

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

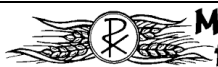
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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm Breaffy Church: 10am Ballyheane Church: 8.00pm (Sat.)

PRIEST ON CALL: Tel 094 9021844



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

view at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Parish Radio - 105.3 FM

Monday 18th January:

10.00am - Helen Monaghan, Westport Road & dec. Molloy & Monaghan families.
James & Martha Foy & dec. families, McHale Road.

7.00pm - Nicholas Chambers & dec. Chambers family, Greenaunes, Ross,
Faulkner family, Crimlin & dec. McLoughlin family, Charlestown.

Tuesday 19th January:

8.00am - Dec. Neary & Slane families, Crossmolina.

10.00am - Jimmie McLoughlin, Clonbern & dec. McLoughlin & Wade families.
Michael Healy, Mountgordon.

Wednesday 20th January:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Ann & John Lavelle, St. Patrick's Avenue & dec. Lavelle & Cusack families.
Thomas Lally, 1 The Grove & Belmullet.

Thursday 21st January:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Private Intention.

Friday 22nd January:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Seamus Byrne, Spencer Street. (M.M.)
Sean (Stan) Staunton, Cashel Park.

Saturday 23rd January:

10.00am - Oliver Moran & dec. Moran & Gavin families, John & Delia Dolan & dec. Dolan family.
Garry Kenny, Brookhaven.
Maura Connaire.

7.00pm - Mary Shevlin, Ross. (M.M.)

Sunday 24th January:

8.30am - Mary Hegarty, 30 Rowan Drive. (M.M.)

10.30am - Michael Stead, Saleen. (1st Anv.)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 23rd January: 8.00pm

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 24th January: 10.00am

Rest in Peace



Michael Lynch, Newport Road.

Fr. Michael Heagney CSsR, Esker Monastery, Athenry
& late of Portumna, brother of Pauline Murphy, Church View.

Philomena Duffy, Rathbawn Road.

**Bishops' Conference statement:
"Welcoming vaccines for the Common Good"**

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference welcomes the encouraging news that a number of vaccines for COVID-19 are at an advanced stage of preparation and are likely to be available for use in the near future. The Catholic Church recognises that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity.

Questions have arisen that human foetal cell-lines, which have their origins in abortions carried out in the past, are used in the development and production of some of the vaccines for COVID-19.

If a more ethically acceptable alternative is not readily available to them, it is morally permissible for Catholics to accept a vaccine which involves the use of foetal cell-lines, especially if the potential risk to life or health is significant, as in the case of a pandemic. Refusal to accept a vaccine could contribute to significant loss of life in the community and especially among those who are most vulnerable. This reality must inform any judgement of conscience.

We reaffirm the consistent teaching of the Church that abortion is always gravely immoral. The Church has always made a distinction, however, between formal (deliberate) involvement in an immoral act and material involvement, which may be incidental and remote. The decision of those who decide to accept vaccines which have had some link with foetal cell-lines in the past does not imply any consent on their part to abortion.

We note that many of the vaccines currently being developed such as Pfizer and Moderna do not depend for their design or production on foetal cell lines. Catholics should continue to advocate for the availability of ethically-developed vaccines. In that way they bear witness that biomedical research should always be conducted in a manner which is consistent with respect for life and for human dignity.

Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right. The Church, while respecting intellectual property rights, believes that essential medicines, including vaccines, should be made available on the basis of need rather than on the basis of capacity to pay. This position is consistent with the TRIPS agreement of the WTO, which permits national governments to arrange for the manufacture of essential pharmaceuticals, for domestic use and for the use of poorer countries, even without the consent of patent owners.

Parish Office

Under current level 5 restrictions, the Parish Office will remain closed.

The Office is open for telephone calls only from 9am to 2pm, Monday to Friday, tel. 094 9021844. For Mass cards that need to be signed, please place them in the Presbytery letterbox, include a stamped addressed envelope and they will be posted back to you.

Holy Hour (online only)

Every Sunday from 7pm – 8pm in the Parish Church. View at churchtv.ie/castlebar



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