CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

<u>Parish Church</u>: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm <u>Ballyheane Church</u>: 8.00pm (Sat.) <u>Breaffy Church</u>: 10am, 11.30am **PRIEST ON CALL**: Tel. 094 9021844

Mass Intentions for the Week					
	PARISH CHURCH				
	view online at churchtv.ie/castlebar Parish Radio 105.3fm				
Monday 17 th October:					
	Special Intention.				
7.00pm -	Breege Halligan, McHale Road. (M.M.)				
	Jack & Mary O'Reilly, Station Road.				
	Patrick, Nora, Helen, Martin, John, Bernard & Teresa Molloy, Ross West.				
Tuesday 19th	Dr. Richard & Beda Tobin & son Dr. Charles, The Mall.				
Tuesday 18th 10.00am -					
	Andrew & Nora Flatley, Knock. 19 th October:				
	Edward Gibbons, Mountdaisy.				
0.00411 -	Tom Jennings, Turlough Road.				
10.00am -	Chris Reddington, Balla.				
10.000	Bridget & Anthony Fallon, Harmony Heights.				
Thursday 20 th October:					
	Sean & Kathleen Gallagher, Galway.				
Friday 21 th October:					
8.00am -	Private Intention.				
10.00am -	John, Annie & Patrick Mellett & dec. family, The Green.				
	Fr. Padhraic O'Loughlin, Dalgan & Castlebar. Bill & Kate Murray, Ballintubber.				
Saturday 22 ^r					
10.00am -	10.00am - Delia Nyland, Curradrish & granddaughter Nicole McCaffrey.				
	Liam Moore, Springfield & dec. Moore family, Tommy, Sheila & Teddy Morrell, Ballina.				
Delia & Richard Callaghan, Cappavicar & dec. Callaghan & McDonagh families.					
	Mary & Tony Monaghan, Ballymacragh.				
	Agnes, Pat, Paddy, Chris, Seamus & Maureen Gibbons, Castlebar.				
7.00pm -	Aoife Flood, Curragh. 7.00pm - Sean Cunningham, Richard Street. (1 st Anv.)				
Sunday 23 th October:					
8.30am - Tommy Robinson, Westport Road. (M.M.)					
	Cáit Heneghan, Mons Terrace. (1 st Anv.)				
	BALLYHEANE CHURCH view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane				
Saturday 22 ^r					
Saturuay 22	Helen & Vincent Timlin, Tom & Tess Timlin.				
	Evelyn Flanagan, Holyhill & dec. family.				
BREAFFY CHURCH					
Sunday 22rd	<i>view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy</i> October: 10.00am - Helena Connaughton, Breaffy.				
Sunday 23 rd	October: 10.00am - Helena Connaughton, Breaffy. Johnny, Bridie & Mary Lyons, Drimcurrabaun & dec. Lyons &				
	Barrett families.				
	11.30am - Bridie Finnerty, Betty McNally & dec. families.				
	Dr. Tom & Eileen Kiernan, Longford.				
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Colette Purcell, Westport Road.



Day for Life Message – Caring for the Older Person

The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing.

There are many challenges which we face; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and energy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden, a 'bed-blocker', or a nuisance because they move more slowly, struggle with more physical challenges and live a different rhythm of life. They often feel vulnerable and worry, when they hear talk about and even concrete proposals for the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We share their concerns. In better valuing older persons, we need to find new ways of building bridges by our actions.

We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities. We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society. We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying. We encourage people to learn from a closer accompaniment of the elderly that there is a real richness in the journey through old age, which offers a deeper meaning and a new rhythm to the whole of life; something which can be celebrated and lived with hope in eternal life. Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, pray for us.



Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Since the pandemic, there have been less people physically attending Mass, meaning less offerings in the basket. The implications for overseas missionaries and the communities they serve over the coming months will be very challenging. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www. missio.ie or tel. Missio on 01 497 2035.

Church of the Holy Rosary			
<u>Holy Hour</u>	-	Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm	
Adoration of the Eucharist	-	Every Friday from 11am	V

Healing/Anointing Catholic Ministry Service

This Sunday 16th October from 1.15pm – 4.30pm. Deacon Con Diver will lead Rosary, Praise and Worship, Healing Service in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. For info. tel. Carmel 086 3836055, Mary 089 4271780, Joseph 089 4888166.

Junior Legion of Mary – Rosary in the Church of the Holy Rosary

The children from the Junior Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary in the Church of the Holy Rosary on Monday at 6.30pm to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary. All are welcome.

Anam Cara Mayo - Parent Evening

The organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Parent Evening on Tues. 25th Oct at 7.15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel. For more info. email info@anamcara.ie or tel. 085 28888888.

Mary's Meals Mayo - Information Morning at 11am on Saturday, October 29th Guest speaker: Fr. Eamonn Kelly. Venue: The Alexian Brother's Community, St Alexius, Knock Village, F12 PK73. All are welcome. Enquiries to 087-2483343.