

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm Ballyheane Church: 8pm (Sat) Breaffy Church: 10am, 11.30am

PRIEST ON CALL: Tel. 094 9021844



PARISH CHURCH

Monday 16th December:

- 10.00am - Kathleen Cleary, McHale Road. (1st Anv.)
Bridie & Peter Gavin, Coventry & Killawalla. Special Intention.
7.00pm - Tom Courell, Rathbawn Road. Della Keane, Rowan Drive.
John Dowling, Fr. Meehan Place & dec. Dowling & Halligan families.

Tuesday 17th December:

- 10.00am - Mary Howley, Spencer Court. Paul McVey, Liverpool.
Vincent & Jimmy Moran & dec. Moran & Ward families, Boradruma.

Wednesday 18th December:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Michael & Winifred Brogan & son Henry, Pheasant Hill & dec. Brogan & Bartley families.
Owen Maughan, Moneen Link Road. Patricia & Bill Greene, Ballygarden, Parke.

Thursday 19th December:

- 10.00am - Raymond Smith, Liverpool. John & Teresa King & dec. King & Murray families, Castlebar.
Benny Forkan, Patrician Park & dec. Forkan family, Catherine & Michael McHale, Charles Street.

Friday 20th December:

- 8.00am - Michael & Mary Brophy, St. Bridget's Crescent.
10.00am - Gerry Sheil, Cois Lough. Dec. Morrison family, Castlebar.

Saturday 21st December:

- 10.00am - Ellen (Nellie) Dunne, St. Bridget's Crescent. (1st Anv.)
Sheila McHale, Kilboyne & dec. family.
Tom Higgins, Liscromwell. J.J. Bourke, Curragh. Mary Conway, Dublin.
Kathleen & Walter Cannon, Clonferth & dec. Cannon & King families.
Friends of the Care Shop, Market Square.
Julia Reilly, St. Bridget's Crescent.
James & Mary Tuohy, Islandeady & dec family.

Sunday 22nd December:

- 10.30am - Margaret Moran, Westport Road. (M.M.)

BREAFFY CHURCH

- Mon. 16th December: 7.30pm - Katie, Anthony & Tony O'Toole & dec. family.
Wed. 18th December: 7.30pm - Dec. Hughes, McEvilly & Keane families.
Fri. 20th December: 7.30pm - Jo & Eadhonn Mac Suibhne, Denis & Annie Molloy & dec. family.
Sat. 21st December: 10.00am - Luke Kelly & dec. family.
Sun. 22nd December: 10.00am - Faye Lavin.
11.30am - Mark Faherty.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

- Sat. 21st December: 8.00pm - Mike Moran, Errew.
Tony Denning, Ballyheane. Michael Conway, Derrenmaunus.



ALTAR SOCIETY

M. Foy
T. Coady
R. McAlpine

DAILY READERS

Mon - A. O'Hara
Tues - C. Casey
Thurs - B. Watkin
Fri - Ú. Ryan



MINISTERS OF THE WORD

21st/22nd December
7.00pm - M. Lally
8.30am - J. Gaffney
10.30am - T. Joyce
12.00pm - C. McGuire

REST IN PEACE

Bridie Walsh, Ballymacragh.
Annie Grady, Ringeraun, Ballyheane.



CHRISTMAS IS ALL AROUND

The sights and sounds and smells of the season are all around us. Is there a particular sound that reminds you of Advent or Christmas – perhaps a carol you've always loved, or the sound of jingle bells? For many, the smell of mince pies or mulled wine are real signs of Christmas. Our towns and cities are filled with wonderful sights too: festive lights and decorations, trees decked out with tinsel and baubles, while our churches display Nativity scenes. Another common sight in the run-up to Christmas are the charity collectors we meet on the streets, singing carols or shaking buckets, urging us to give generously to a good cause. It is a feast for the senses, with these experiences often evoking warm Christmas memories and putting us in good humour.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – *Gaudete* means 'rejoice'. In our churches, the rose-coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolise joy. Today's readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy and gladness'. And Jesus tells us: 'Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas. God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today's Gospel. We have reason to be happy – let's make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration.

(Triona Doherty, Intercom)

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Parish Church

Saturday 21st December: After 7pm Mass
Sunday 22nd December: After 8.30am, 10.30am, 12noon Masses
Tuesday 24th December: 12noon to 3pm



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Parish Church: 6pm, 8pm (Christmas Eve)
8am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm

Breaffy Church: 8pm (Christmas Eve)
10am, 11.30am

Ballyheane Church: 8pm (Christmas Eve)
10.30am



Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries

Fr. Bobit Thomas, renowned for his Family Tree Healing will attend this Sun. 15th Dec. from 1.30pm to 5.15pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Rosary, Holy Mass, Praise, Worship, Adoration, Healing Prayers. All are welcome.

Parish Carol Service

Wed. 18th Dec. at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. All are welcome.

Children's Liturgy

All children and families are invited to the *Children's Liturgy Nativity Story and Family Blessing* at 5pm on Sun. 22nd Dec. in the Parish Church. Children can come dressed as Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, Shepherds or Angels.

Christmas Greetings from Ballyheane

A Christmas greeting card from Ballyheane is now available locally. Limited numbers. Contact Pat on 087 7412516 or any member of the Tidy Towns or Community Council committee.

Castlebar Parish Magazine 2019

The Parish Magazine is now on sale in the shops and the Presbytery. Price €7.

Fr. John McCormack, Golden Jubilee

A reminder of the special Mass being held in Breaffy Church this Sun. 15th Dec. at 6pm to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Fr. John's ordination. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the school hall.

Christmas Jumper Cycle

In aid of Mayo Cancer Support, Rock Rose House. The cycle takes place on Sun. 29th Dec. departing at 11am from Rock Rose House. Registration is €20 and all proceeds go directly towards local cancer support services. For more information tel. 094 9038407.

Castlebar Rotary's Annual Tree of Remembrance

To remember a loved one this Christmas, will run from Thurs. 19th Dec. until Mon. 23rd Dec. on Hopkins Road. All proceeds to Mayo Mental Health Association.

Pieta House – Suicide Prevention

Volunteers needed for bag packing in Dunnes Stores on Fri. 20th Dec. and Tesco on Sun. 22nd Dec. If you can spare an hour or two between 8am and 8pm please tel. Frankie at 087-9625288.