

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

Priests: Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. Jose Raju CC. **Tel.** 094 9021844

Diocesan Child Safeguarding: More information available at www.tuamarchdiocese.org

Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 21st August:

- 10.00am - Matt & Eileen O'Boyle & dec. O'Boyle & Walsh families, Boradruma.
7.00pm - Dec. members of the Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel of the Defence Forces, Mayo Branch.
Jack Heraty & dec. Heraty family, St. Bridget's Crescent. Myra Grimes, Spencer Street.

Tuesday 22nd August:

- 10.00am - Frank Ludden, McHale Road.
Desmond Conlon & dec. Conlon & McGinty families. Special Intention.

Wednesday 23rd August:

- 8.00am - Martin Rabbette, Moneen.
10.00am - Tom Reddington & dec. Reddington family, Balla & Castlebar. Special Intention.

Thursday 24th August:

- 10.00am - Patrick Moylette, St. Bridget's Crescent.
David McHale, Curragh & Breege Leonard, Tuam.

Friday 25th August:

- 8.00am - Holy Souls.
10.00am - Michael O'Malley, Ballynew.
John & Alice Rodgers, Spencer Street & dec. Gavin family.
Tony, Roseanne & Pat Dempsey, Boradruma & dec. family.

Saturday 26th August:

- 10.00am - John Bonnick, Rowan Drive. (M.M.)
Marie Beirne, Saleen & dec. Beirne & Duffy families.
Michael O'Grady & Ann & Thomas Barrett, Knockthomas.
Kevin Duffy, Derrywash.
John Kelly, Sacred Heart Hospital & Swinford.
Kathleen Conneely, Snugboro & dec. Sweeney & Conneely families.
7.00pm - Bertie Davoren, Belvedere House, Westport Road. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 27th August:

- 10.30am - Mary Connor, Pine Grove, Rathbawn Road. (M.M.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 26th August:** 8.00pm - John Joyce, Mark & Ellen Staunton.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 27th August:** 10.00am - John & Mary Conway, son Martin, daughter in law Margaret & Billy Madigan, Breaffy.
11.30am - Carmel Heneghan, Balloor & dec. Heneghan & Mannion families.



Rest in Peace

Padraic Gavin, Swinford, father of James Gavin, Garryduff Drive.

Sr. Nora Cogger, Sisters of Mercy, Pontoon Road.

George Jordan, Leeds & Castlebar, uncle of Marie Verity, Knockaphunta.

Mary Quinn, Springfield.

Changes to cope with fewer priests

In all of his talks in parishes and in the letters he has written to you, Archbishop Francis has highlighted the implications of the shortage of priests. He has said that inevitably there will be more parishes without a resident priest and an increasing number of churches which will need to share weekend Masses within and between parishes. This is already the situation in a number of parishes. Consequently, he has asked all parishes within a deanery to meet with representatives of the various Pastoral Councils to make plans for their being one priest less in each deanery. Our deanery held that meeting in May. There has been a reduction of 5 priests in this deanery within the past 7 years with consequent reductions in the number of weekend Masses in all parishes except Castlebar. The plan is to continue, as far as possible, to have a weekend Mass in each church in the deanery. Inevitably, this will not be sustainable in the long term but for now that is the intention.

In order to be able to provide cover, when required, there will need to be changes to the times and number of Masses at the weekends beginning on January 1 next year.

For the Church of the Holy Rosary, it means altering the time of the Saturday Vigil Mass from 7pm to 6pm and reducing the Masses on Sunday to two, at 9am and 11am.

The Mass in Ballyheane Church will change from 8pm to 7.30pm.

Masses in Breaffy Church will reduce from two to one Mass at 10am on Sundays.

Planning for weekend Masses is relatively easy and manageable. What will be much more difficult when the time comes will be managing the extra demands of visiting schools, Boards of Management meetings, First Communions, Confirmations, Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, First Friday calls, Pastoral Council and Finance Committee meetings, all of which are not as easy to plan for or manage. All those will require much thought and further planning to see what will be possible given our reducing priest numbers.

Fr. Conal Eustace P.P.

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

Adoration of the Eucharist - Every Friday from 11am in the Parish Church.

Castlebar Parish Bank Account Details:

Account: Church of the Holy Rosary **BIC:** AIBKIE2D **IBAN:** IE59 AIBK 9370 8805 7270 35

Anointing Catholic Ministry Service – Afternoon of Healing

This Sunday 20th August from 1.15pm - 4pm in Church of the Holy Rosary. Led by Aidan Bond. Thanksgiving, Praise, Worship, Prayers for Healing, Talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. Tel. Carmel 086 3836055, Joseph 089 4888166, Mary 089 4271780.

Knock Novena

A Bus will leave the Courthouse, Castlebar on 21st and 22nd August at 6.40pm for the Novena. For more details tel. Mary at 098 28033 or 087 1363141.

Archdiocese of Tuam, Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Led by Archbishop Francis, Sept 1st to 6th, 5 nights, ex Ireland West Airport. For details of availability and booking, tel. 01 2410800.

Round Towers of Ireland

The National Museum of Ireland - Country Life at Turlough Park, is hosting a special talk about the round towers of Ireland at 2pm on Saturday 26th August. Join Michael Maguire from Turlough Archaeological and Heritage Society to explore these interesting structures and Turlough Round Tower in particular. The talk will be followed by a visit to Turlough Church and Round Tower. Admission is free but booking is required. Tel. 094 9031751 or email educationtph@museum.ie

Consecration of Home and Family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

Would you like this consecration for your home? For more information tel. Mary at 087 7971474.