

# CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 6pm (Sat), 9am, 11am Ballyheane Church: 7.30pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am

**Priests:** Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. George Kappen CC. **Tel.** 094 9021844

**Diocesan Child Safeguarding:** More information available at [www.tuamarchdiocese.org](http://www.tuamarchdiocese.org)  
Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### PARISH CHURCH

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

*Parish Radio 105.3fm*

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:

- 10.00am - John, Jack & Kathleen Deane, Crossmolina. Kevin Banville & dec. relatives. Holy Souls.  
Dr. Charles, Beda & Dr. Richard Tobin, The Mall.  
Thomas Deasy, St. Patrick's Avenue & dec. Deasy family.
- 7.00pm - **St. Patrick's Day**

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:

**St. Patrick's Day** - 9am, 11am.

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Joe & Julia Walsh, Derrygorman, Westport & dec. family.  
John & Margaret Hoban, London & Castlebar.

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Special Intention.

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March:

- 8.00am - Bridget & Joe McTigue, Burren.
- 10.00am - Paddy & Kathleen Glynn, Rathbawn Road.

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March:

- 10.00am - Bridget Keane, Aughaluskey. Tom, Kathleen & Jimmy McHale, Boradruma.  
Martin & Joe Corcoran & parents Patrick & Mary, Ballynew.  
Martin McNicholas, Mountdaisy & dec. parents Martin & Bridget.  
John Davitt, Pigeon Hill, Turlough & dec. Davitt family.  
Eileen & John Richardson, Derrywash. Clara & Edmund O'Brien, Castlebar.
- 6.00pm - Maureen McGarry, Rinshinna (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.) & husband Michael.



### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.30pm - St. Patrick's Day.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** 7.30pm - Paddy & Kate Kilcoyne & grandson Patrick, Errew & dec. Tuffy & Kilcoyne families.  
Walter McEvelly, Ballyheane.  
Tom & Kate Neary, Derrygarve West & dec. family.  
Joe Flynn & dec. family, Lisnacurley.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** 10.00am - Caroline Gordon, Roemore, Breaffy. (M.M.)  
Mike & Julia Lavelle, Breaffy & dec. Lavelle & Forde families.  
Michael Hegarty, Fortlands & dec. family.



## Rest in Peace

**Sr. Teresa Kilcourse**, Árd Bhride.

**Josephine McDonagh**, Lightford.

**Mary Lawless**, Stillorgan, sister of the late Vincent Daly, Ballynew.

**Mary Finnerty**, Charles Street.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

The simple fact is that Jesus healed the blind man. Someone who previously could not see was blessed with the gift of sight. What happens after that in today's Gospel is a sharp warning against following the letter of the law but forgetting why we are following it in the first place.

It's true: what Jesus did would have been seen as contentious, and not only by Scribes and Pharisees. The religious laws and actions that the people of that culture followed were incredibly specific. Even now, for some modern-day religions, the punishments for what may seem like very small omissions are punishable by real and lasting violence, not least by being shunned by your own community, let alone physical violence. It was even worse then, though.

So, what Jesus did was extraordinary. He knew this. He understood the repercussions of healing someone on the Sabbath would have led to hot and dangerous debate in the community. He didn't back down. The real blindness that Jesus is trying to heal is that of the Pharisees and Scribes. And this can invite us to question ourselves.

Can our personal understanding of God, of Jesus, make us blind? Can the way that we might bend the Gospel so that we can follow it in a more comfortable way undermine our status as Christians? Can we be pleasant to some but unpleasant to others, welcoming to some but dismissive of others? After all, what is a Christian but someone who follows Christ and tries to be his ambassador?

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to realign ourselves with Christ. How are we going to do this today?

*Intercom - Mount St. Joseph Abbey Msjroscrea.ie*



### ***A Mother's Day Prayer***

*Dear Lord,*

*Please watch over and support all mothers  
and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated  
on Mother's Day and every day. Amen.*

### **St. Patrick's Day, 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mass Times**

<b><u>Parish Church</u></b>	-	7pm (Monday) 9am, 11am
<b><u>Ballyheane Church</u></b>	-	7.30pm (Monday)
<b><u>Breaffy Church</u></b>	-	10am



### **Parish Church**

**Guided Holy Hour:** Sunday from 7pm to 8pm. **Holy Face Devotion:** Tuesday at 3.30pm.  
**Adoration of the Eucharist:** Friday from 11am. **Rosary:** Daily at 9.30am.  
**Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Daily at 3pm. **Confessions:** Saturday 12pm – 1pm.

### **Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry (AFCM) – Afternoon of Healing**

This Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1.15pm to 4pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Service led by Siju Paul, National Coordinator of the AFCM, Ennis, Co. Clare. Rosary, Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship, Talks, Eucharistic Adoration and One to One Prayer. All are welcome.

### **Children's Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration in the Apparition Chapel, Knock**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30pm-6.15pm. For children and teens of all ages. Under 18's must be accompanied at all times. For more details tel. 087 2299623. Website: [www.ChildrensRosary.org](http://www.ChildrensRosary.org)

### **Pioneer Afternoon of Prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, from 3pm to 6pm. All are welcome.

**Consecration of Home and Family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary** - Would you like this consecration for your home? Tel. Mary at 087 7971474.

### **Cancer Awareness Event at Castlebar Library**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 11.30-1.30pm with General Nursing Students from the ATU Castlebar. It's a free event and everyone is welcome to browse the stands and chat to the Student Nurses.

**FREE Electrical Recycling Event - Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at The Pavillion Road Car Park**

Time: 10am – 4pm. Any household waste electrical items which are operated by a plug or a battery (large or small), all types of batteries and energy saving lightbulbs will be accepted free of charge.