CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

<u>Parish Church</u>: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm <u>Ballyheane Church</u>: 8.00pm (Sat.) <u>Breaffy Church</u>: 10am, 11.30am **PRIEST ON CALL**: Tel. 094 9021844

Mass Intentions for the Week			
<u>PARISH CHURCH</u> view online at churchtv.ie/castlebar Parish Radio 105.3fm			
Monday 15 th May:			
10.00am - James Banville, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.			
7.00pm - Private Intention.			
Tuesday 16 th May:			
10.00am - Dec. Hughes, Faughnan & Munnelly families & Edward McHale, Knockmore. Special Intention & Holy Souls.			
Wednesday 17 th May:			
8.00am - Private Intention.			
10.00am - Josie Armstrong, Thomas Street.			
Thursday 18 th May:			
10.00am - Derek Wearn, Chapel Street.			
Rommel Razon, The Philippines. John & Nora Ruane, Sarnaught.			
Friday 19 th May:			
8.00am - Private Intention.			
10.00am - Sean & Kathleen Gallagher, Martin & Delia Walsh, Galway.			
Saturday 20 th May:			
10.00am - John & Mary Dunne, St. Patrick's Avenue.			
Eilis & Aoife Flood, Turlough Road & Curragh.			
Leo Ormsby, Riverdale Court.			
Michael Kilkelly, McHale Road, dec. Kilkelly & Beshal families & Sr. Gerard.			
Judy Mitchell, Derreenmanus & dec. Mitchell & Crowe families.			
Thomas Power, Riverdale Court.			
Brían Hoban, Gallows Hill & parents Brian & Kathleen. 7.00pm - Robert Tynan, Castle Street. (1 st Anv.)			
Sunday 21 st May:			
10.30am - Dr. Paul Eustace, Maryland. (M.M.)			
BALLYHEANE CHURCH			
view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane			
Saturday 20 th May: 8.00pm - James & Mary Murphy, Parkboy.			
BREAFFY CHURCH			
view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy			
Sunday 21 st May: 10.00am - Cormac Cresham, Fortfield. (M.M.)			
11.30am - Michael Kilbane, Turlough.			
Darragh Sloyan, Cottage Road.			



Rest in Peace

Pat Geraghty, Ballynew.

Breege Haugh, Saleen.

Nancy Goggins, late of Newport & London, sister of Margaret Heneghan, Breaffy & Patsy Jordan, Ballynew.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 14:15-21

We continue to read this Sunday from the Farewell Discourse of John's Gospel (chapters 14-17) where Jesus is consoling the disciples, 'I will not leave you orphaned.' Jesus tells the disciples that he will send an 'advocate' to them. This term is only found in John's writings and translates as a helper, a comforter, someone we call to our aid. Jesus has been this advocate for the disciples, but now he will be present for them in a different way, dwelling amongst them, dwelling in them, *in-dwelling*. This in turn calls for a loving response from the disciples and from all followers of Christ.

In a famous reflection, Joseph Whelan SJ wrote about this type of love; he said, 'Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.' This love will decide everything, what gets you up in the morning, how you spend your time, what breaks your heart, what amazes you. Whelan says, 'Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything. Experiencing something of this indwelling presence of God and keeping God's commandments are deeply interconnected. This love will decide everything because it must flow outwards, be lived out in our daily lives, for it cannot be contained.

The words of the gospel today are deeply intimate, they cannot be understood with the head, only with the heart. As we spend time with them, we begin to realise that it is not just the disciple's story, it is also our story, a story we experience on a deep level. It is another reminder to us that all beings are sacred, all beings carry divine DNA within. Let us begin again to see God present within ourselves, in others and in all of creation.

(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.
<u>Lectio Divina</u>	-	Every Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in the Monastery.

Church Collection Envelopes 2023/2024

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 every evening at the McHale Road Grotto. The Junior Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary at the Church Grotto every Friday at 7pm.

Anointing Catholic Ministry Service – Afternoon of Healing

Sunday 21st May from 1.15pm to 4pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Led by Seamus Byrne. Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship, Prayers for Healing, Talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. Tel. Carmel 086 3836055, Joseph 089 4888166, Mary 089 4271780.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers – Saturday 20th May at 11am in Knock Basilica The Ceremony will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present.

Anam Cara Mayo – Parent Evening

The organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel. For information email info@anamcara.ie or tel. 085 2888888.

Mayo COPD Support Group

Meeting on May 27th at 2.30pm in the Tennis Club, Castlebar. A speaker from Flourish will attend.

Biodiversity Day in the grounds of the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Saturday 20th May from 11am-5pm. This event is free. Details at www.museum.ie/country-life

No Name Club supports 15-18 year olds to meet safely, free from any pressures to use alcohol and other drugs. If you are 18+ and interested in volunteering, youth work, child development among other areas, tel. Ethan 087 217 2490 or email ejordan@nonameclub.ie for details.

