

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm Ballyheane Church: 8.00pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am

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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

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Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 15th March:

- 10.00am - Phil Lawless, Ballymacragh, Westport Road.
Peter McGough, Mountgordon.
P.B., Thomas & John Joe Deasy, 25 St. Patrick's Avenue.
- 7.00pm - Brendan Guthrie, Ballyheane. (M.M.)
Louis & Veronica Mongan, Breaffy.
Boguslawa Pytlas. Nora Connor, Aughadrina & dec. family.

Tuesday 16th March:

- 8.00am - Pere Rheel Forest. (M.M.)
- 10.00am - Joe, Julia, Martin & Tony Walsh, Philomena Ward & dec.
Walsh family, Derrygorman, Westport.
Dr. Richard & Charles Tobin, The Mall.
- 7.00pm - *St. Patrick's Day.*

Wednesday 17th March:

St. Patrick's Day: 8.00am, 10.00am (as gaeilge)

Thursday 18th March:

- 8.00am - Jack Ginnelly, Glenisland.
- 10.00am - Winnie Lawrence. Stanislaw Kondracik, Poland.
Nora & Patrick Kilcoyne, Aughadrina & dec. Kilcoyne & Kitterick families.

Friday 19th March:

- 8.00am - Paddy & Kathleen McDonnell, daughter Kathleen & dec. McDonnell & O'Hora families,
Ballynew.
- 10.00am - Pat & Winnie McDonagh & daughter Mary.
Mary Nealon, Kilfian.

Saturday 20th March:

- 10.00am - Patrick (Pa) Fallon & dec. Fallon family.
Michael Halligan, 23 Pontoon Drive.
- 7.00pm - Nora Mangan, Rathbawn, (1st Anv.) & husband P.J.

Sunday 21st March:

- 8.30am - Bridie Loftus, Turlough Road & late of Knocknaskibbole. (1st Anv.)
- 10.30am - Tom McHale, Boradruma (1st Anv.) & wife Kathleen.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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Tuesday 16th March: 8.00pm - *St. Patrick's Day*

Saturday 20th March: 8.00pm - Kate & Martin Dolan, Coolodge.
Tom & Kate Neary, Derrygarve West & dec. family.

BREAFFY CHURCH

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Wednesday 17th March: 10.00am - Linda Corcoran, Summerfield.

Sunday 21st March: 10.00am - Fr. John McCormack. (1st Anv.)



Rest in Peace

Anne Tolan, Liscromwell.

Stanislaw Kondracik, Poland, father of Ella Gizicka, 54 An Sruthán.

Eamonn McDonagh, Limerick & late of Clogher, brother of
Catherine Barrett, Breaffy & Teresa Sweeney, Ballyheane.

Mother's Day Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for all our mothers.
On this day, let us think of them,
whether they are with us or gone to their heavenly home.
We think of their kindness, their compassion, their care for us
and above all, their love for us at all times.
We pray that you will watch over them
and support them in the joys and struggles of their everyday lives.
This, we ask, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Out into the light

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday – *Laetare* means 'Rejoice!' We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the usual Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. In our gospel we hear that 'the [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light'. On the other hand, Jesus says that those who 'prefer darkness to the light' live in fear that their actions will be exposed.

We hear a lot of talk these days about transparency. We have seen the damage caused by those whose private actions gravely contradict the message they proclaim in the public sphere. Some questions we might ask ourselves this Lent are: Am I living a truthful life 'in the light'? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? Am I attentive to the needs of others or am I more inclined to think of myself? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light, to allow the light of Jesus to sweep away any darkness or destructive habits and to begin again.

'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there – with our attitude, with our witness, with our life – we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul.' (Pope Francis)

Tríona Doherty, Intercom.



Holy Hours

Every Friday and Sunday from 7pm – 8pm.

Lectio Divina

Every Tuesday at 7pm.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays in Lent at 7pm.

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St. Angela's NS

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