

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

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Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 16th January:

- 10.00am - Brendan Parsons, Springfield & Joe & Ann Mitchell, Milebush.
- 7.00pm - Pat McGinty, Pontoon Drive. (M.M.)
Martin King, Derrynagooley.

Tuesday 17th January:

- 10.00am - Private Intention.

Wednesday 18th January:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Joe & Margaret Coleman & Kitty Quinn, Mountgordon.

Thursday 19th January:

- 10.00am - Noel Kilkenny, Balla & Castlebar. (M.M.)
Michael Healy, Westport Road.

Friday 20th January:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Thomas Lally, Castlebar & Belmullet.
Tom & Liz Walsh, Slingan, Westport.
Joe & Sara Corcoran, Islandeady.

Saturday 21st January:

- 10.00am - Nora Woods, Garryduff Drive. (M.M.)
Mollie & Josie Munnely, Station Road. Anna Loughran, Carrowbrinogue.
Sean (Stan) Staunton, Cashel Park. William O' Keeffe, Newtown.
Mary & Tom McHale, Snugboro, dec. McHale & McHugh families, Ann Nugent &
Cáit Heneghan. Ritchie Bourke, Boradruma & dec. family.
Michael Shaughnessy, Spencer Park.
Bridget & William Ormsby, Boradruma.
- 7.00pm - Cathy Flynn, Creeragh. (M.M.)

Sunday 22nd January:

- 10.30am - Joe Scully, McHale Road. (1st Anv.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 21st January: 8.00pm - Margaret & Peter Walshe, Killadeer.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 22nd January: 10.00am - Christine & Paddy Gibbons, Ballinaglough, Snugboro.
11.30am - Tom Dunne & dec. Dunne & Tobin families.



Rest in Peace



Phil Gillespie, Glenhest & Sheeaune, Burren, sister of Bridie Heneghan, Westport Road.

Fr. Tommy Murphy, Columban Fathers, late of Turlough Road.

Dr. Irene O'Kane, Maryland.

Mary Geraghty, St. Patrick's Avenue.

Padraic Walsh, Hollyhill.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus the 'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. We hear these words often in our liturgies and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed if individuals needed to perform an act of ritual purity. John refers to Jesus as the lamb of God because he knows that for Jesus living and preaching a love that was and still is radical for many will involve suffering, even death, at the hands of the systems that he challenges.

Sin is a word we are not fond of these days, and for good reason, but one definition of 'sin' is a 'broken relationship', between people and themselves, people and the world and between people and God. We are not short of situations in our world where this is reality: poverty, greed, violence, war, hunger, unjust economic systems, and even ecological sin. In 2019, at a Vatican conference on 'Criminal Justice and Corporate Business', Pope Francis stated that 'ecological sin' would be included in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. He said that ecological sin 'manifests itself in acts and habits of pollution and destruction of the harmony of the environment'. He included 'ecocide', the massive contamination of air, land and water resources, the wide scale destruction of biodiversity and 'any action capable of producing an ecological disaster or destroying an ecosystem'.

The 'sins of the world' are all around us, but so are those who strive to 'take away' these sins. Jesus' immense love is not a passive love; he does not accept that sin and death will have the final say, yet he comes with the gentleness of a lamb. Today's gospel invites us to look at the lamb of God, actively easing the world's suffering. When we hear these words, may we be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active and present in our here and now.

(The Deep End)



Church of the Holy Rosary

Holy Hour

- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm

Adoration of the Eucharist

- Every Friday from 11am

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry - Healing Service, Sunday 15th January

Led by Aidan Bond from 1.15pm-4.30pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. 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.

Archdiocese of Tuam - Young Adults Night

Saturday 4th February in Cathedral of the Assumption, Tuam beginning with Vigil Mass at 6pm, followed by talks, testimonies, prayers, music and social time. For more information and transport details tel. Karen at 085 2630876.

Enable Ireland Mayo Services Require Volunteers

Volunteers needed to work with Children with a disability. Volunteers usually work one-to-one with a child within their home but also within their community or at the centre in Castlebar. No more than three hours are required per week. Training is also provided. If you are interested, please contact Fiona at 087 6808350 or email fscully@enableireland.ie for further information.

Free Online Living Well Programme

This 6-week programme is for adults with long-term health conditions. Programmes on 31st January and 20th February. For more info. tel. Liam on 086 0142675, email: lgildea@southmayo.com

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Knock on September 20th to 27th

Discount if booked by January 31st. Contact Detta Molloy for more information tel. 086 8197111.