

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

10.00am - Michael Halligan, Pontoon Drive. Edward & Ellie McDonagh, Weir Road, Tuam.  
Mrs. Phil Lawless, Ballymacragh, Westport Road. Special Intention.

7.00pm - Michael D. Fallon, Achill & Cleveland. Deacy family, St. Patrick's Avenue.

#### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:**

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Peter McGough, Mountgordon.

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March:**

8.00am - Kevin, Jimmy, Stasia & Noel Banville, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.

10.00am - Special Intention.

**7.00pm - St. Patrick's Day**

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

**10.30am, 12noon - St. Patrick's Day**

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:**

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

10.00am - James, Rita & Ronan O'Dowd.

#### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March:**

10.00am - Teresa Mulgrew, Knockaphunta. (M.M.)

Mary Walsh, McHale Road. Tony Higgins, Rowan Drive & dec. Higgins & Loftus families.

Tom & Kathleen McHale, Boradruma. Special Intention.

Bridie Loftus, Turlough Road & Knocknaskibbole & dec. Loftus & Murray families.

John Durcan, Market Square.

7.00pm - John McHugh, Ballinrobe Road. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March:**

10.30am - Mickey Fallon, Fr. Meehan Place. (M.M.)



### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** 8.00pm - St. Patrick's Day.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** 8.00pm - Walter McEivilly, Ballyheane.

Joe & Bridie Flynn, Lisnacurley.

Tom & Kate Neary, Derrygarve & dec. family.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.00am - Paddy Loftus, Roemore.

11.30am - Brendan McDonagh.

## Memorial Mass for Fr. John McCormack

On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Fr. John McCormack died after a short illness. A memorial Mass to celebrate his life will take place on the second anniversary of his death, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March in Breaffy Church at 5pm. Members of Fr. John's family will be in attendance. After Mass we will plant a tree in the church grounds in memory of Fr. John. Light refreshments will be provided and all are welcome to attend.

## ***Second Sunday of Lent***

Peter is overwhelmed, to say the least. It wasn't unusual for Jesus to go up a mountain to pray, but this time he takes Peter, John and James with him, and what happens next is extraordinary. This vision of Jesus is like nothing these disciples have seen before, for they are given a glimpse of the glory of God. Is it any wonder Peter doesn't know what he's saying? This special encounter with Jesus only happens when they take a step away from their everyday activities. In this space, Jesus reveals his true nature to them. It is a dramatic moment, but it is also a moment of encouragement to spur them onwards in their mission. The memory of this day will carry them and give them hope during the difficult times ahead.

Today we follow in the footsteps of Peter, John and James, whose experience offers a fleeting glimpse of who Jesus is. It reminds us that there is more to life than our ordinary, everyday experience. Being a disciple means believing in this Jesus, the Son, the Chosen One. We listen to him even when, like Peter, we don't fully understand the meaning of it all, but are filled with wonder and hope.

While we may assume that this kind of 'transfiguration' event is outside our realm of experience, life is full of instances where God 'breaks through' into our world. The beauty of our natural world, the power of art and music to move us, the goodness and generosity of others - all these are moments of transformation when God reaches out to us. The more we tune in and spend time 'on the mountain' in meditation and prayer, the better we will experience and appreciate God's presence with us.

*(The Deep End)*



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

#### ***Mass Times***

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

### ***Church of the Holy Rosary***

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



## **Trócaire**

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Climate change, Covid and poverty have left families on the edge of disaster.

Donations can be made to the Lenten campaign in the following ways:

- \* By returning the Trócaire envelope from your box of envelopes.
- \* Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) or tel. 1800 408 408.
- \* Trócaire box (available in the Parish Church).

### **Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry (AFCM)**

An afternoon of healing service led by Pat & Emily O' Shea, South East Fire Ministries will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30pm to 4pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Rosary, praise, worship and healing prayers. All are welcome.

**'4 Men & a Little Lady' fundraising Trek & Climb** takes place from Ballintubber Abbey to the summit of Croagh Patrick on Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> April. In aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice. Donations can be made through their idonate page at [www.idonate.ie/4menandalittlelady](http://www.idonate.ie/4menandalittlelady) For info. tel 094 9388666.