

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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15th November 2020

Sunday Mass Times

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

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PARISH CHURCH

Monday 16th November:

- 10.00am - John & Julia Johnston, Achill, Peter & Ita McCarney, Clones, Co. Monaghan.
- 7.00pm - Michael Hanaway & dec. family.

Tuesday 17th November:

- 8.00am - Jimmy McNeela, late of Linenhall Street.
- 10.00am - Maureen Callinan & dec. family.
Jim & Ellie Kavanagh, son Sean & daughter Marie, The Curragh.

Wednesday 18th November:

- 8.00am - Holy Souls.
- 10.00am - Mary Waldron & dec. Waldron family, Station Road.
Peggy & Austin Quinn, Westport Road & grandson Mark.
Nellie Lavelle, Ballyvary.

Thursday 19th November:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Michael & Winifred Brogan, son Henry & dec. Bartley & Brogan families.
John & Celia Concannon & dec. Concannon & Larkin families, Belcarra.

Friday 20th November:

- 8.00am - Jack Sheridan & dec. Sheridan, McGowan & Burns families.
- 10.00am - Dec. Molloy family, Cappagh. Dec. Barrett & Hession families, Athenry, Co. Galway.
- 7.00pm - Mass for those who died in our parish during June, July & August 2020.

Saturday 21st November:

- 10.00am - Mark Walsh, Aughagower, Westport. (M.M.)
John & Mae McGowan, Lucan Street.
Ellen & William Staunton & Sr. Mechtilde.
Pierce Walsh, Station Road.
- 7.00pm - Margaret Moran, Westport Road. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 22nd November:

- 10.30am - Michael Devaney, Spencer Park. (1st Anv.)

**Masses and Ceremonies in the Parish Church are broadcast live
at churchtv.ie/castlebar and on the Parish Radio at 105.3 FM.**

BREAFFY CHURCH

View at churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 22nd November:

- 10.00am - Tom & Claire Tuohy & dec. Tuohy & Conroy families.
John Connor, Breaffy & dec. family.



Rest in Peace



Kevin McNicholas, Cloughbole, Manulla, brother of Jimmy McNicholas,
Spencer Park, Maureen McNicholas, Castlehill Park & Kathleen Mannion Hollyhill.

Pattie Flynn, Maryland.

Breda Basquill, Blackburn, UK, wife of the late Tommie, formerly of Castle Street.

Rising to the challenge

It is hard not to feel sorry for the third servant in today's gospel. The first two servants are praised for making the most of the 'talents' (money) given to them by their master. In return, they are promised even greater things. The third man, paralysed by uncertainty, buries his small amount of money in the ground instead of doing something with it. His actions are based in fear – he has heard the master is tough and he does not want to take any risks. At least he is able to return what he has been given; he reasons.

But he is shocked to learn that instead of praise, or even a neutral reaction to match his own neutral actions, he is reprimanded as 'wicked and lazy' and cast out. This parable has been described as a story of 'tragic miscalculation'. The servant didn't do anything awful – which is why we tend to have some sympathy for him – but he didn't do his best either. The real tragedy is not that he didn't make any more money; it is that he failed to appreciate the opportunity he had been given and to make the most of it.

We are all dealt different cards in life, and undoubtedly some are much tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. The point is not the amount of 'talents' given to each. It is not the circumstances of our lives or our natural gifts that are important, but how we use them. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, we are called to meet challenges head on and discover what wonderful things might happen.

'Talent is like electricity. We don't understand electricity. We use it.' (Maya Angelou)

Jane Mellett, Intercom Magazine

Special online Masses for all who died in the last year

On November 20th and 27th at 7pm, Mass will be celebrated online in the Church of the Holy Rosary for families and friends of all those who died in our parish during the year.

Friday 20th November

Mass for all who died during June, July & August 2020.

Friday 27th November

Mass for all who died during September, October & November 2020.

View online at www.churchtv.ie/castlebar



Adoration

Every Friday from 11am to 7pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.

Holy Hour (online only)

Church of the Holy Rosary on Sunday at 7pm. View at churchtv.ie/castlebar

To mark global "**World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims**" Mayo County Council's Road Safety Office, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, the emergency services, the RSA and victim support groups are asking you to '**Light Up for Road Safety**' by placing a light in a window between 7pm and 8pm on Sunday, November 15th to remember victims, and to recognise the work of the emergency services and hospital staff following such incidents.

Senior Help Line

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. They are Ireland's national confidential service for older people, open every day from 10am-10pm and run by older people. Freefone 1800 80 45 91.