

# 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**

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

*Parish Radio 105.3fm*

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January:**

10.00am - Rev. Mike Heagney CSsR. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)  
Dec. Chambers family, Greenauns, dec. Faulkner family, Crimlin & dec. McLoughlin family, Charlestown.

7.00pm - Peggy Quinn, Windsor & dec. Quinn & Giblin families. Angela Colgan, Spencer Park.

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January:**

10.00am - Thomas & Bridget Bourke, Clooncundra & dec. Bourke family. Special Intention.

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January:**

8.00am - James, Stasia, Noel & Kevin Banville, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.

10.00am - Nonie & Bridie Loftus & their brother Fr. Peter, Newtown.  
William, Bridget, Mike & Jim Moran, Paddy Gibbons & Katie Fahey, Cloonkeen & Pheasant Hill. Thomas Lally, The Grove & Belmullet.

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January:**

10.00am - Tom Faulkner & dec. Faulkner family, Greenauns.  
Ann & John Lavelle, St. Patrick's Avenue & dec. Lavelle & Cusack families.

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January:**

8.00am - Nora, Michael, Paddy & Peter Geraghty, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.

10.00am - Michael Shaughnessy, Spencer Park. Geraldine McHugh, Newtown.

#### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:**

10.00am - William O'Keeffe, Newtown. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)  
Mollie & Josie Munnely, Station Road. Joe & Peggy McAllister, Blackfort.  
Mary & Tom McHale, Snugboro, Mary's sister Cait Heneghan & dec. McHugh & McHale families. Sean (Stan) Staunton, Cashel Park. Michael Healy, Westport Road.

7.00pm - Philomena Duffy, Rathbawn Road. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:**

10.30am - Anna Loughran, Carrowbrinogue. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

### **BALLYHEANE CHURCH**

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

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** 1.00pm - Martin King, Derrynagooley. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

8.00pm - Patrick & Mary Grimes, Ringeraun. John & Mary Garvey.

### **BREAFFY CHURCH**

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

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:** 10.00am - Private Intention.

11.30am - Angela Colgan, Spencer Park. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)



## *Rest in Peace*

**Jim Jennings**, Knocknaskibbole & formerly of Commauns, Burren.

**Bridget (Delia) Walsh**, The Curragh & formerly of Cloondeash.

**Christy Keane**, Riverdale Court.

**Willie Murphy**, Ringeraun.

**Bridie Scriney**, Spencer Street.

**Mickey Fallon**, Fr. Meehan Place.

**Gerry Fadian**, Achill, father of Mary Leneghan, Chestnut Grove.

**Annie Mary (Nancy) Concannon**, Clogher, mother of Bernard, Turlough Road & Gerard, Horsepark.

## The Wedding at Cana

This Sunday we return to what the Church calls 'Ordinary Time', when we read the accounts of Jesus' earthly ministry. There is nothing 'ordinary' about this time, however, as it is during these weeks that we hear about all the *extraordinary* things that Jesus did during his earthly life. Today's gospel is one example. John calls this account a sign, something that points us to a deeper reality. In the Jewish tradition, a wedding symbolised the Kingdom of God, and Jesus regularly uses the image of a wedding feast to refer to God's dream for our world.

At this particular wedding feast, we are told that Jesus provides an extraordinary amount of wine for the celebration: 'There were six stone water jars ... each holding twenty or thirty gallons'. This amounts to a minimum of 500 litres of wine or 600 bottles by today's measures! Not only does Jesus produce this huge amount of wine, it is also the *best* wine at the wedding. Sounds like a great party! In our reading, however, we might focus on the generosity of Jesus in this story, remembering that this wedding event is showing us something of who Jesus is, what the Kingdom of God is like and how God operates in our lives.



In this story, the stone jars involved hold the water used in purification rituals at the time. This story, then, is a significant reminder of how Jesus can transform anything, including that which has become stale, into something that brings joy and new life, inviting people to dance and celebrate. This event was 'the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him'. As followers of Jesus, we too are called to be agents of generosity, celebration and transformation.

*(The Deep End)*

## Letter of gratitude from St. Elisabeth Convent, Belarus

*Dear Father and all parishioners of the Parish,*

*We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the decision to kindly grant us the permission to visit Your parish. We heartily thank the Lord for Your and Your parishioners' hospitality and precious help during the visit of our sisters. We do appreciate all your efforts, concern, assistance and kind heartedness greatly.*

*Our sisters are incredibly grateful for the donation collected in your parish which will allow us to continue our outreach services and programs for orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies, for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able) including food, shelter and clothing distribution.*

*Let us assure you that You are always welcome here at St. Elisabeth Convent.*

*With deep gratitude and love in Christ,*

*Sister Olga and sisters of St Elisabeth Convent,  
Minsk, Belarus    [obitel-minsk.org](http://obitel-minsk.org)*



## Church of the Holy Rosary

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| <b><u>Holy Hour</u></b>     | - | Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm  |
| <b><u>Lectio Divina</u></b> | - | Every Thursday at 7pm         |
| <b><u>Exposition</u></b>    | - | Every Friday from 11am to 7pm |