

Winnie Lawrence, Cottage Road.

Castlebar ICA Guild Mass

Mass for deceased members on Monday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Social Services Centre.

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

Sunday 19th November from 1.30pm to 3.45pm in Church of the Holy Rosary. Led by Aidan Bond, founder of the Holy Souls Crusade. Rosary, Praise and Worship, Healing Prayers, Talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. Tel. Carmel 086 3836055, Joseph 089 4888166, Mary 089 4271780.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 25: 1-13

As we approach the end of the Church year the gospels for the next few Sundays turns their focus to talk of end times. The early Christians expected Jesus to return quite quickly and Matthew's community must have been wondering what was taking so long. So, as Matthew prepares them for a long wait, these parables are all concerned with how the Christian community should live in the meantime.

This parable of the bridesmaids is unique to Matthew. In first-century Palestine it was custom for the bridegroom to be escorted to the home of the bride by the bridesmaids. Then the bridesmaids would escort the couple to the house where the wedding and the party would take place. We hear of the different levels of preparedness of the bridesmaids, those who took extra oil for the lamps and those who 'took no oil with them'. We can speculate as to what the oil in the lamps represents, and perhaps it is different for each of us: the inner wisdom we know we should trust but are afraid to, that deep awareness of God's indwelling presence, a sense of fulfilment that we experience from doing acts of justice and mercy (5:20; 7:21-27), loving God and neighbour (22:37-38). The 'foolish' were lacking in evidence of such deeds and so, the Lord does not know them. But to hear that they were then 'shut out' is horrifying; the disappointment, anxiety and regret can be felt off the page.

Sometimes, we too find ourselves in this 'foolish' position, and when that happens the challenge is not to let ourselves close down. It is during such times we have the opportunity for conversion and through that the grace of gaining some insight or wisdom. We learn much from these experiences, unpleasant though they may be. If this parable leaves us confused, appalled, with tons of questions, even a bit shaken, then, good! This is the parable doing its thing. Jesus was certainly not a boring teacher and at this stage of the gospel, as he is about to be arrested, it is not surprising that he is warning those around him to have enough oil for their lamps.

(The Deep End)

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

Masses for all who died in the last year

Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary for the families and friends of all those who died in our parish in 2023.

Monday 13th Nov: Mass for all who died during March, April & May.

Monday 20th Nov.: Mass for all who died during June, July & August.

Monday 27th Nov.: Mass for all who died during September, October & November.



Rosary in the New Cemetery

This Sunday 12th November at 3pm, recited by the Legion of Mary. All are welcome.

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.

30 Day Novena Booklet for the Holy Souls available. Tel. Michael at 087 2202157.

The Family Centre, tel. 094 9025900

Preparing for Parenthood: Wed. 15th Nov., 10am to 11.30am. Facilitator: Dr. Jeanne Garavan,

Mayo Historical & Archaeological Society

"Grace O'Malley. The Woman behind The Pirate Queen". A talk by Anne Chambers, Author, on Wednesday 15th November, ATU Campus, Castlebar at 7.30pm. Fáilte roimh chách.

Castlebar Library is running 'Time to Chat' Sessions

Guided by Terry McDonagh at 10.30am on Wednesdays November 15th, 22nd, 29th and December 6th. No booking is needed just pop in as it suits. The sessions are free of charge. All are welcome.