## CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

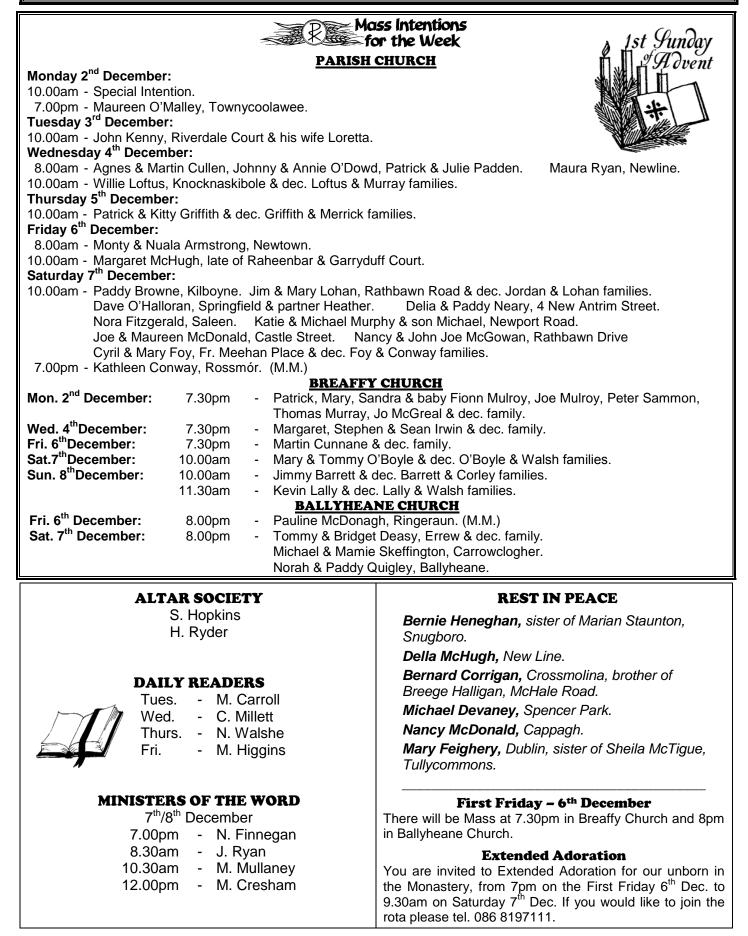
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**Sunday Mass Times** 

<u>Parish Church</u>: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm <u>Ballyheane Church</u>: 8pm (Sat) <u>Breaffy Church</u>: 10am, 11.30am

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## **NET Team Update**

The first half of this year has been so beautiful and so fruitful. We have been busy with ministry and are really getting to know our youth. We have been able to see Jesus work in so many of their lives and it's been such a gift.

We have been in all the primary schools in Castlebar, going to the sixth class classes and helping them to prepare for their Confirmation later this school year. In the classes we have been teaching the students about the Rosary and the ways we can learn about Jesus and Mary through the mysteries. Recently we started a youth group for the sixth class, giving them an opportunity to learn more about their faith in a different setting.

For our secondary students, we have been having a regular meeting every week and more youth are coming each week. Earlier this month we put on a week of retreats for the first years in St. Gerald's College. Each day was focused on Encountering Jesus, with different activities that helped to connect them to that theme. We were also able to give about a dozen of our youth an opportunity to "dive deeper" into their faith during this weekend long retreat in Rossnowlagh. Throughout the weekend we attended Mass, heard about many of the team members' own encounter with Jesus and gave them an opportunity to welcome Jesus into their lives.

We have been overwhelmingly blessed and we cannot believe that it is almost time to go home for Christmas (we leave Dec. 16). Thank you for everything that you all have done for us! We appreciate it so much and cannot wait to come back in January for more of God's work!

God Bless,

The Castlebar NET Team

Orthodox Liturgy Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec. at 2.30pm in the Parish Church. Tree Lighting Ceremony for Let Love Shine a Light Appeal In aid of Mayo Roscommon hospice takes place in Knock this Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. at 6pm following the memorial walk at 5pm. Registration for walk on the day from 3pm at St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock - €20. All are welcome.	<b>Distributism Movement</b> Discussion group for lay people who are interested in economic, financial, social and political issues, approaching them from the standpoint of common sense, reasonableness and the Social Doctrine of the Church. We will look at the spreading of inequality, the poor level of real political participation, the wellbeing and future of families and civil society. <b>The Monastery, December 3</b> <sup>rd</sup> , <b>8-9pm.</b>
<b>'Alive' Newspaper</b> 'Alive' free newspaper is available at the back of the Parish Church. Please take one for yourself and your neighbour.	<b>Annual Rehab Care Mass</b> Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. at 2pm in the Parish Church, remembering Teresa O'Grady.
<b>Five First Saturdays Devotion</b> Knock Apparition Shrine on Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec. starting at 11am with Rosary, meditations and concluding with Holy Mass at 12noon. All are welcome.	<b>Carers Support Group Meeting</b> Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8pm in the Family Centre. The meeting is for those who are caring for people with dementia. All are welcome.
Sacred Heart Hospital – Volunteers Needed For more details tel. Christine Phillips (volunteer co- ordinator) at 087 1162697.	<b>25 Card Drive Fundraiser</b> Tues. 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec. at 9pm in Breaffy Clubhouse. All money raised will help fund the special needs children going to Lourdes next Easter with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust.
All Night Vigil in Knock – 7 <sup>th</sup> December Bus leaving Courthouse at 9.45pm. For more details tel. Margaret at 098 27109.	<b>Blessing for Expectant Mothers</b> Sat. Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at Knock Shrine. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are
Castlebar Concert & Marching Band A Farewell Concert to 25years of musical memories at St. Patrick's NS on Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec. Admission €10. Mayo Historical & Archaeological Society	present. All are welcome. <b>St. Patrick's Boys NS Parents' Association</b> <b>25 Card Drive</b> on Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. in St. Patrick's NS at 8pm.
An illustrated lecture by Dr. Michael Kennedy, R.I.A. 'The Defence Forces and the Battle of the Atlantic off the Mayo coast, 1939-1945', in GMIT Campus on Wed. Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All are welcome.	<b>FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection</b> Derrinumera Recycling Centre, Castlebar Road, Newport on Sat. 7th Dec. from 9am – 1pm.