

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

10.00am - John Durcan, Market Square.  
Maureen Rice, parents John & Judy, sister Carmel & brothers Gus & Michael, Moneen.  
Patrick (Pa) Fallon, Riverdale Court & dec. Fallon & Mannion families.

7.00pm - John McHugh, Saleen.

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:**

8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - Michael & Nora McDonnell & dec. family, Ballycastle.  
Mary Nealon, Kilfian.

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:**

8.00am - Babs Gilmartin, Mountgordon.  
Bridget & Joe McTigue, Burren.  
10.00am - Special Intention.

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:**

8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - Edward Cusick, Rathbawn Road.

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March:**

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

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March:**

10.00am - Sr. Pauline Feely, Árd Bhríde. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)  
Patrick & Mary McNulty & dec. family, Killasser & Marian Row.  
Joe & Monica Murtagh, Newtown & Paul Cowan, Castlebar.  
Michael Joe Craddock, Boradruma, parents James & Nora & dec. Craddock & O'Malley families, Islandeady.  
7.00pm - Sr. André Joann Murphy, Newtown. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March:**

10.30am - Mary Geraghty, St. Patrick's Avenue. (M.M.)



### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** 8.00pm - Julia & Paddy Walshe, Westland & dec. Walsh & Forde families.  
John & Alice Coghill, Cloonaghmore.  
Michael Kerrigan, Birmingham & dec. Kerrigan family.  
Joe & Bridie Flynn, Lisnacurly.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.00am - Fr. John McCormack.  
11.30am - Tim Lyons Jnr, Breaffy.  
Brendan McDonagh, Dublin.



## *Rest in Peace*

**Nora McCormack**, Saleen.

**Michael Reilly**, Moundaisy.

**Seamus Conroy**, An Coillín, St. Mary's Campus & late of Ballytrasna, Ballinrobe.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

*John 9:1-41*

Today's gospel is long but so worth it. John's narrative is enticing and reads like a piece of theatre, so much so in fact, some scholars think it may actually have been acted out, as it has such clear roles and great one-liners. In the first part we see that the disciples are not really interested in helping the man born blind, they are more concerned with solving the riddle of whose fault it is that he is blind in the first place. Is it divine retribution? Jesus is clear that no one is to blame. God is not vengeful. Jesus focuses on what good God can do through difficult situations. They present an opportunity for God's love and grace to work, not an opportunity for condemnation.

One really interesting thing to notice in the story is how the man's vision increases as the story unfolds. It's not only his physical sight that returns, but spiritually he begins to see more and more clearly, despite being faced with fierce opposition from the authorities. In contrast to this clarity, the opposite is happening for the religious leaders. They appear to become even more blind as the story hurtles towards its climax. Those in authority object to the man's newfound vision. While Jesus disappears for most of this narrative, the blind man takes centre stage and grows from seeing Jesus as a prophet, to a man of God and finally to worshipping him.

There are times in our own lives when we need greater clarity. Perhaps we are having difficulties with friends or family members and long to share with them on a deeper level but find it too difficult. We plead with the Lord for greater awareness on how to approach them, knowing that we, too, may face opposition and difficult questioning. At those moments Jesus can certainly seem absent. It is often at these moments of aloneness that Jesus appears. There are many things that we are blind to. We all suffer from some sort of spiritual blindness. Today, let us pray for greater clarity and awareness so that we, like the blind man may come to see more clearly.

*(The Deep End)*



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

*Thank you, Lord, for all our mothers.  
On this day, let us think of them,  
whether they are with us or gone to their heavenly home.  
We pray that you will watch over them  
and support them in the joys and struggles of their everyday lives.  
This, we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Holy Hour**

- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Church.

### **Adoration of the Eucharist**

- Every Friday from 11am in the Parish Church.

### **Lectio Divina**

- Every Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in the Monastery.

### **Stations of the Cross**

- Every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Parish Church.



### **New Pastoral Council**

The Parish is starting the process of organising a new Pastoral Council. An information meeting will be arranged on what is involved in being a member. If you would consider finding out more, please give your contact details to the Parish Office tel. 094 9021844 or email: [castlebarparish@gmail.com](mailto:castlebarparish@gmail.com) and we will be in touch with you.

### **Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry - Healing Service this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Led by Fr. Bill Keogh, UK, from 1.15pm to 4pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship, Prayers for Healing, Talks, Confession & Eucharist Adoration. All are welcome.

### **Afternoon of Prayer**

Connaught P.T.A.A. Afternoon of Prayer and Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Commencing at 3pm and concluding at 6pm.

**The Family Centre, tel. 094 9025900**

**Enneagram Part 2:** March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 8pm to 10.30pm. Facilitator: Fr. Benny McHale.