

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 6pm (Sat), 9am, 11am Ballyheane Church: 7.30pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am

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 22nd January:

10.00am - Private Intention.

7.00pm - Bridget & Dominic O'Brien, Turlough & dec. O'Brien & Stephens families.
Ann & John Lavelle, St. Patrick's Avenue & dec. Lavelle & Cusack families.
Tom McGough, Snugboro.

Tuesday 23rd January:

10.00am - Private Intention.

Wednesday 24th January:

8.00am - Nora Geraghty, dec. family & Holy Souls.

10.00am - Jude & Mary Walsh, Mountgordon & dec. Walsh & Ainsworth families.

Thursday 25th January:

10.00am - Greg Earls, Knockthomas Drive & parents Harold & Maureen Earls, Rathbawn Road,
Conor & Margaret Gannon, McHale Road, Maura Gilligan & parents Elizabeth & David Gilligan,
Blackfort.

Friday 26th January:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Kitty Hoban, Orlagh Grove & dec. Hoban family, Corha, Islandeady.
Thomas Lally, Castlebar & Belmullet. Ann Bourke, Moneen.

Saturday 27th January:

10.00am - John Collins, Gladesville. Mary & Lucy Walsh, Railway Terrace.
Jimmy Keane, Station Road & dec. family. Claire Cahill, Dublin.
Ritchie Bourke, Boradruma & dec. family. Joe Scully, McHale Road.
Josie Armstrong, Thomas Street.

6.00pm - Bridie Jordan, Springfield (1st Anv.), husband Paddy & daughter Yvonne.

Sunday 28th January:

9.00am - Jeff Redmond, Springfield. (M.M.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 27th January:

7.30pm - Maureen & Brendan Guthrie, Killadeer, dec. Guthrie & Staunton
families, dec. McGinty family, Tonragee, Achill & dec.
Cattigan family, Currane, Achill.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

Saturday 27th January:

12.00pm - Amelia Rose Hunt. (M.M.)

Sunday 28th January:

10.00am - Martin Boyce, Ashwood.



Rest in Peace

Vincent Daly, Ballynew.

Paddy Duffy, Ahanroe, Breaffy.

Rosaleen Nicholson, late of Rowan Drive.

Imelda Butler, Wicklow, sister of Michael & Eddie Mulchrone, Breaffy.

Margie Moran, Curragh.

Jimmy Munnely, Ballinaglough, Snugboro.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 1:14-20

One of Mark's main concerns in his Gospel is to answer the question of what it really means to be a disciple of Jesus. In today's text we get a sense of what is involved as Andrew, Simon, James and John respond 'immediately' to Jesus, follow him and bond with him. The Greek word that Mark uses, *akolutho* (to follow), expresses the fact that in order to 'follow' a commitment of some kind is required, as is a personal relationship with the one you follow; to 'follow' is an invitation to do as Jesus does. James and John leave their father Zebedee in the boat with their hired servants (1:20); this family were not so poor, they were small business owners with assets and employees. Laying down their day-to-day lives, their jobs, leaving their families and their plans, they follow the one who announces a new way.

Who leaves everything like this to follow a wandering preacher? These four disciples may have been unhappy with society in first-century Palestine, perhaps they were unfulfilled in their own lives and longed for something more. Jesus proclaims that things do not have to remain as they are and the time has come (*kairos*) for a change of heart (*metanoia*), a turning around of one's life. Jesus announces an alternative, the last shall be first (9:35; 10:42-44). Anyone who follows Jesus longs for freedom to move away from what is and move towards a more grace-filled way of being in the world. Living with this type of intentionality has the power to bring about personal transformation and communal transformation.

Many people in our world opt to live differently, either choosing religious life, living in intentional community, or in seemingly ordinary actions such as joining a movement, volunteering to make a difference, standing up for those who suffer, taking some days on a retreat. It is through personal commitment, everyday choices, actions and ways of being in the world, that the inbreaking Kingdom of God can be seen. As readers, we know that is downhill from here for the disciples in Mark. But today, let us admire their courage and intention and ask ourselves how we might embrace this same intentionality and commit more fully to 'following' Jesus in our own lives.

(The Deep End)

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.
'Holy Face' Devotion	- Every Tuesday at 3.30pm in the Parish Church.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry Service (AFCM) – Afternoon of Healing

This Sunday 21st January from 1.15pm to 3.45pm in Church of the Holy Rosary. Led by Aidan & Noel Byrne. Rosary, Thanksgiving, Praise, Worship, Healing Prayers, Talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. All welcome. Tel. Carmel 086 3836055, Joseph 089 4888166, Mary 089 4271780.

Catholic Schools Week - Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th January

On Wednesday 24th, Catholic Schools Week celebrates Grandparents Day. Grandparents are invited to the Monastery after the 10am Mass for a cuppa.

Preparation for Marriage Courses 2024

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available: 26th – 28th April and 20th – 22nd September. More details at www.grasta.org or email info@grasta.org

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

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

Gaelscoil Raifteirí - Lá Oscailte - Open Day

Saturday 27th January from 10am to 12noon. Fáilte roimh chách - All welcome.

Anam Cara Mayo – Parent Evening

The organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 23rd Jan. at 7.15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel. For information email info@anamcara.ie or tel. 085 2888888.

Order of Malta Ambulance Corps are recruiting new adult volunteers

Drivers (B car licence) and first aid volunteers required. Full training provided. Tel. 087 7074514