

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

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 23rd January:

- 10.00am - Nonie & Bridie Loftus, Newtown & brother Fr. Peter.
- 7.00pm - Stephen Carroll, Garryduff Park. (M.M.)
Delia & Edward Mitchell, Milebush & Jimmy & David Beatty.

Tuesday 24th January:

- 10.00am - Canon David Fitzgibbon, Mountgordon, parents David & Elizabeth, brother Jack, sisters Mary & Madge & dec. Fitzgibbon families.
Patrick Barden, Co. Kilkenny.
Jude & Mary Walsh, Mountgordon & dec. parents.

Wednesday 25th January:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Anne Bourke, Moneen. Special Intention.

Thursday 26th January:

- 10.00am - Pat & Dermot O'Dwyer, Station Road.

Friday 27th January:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Jimmy Keane, Station Road. Claire Cahill, Dublin.
Josie Armstrong, Thomas Street.

Saturday 28th January:

- 10.00am - Mick Monaghan, St. Bridget's Crescent (1st Anv.) & wife Nan.
John Collins, Gladesville & Tralee.
Michael Stead, Saleen.
Greg Earls, Knockthomas Drive & parents Maureen & Harold, Rathbawn Road.
Conor & Margaret Gannon, McHale Road.
Maura Connaire, Castlebar.
- 7.00pm - Raymond O'Neill, Patrician Park. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 29th January:

- 10.30am - Michael McNeela, Riverdale Court & Bohola. (M.M.)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 28th January:** 8.00pm - Maureen & Brendan Guthrie, Killadeer & dec. Guthrie & Staunton families.
Mike, Mai & Margaret King, Knockmoyleen & dec. King, Keane & Quinn families.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 29th January:** 10.00am - Martin & Bridie McTigue & dec. McLoughlin & McTigue families.
11.30am - Dominic & Bridget O'Brien & dec. O'Brien & Stephens families.

Rest in Peace



Seamus Kennelly, Co. Leitrim, brother of Michael & John, Cloonsunna.

Paddy Moran, Harmony Heights.

Tom McGough, Snugboro.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus begins his ministry with the first of many 'gatherings'. Hearing that John has been arrested, he 'withdraws' to Galilee. He is shaken and perhaps he too is under threat. Nevertheless, he preaches the same bold message as John: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'. This is the message the disciples will later be sent to preach (Mt 10:7). Matthew interprets Jesus' arrival in Galilee as fulfilment of the prophet Isaiah's declaration that a 'great light' would shine in the darkness. The reference to 'Galilee of the Gentiles' offers a clue as to who will be gathered and included in Jesus' mission.

Fishing metaphors feature heavily throughout Matthew's Gospel. Jesus starts his ministry in the fishing village of Capernaum by gathering a crew of disciples – two sets of brothers, all fishermen. In terms of social status, fishermen were low down in the pecking order. Their occupation was precarious at best, leaving them economically vulnerable, and they had to pay taxes to the Roman Empire, which made them unpopular. They might seem an unlikely choice for a Messiah starting his mission. Simon (Peter) and Andrew are casting their nets out when Jesus calls them, quipping 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Similarly, James and John abandon their net-mending 'immediately' to follow him. They are 'all in'. The mission has momentum; these fisherfolk are needed as the sea is ripe for fishing. Their task will be to draw others in, and the net will be cast indiscriminately, far and wide. Later, Jesus will compare the kingdom of heaven to a 'dragnet', catching fish of every kind (Mt 13:47).

When we join together for liturgy, we often begin by acknowledging our 'gathering', indicating that we are being called out of our ordinary, everyday lives to gather as community, aware of God's presence among us. We are also called every day into God's service, invited to repentance, a change of heart. Like the disciples, we are called, and we call; we are gathered, and we gather. When we are drawn in by Jesus, we extend the same open welcome to others. The kingdom is at hand, and Jesus' net gathers indiscriminately, regardless of social or economic status.

(The Deep End)



Church of the Holy Rosary

Holy Hour

- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm

Adoration of the Eucharist

- Every Friday from 11am

Legion of Mary

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 10.45am in the Parish Centre and from 1st February, every Wednesday at 7pm. All are most welcome to join. For information please tel. Breda on 087 2747873.

Catholic Schools Week celebrates Grandparents' Day

On Wednesday January 25th, Catholic Schools Week celebrates Grandparents' Day with the theme "Walking Together to Celebrate" – *Celebrating Grandparents and the Elderly in society who help us on the journey of faith*. Pope Francis' Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2022.

Castlebar Prayer Group

Prayer meetings will resume on 22nd February at 8pm in the Social Service Centre. All are welcome.

Anam Cara Mayo – Parent Evening

The organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 24th Jan. at 7.15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel. For more info. email info@anamcara.ie or tel. 085 2888888.

World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day is a Catholic international event, attended by Pope Francis and held every three years. It will take place this year from August 1st – 6th in Lisbon, Portugal. The Archdiocese of Tuam will participate and is inviting young adults (18-35) for a week of prayer, faith and friendship. If you are interested, please email tuam2lisbon23@gmail.com or tel. Fr. Shane Costello on 094 9021844.

Mayo COPD Support Group General Meeting

January 26th at 3pm at Lannagh Road. Guest speaker attending. New members welcome.

Lá Oscailte/Open Day at Gaelscoil Raifteirí

Saturday February 4th from 10am-12 noon. Enrolment for Junior Infants - September 2023. Fáilte roimh cách - All welcome.

Balla Secondary School - Open Evening

For incoming first year students on Monday 23rd January at 5pm. Please contact the school office or see the school website www.ballasecondaryschool.com for details.