

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 24th April:

- 10.00am - Private Intention.
- 7.00pm - John Cafferkey, Chestnut Grove. (M.M.)
Dec. members of Castlebar Mitchels & Castlebar Bingo.

Tuesday 25th April:

- 10.00am - Dec. Hughes, Faughnan & Munnelly families & Edward McHale, Knockmore.

Wednesday 26th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Paddy McCarney, Snugboro, parents Peter & Ita & John & Julia Johnston, Achill.

Thursday 27th April:

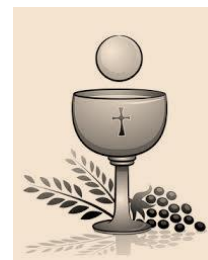
- 10.00am - Patrick & Annie Sammon, daughters Bridget Teresa & Marian Dillon, Cloonkeen.
Bernard & Ann Joyce, Kennedy Gardens.

Friday 28th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Special Intention.
Michael Conway, Derryharriff & dec. Conway & Quinn families.

Saturday 29th April:

- 10.00am - Michael Rice & daughter Tara, Castlebar & Swinford.
Declan O'Connor & dec. O'Connor family, Castlebar.
Bernadette Hallinan O'Callaghan, Clydagh, Pontoon Road.
Liam & CJ Gavin, Lower Charles Street.
Dec. Scahill family, Kennedy Gardens.
- 7.00pm - Meleesa Egan, Cois Abhainn. (M.M.)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 29th April:** 8.00pm - Dick & Una Sweeney, Ballyheane & dec. family.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 30th April:** 10.00am - Private Intention.
11.30am - David Monaghan, Frenchill.

Rest in Peace

Dr. Paul Eustace, Maryland.

Denis McCarthy, Knights Park.

Mary Reid, Ballinaglough, Snugboro.

Maureen Lowry nee Corley, UK & late of Breaffy,
sister of Nancy O'Farrell & Irene Corley, Brooklands

Cormac Cresham, Fortfield.

Rita Gannon, late of Westport, sister of Breege O'Grady, Riverdale Court.



Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35

'Their eyes were opened'

The disciples on the road today are a jumbled mess of emotions, 'astounded', 'sad', and it is no wonder. Their friend and teacher has been brutally killed, along with their hopes and expectations, and now there are strange reports of a missing body. They have left the chaotic crowds, the violence and devastation behind them. An experience like this, of complete desolation, affects one's entire being. We become closed in on ourselves, consumed by anger or grief, and it can be very difficult to see Christ walking beside us. It can even cloud our memories of times when we did experience God's love and grace in the past. We can feel like we are spiralling downwards, cut off.

We read in the narrative today that something shifts for the disciples in the midst of their deep anguish and pain. A 'stranger' falls into step with them, and this is no ordinary encounter. Jesus walks with them, even though at first, they do not recognise him. He listens to their pain, and he does not interrupt them. When they are finished, he puts their story into the context of a wider vision; he breaks through to them. When we experience desolation, we often need another person to help open our eyes and remind us of who we truly are. This person might be an *anam cara* (soul friend), someone who truly *hears* us and puts our story compassionately into the context of the bigger picture of our lives. This can be consoling. It is through experiences of great suffering (unfortunately) and also great love, that God's light shines through. The disciples recognise Jesus in the breaking of the bread; their 'eyes were opened', their 'hearts burned'. The words of the scriptures and the enlightening meal go hand in hand, illuminating a new reality. New energy is found, and they go bouncing back to Jerusalem; the place of death and pain is now transformed, and they are bursting to tell their companions.

(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.



Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock – Sunday 7th May

Led by Archbishop Francis. Ceremonies commence at 2.30pm with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Donal Walsh 10th Anniversary Mass and Youth Pilgrimage at Knock Shrine

On May 11th from 10am-3pm, children and young people from all over Ireland are welcome to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message to us all, to **Live Life!** Booking is essential. Contact youthministry@knockshrine.ie or tel. 094 9375321 for more information.

Mayo COPD Support Group Meeting

Meeting on Thursday April 27th at 3pm in Tennis Club, Castlebar. New members welcome.

The Family Centre - tel. 094 9025900 www.thefamilycentre.com

Preparing for and Coping with New Parenthood:

Date: Tuesday 25th April. Time: 10am-11.30am. Facilitator: Dr. Jeananne Garrivan.

Monthly Meditation Group:

Date: Tuesday May 2nd. Time: 7.30pm-8.45pm. Facilitator: Niamh Brennan.

The Creativity for Wellbeing Programme:

Dates: May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th. Time: 10am-1pm. Facilitator: Teresa Keane.

Free Online Living Well Programme

Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to improve their overall wellbeing and manage their condition. Next online Programme is on 10th May. To register and for more information tel. Liam 086 0142675 or email: lgildea@southmayo.com