

# CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday Mass Times

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

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### PARISH CHURCH

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:

10.00am - Nora, Paddy & Peter Geraghty & dec. relatives. John & Agnes Roche, Breaffy Road.  
7.00pm - Patrick Heraty, St. Bridget's Crescent & dec. family, Christy & Margaret Rowland, Glenhest & dec. family.  
Patrick & Ellen Cunningham, Skehogue, Burren, daughter Kathleen Grimes & grandchildren Mark Grimes & Martin Costello. Siobhain & Danny O'Connell, Ashbourne.

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:

10.00am - Dec. McQuaid, Cusick, Denny & Murray families. Castlebar Rotary Tree of Remembrance.  
James, Stasia, Noel & Kevin Banville & dec. relatives, Wexford. Holy Souls. Danny Gibbons, Sion Hill.

#### Christmas Eve Masses

6.00pm, 8.00pm

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December:

#### Christmas Day Masses

8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December:

10.00am - Declan Naughton, Springfield, son Damien & dec. Naughton family.  
Paddy & Patricia Flannelly, Moneen.

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December:

10.00am - Eamonn McAndrew, Knockthomas.  
Agnes & Michael Tuffy, Knights Park & Raheens.

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December:

10.00am - Bridie & George Bartley & dec. Bartley family, McHale Road.  
John & Patrick Groarke, Castlebar & London, Mary & Peter McCormack, Claremorris.  
7.00pm - Nancy McDonald, Cappagh. (M.M.)



### BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> December: 7.30pm - T. J. Solan & dec. family.  
Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> December: 8.00pm - Paddy & Rita Heneghan & dec. family.  
Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> December: 12noon - Private Intention.  
Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> December: 7.30pm - John Joe & Anne Mitchell & dec. Mitchell & Londra families.  
Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am - Mary, Pat & Ibar Carney & dec. Carney & Tierney families.  
Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am - Babs, Tom, Breda & Tom McTigue & dec. McTigue & Walsh families.  
11.30am - James & Eileen Barrett & dec. family.

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> December: 8.00pm - Private Intention.

### **ALTAR SOCIETY**

B. Downes  
M. Brett  
M. Rance

### **DAILY READERS**

Tues. - B. Johnson  
Thurs. - N. Feely  
Fri. - Ú. Ní Ghabhláin

### **MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm - I. Douglas  
8.30am - N. Walsh  
10.30am - J. Hanley  
12.00pm - P. Glynn



### **REST IN PEACE**

**Nancy Hardiman**, Manchester, sister of Pat & Delia Conneely, Snugboro.

**Patrick Kilcourse**, Essex & Turlough, brother of Michael Kilcourse, Castlehill Park & Nora Kilcourse, Chestnut Grove.

**Mary Moran**, Mullingar, sister of John Kelly, Newport Road.

**Carmel Devane**, Errew & Ennis.

### **Christmas Confessions**

#### Parish Church

After all Masses this weekend.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.:** 12noon to 3pm

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Church from 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

## JOSEPH THE DREAMER

Pope Francis has spoken on several occasions about his devotion to St. Joseph. St. Joseph is his favourite saint, he says, because he shows us how God reveals his plan to us in our times of silence and rest. He keeps a statue of a sleeping St. Joseph on his desk, placing prayer requests under it.

Speaking on a trip to the Philippines in 2015, he said: 'I have great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength ... Joseph's rest revealed God's will to him. In this moment of rest in the Lord, as we pause from our many daily obligations and activities, God is also speaking to us. But like St. Joseph, once we have heard God's voice, we must rise from our slumber; we must get up and act.'

Today's Gospel recalls the central role played by St. Joseph in the story of the birth of Jesus. A man of honour from the outset, the goodness of his character is further highlighted by his response to God's voice. When he wakes up after hearing God's instructions in a dream, he immediately acts on it and takes Mary into his home. His openness to God's will is a crucial element in the story that follows: his partnership with and support of Mary, the birth of Jesus, his care for the child 'who is to save his people'.

Christmas is very near now, and we are busy and preoccupied with our preparations. A good time, perhaps, to pause in silence, to rest with God, and to listen to what he might have to say to us.

*(Triona Doherty, Intercom)*

## Thank You

*'A million thanks to all who were involved in the beautiful celebration last Sunday evening in Breaffy Church to mark the golden jubilee of my ordination. It was a truly memorable celebration especially for me and my family. Mile buíochas.'* Fr. John McCormack



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

<b><u>Parish Church:</u></b>	6pm, 8pm (Christmas Eve) 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm
<b><u>Breaffy Church:</u></b>	8pm (Christmas Eve) 10am, 11.30am
<b><u>Ballyheane Church:</u></b>	8pm (Christmas Eve) 10.30am



## Happy Christmas

*The Priests of the Parish wish you all a peaceful and holy Christmas.  
May the joy of Christmas fill your hearts and your homes  
now and throughout the year.*

*We extend a very warm welcome to all who have come home for Christmas.  
We hope you enjoy your visit.*

### Children's Liturgy

All children and families are invited to the *Children's Liturgy Nativity Story and Family Blessing* at 5pm this Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> December in the Parish Church. Children can come dressed as Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, Shepherds or Angels.

### Orthodox Christmas Liturgy

The Orthodox Liturgy will be held on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm in the Parish Church.

### Castlebar Parish Calendar

The 2020 Castlebar Parish Calendar is available at the back of the Church.

### Priests' Christmas Collection

The collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Day. Special thanks to the collectors and counters who helped throughout the year.

### Castlebar Goal Mile

The annual Castlebar Goal Mile will take place around Lough Lannagh Lake on Christmas day starting at 11.30am from Lough Lannagh car park.

### St. Stephen's Day - Half Tochar Walk

Departing Ballintubber Abbey after registration at 11am by bus to Aughagower. Pilgrims will then walk back to the Abbey. For details tel. 094 9030934.