

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 25th April:

- 10.00am - Brendan Farrell, Springfield Court. Willie & Bridie Lavelle, St. Patrick's Avenue.
7.00pm - Edward & Delia Mitchell & James & David Beatty, Milebush.
Michael & Anne McTigue, Newport Road.

Tuesday 26th April:

- 10.00am - Paddy McCarney, Snugboro & dec. McCarney & Johnson families.
Bernard Joyce, Kennedy Gardens.

Wednesday 27th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Patrick & Nan Sammon & daughters Marian Dillon & Bridget Teresa
Sammon, Cloonkeen.

Thursday 28th April:

- 10.00am - Kathleen Walsh, Turlough Road. Kathleen Duffy, Granard & Castlebar.

Friday 29th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Michael & Kate Lavelle, Knocknaskibbole & dec. Lavelle & Coyle families.
Maureen Gibbons. Joe & Julia Walsh & dec. Walsh families, Derrygorman.

Saturday 30th April:

- 10.00am - Michael Rice, Castlebar & Swinford. Don & Mai Murphy & son Dennis, Newtown.
Declan O'Connor, Castlebar. Tony Leneghan, Chestnut Grove.
Dec. Scahill family, Kennedy Gardens. Liam & CJ Gavin, Charles Street.
Eamonn & Katty Miliffe, Rathbawn Road.
7.00pm - Peter Cresham, 62 McHale Road. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 1st May:

- 10.30am - Bernadette Hallinan O'Callaghan, Pontoon Road. (1st Anv.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 30th April: 8.00pm - Dick & Una Sweeney. Seán & Marie Sweeney.
Richard & Anne Sweeney.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 1st May: 10.00am - Jackie Duffy, McHale Road & Breaffy. (1st Anv.)
11.30am - Michael & Mary Halligan, Balloor.



Rest in Peace



Marie McDonnell, St. Anthony's, Fortfield.

Pa Cunningham, Fr. Meehan Place.

Nancy Murray, Ballycroy, mother of Nora King, Hollyhill.

Matt O' Malley, Ballyburke, Killawalla, brother of Ann Bourke, Ballyheane.

Sr. Andre Murphy, D.C. Dublin & late of Newtown.

Johnny Thomas, Errew.

Deirdre O'Neill, UK & late of Cloonkeen.

Second Sunday of Easter

Reading the news can be upsetting these days. It often seems that there is nothing but bad news. People are suffering across the world due to unjust economic systems and environmental degradation. Increasing numbers are homeless or living in poverty. Hateful rhetoric is becoming more widespread. We sometimes lose hope and go through shaky patches. We find ourselves asking: where is God in all this?

In today's gospel we meet Thomas. As a disciple of Jesus, he has been through the mill. His friend has been brutally killed. The terrible suffering is still fresh in his mind. Now, the disciples' own lives are also in danger, so they are lying low. Traumatized and grieving. Thomas is not ready to hear the comforting words of his friends who say they have seen Jesus. His momentary wobble has earned him the nickname 'doubting Thomas', and it certainly makes it easy for us to relate to him. When, an agonising week later, he does finally encounter Jesus, we can sense his relief when he exclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' the man labelled 'doubter' now gives us one of the greatest expressions of faith.

We know life can be painful and messy, even unbearable at times. It is hard to hang on to our faith when we are grieving or anxious. Like Thomas, our trust can be shaken. Like the disciples huddled in the room, we can be afraid of what the future will bring. It can be difficult for us to accept assurances that God is with us. We may struggle to pray. We can become closed and isolate ourselves. Yet, Jesus came among the disciples in their despair, calming their troubled hearts with his words. 'Peace be with you'. He came again to doubting Thomas, reassuring him with his presence. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness. In our darkest days, may we encounter the healing presence of the risen Christ.

(The Deep End)



Church of the Holy Rosary

<u>Holy Hour</u>	-	Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm
<u>Lectio Divina</u>	-	Every Tuesday at 7pm
<u>Exposition</u>	-	Every Friday from 11am to 7pm

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock – Sunday May 1st at 2.30pm

Anam Cara Mayo – Parent Evening

The organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Parent Evening on Tues 26th April at 7.15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel. For more info. email info@anamcara.ie or tel. 085 2888 888.

Family Centre Programmes

Understanding & Supporting a Child with Anxieties

Date: Tues 26th April. Time: 7–9pm on Zoom. Facilitator: Sharyn Byrne

Enneagram Part 1

Dates: Wed 27th April, Thurs 28th April, Wed 4th May, Thurs 5th May. Time: 8-10pm.

Venue: Family Centre. Facilitator: Fr. Benny McHale

Booking on Eventbrite or contact the Family Centre on 094 9025900.

Carers Support Group Meeting – Thursday 28th April at 8pm in the Family Centre

This meeting is for those who are caring for people or family members with dementia. All welcome.

Mayo Pink Ribbon Charity Cycle - Saturday April 30th

In solidarity with those dealing with a diagnosis of breast cancer, people are invited to place something pink outside their homes and to support collections in the area.

Car Boot Sale

This Sunday from 8am-3pm in Main Street Car Park. In aid of Snugboro Community Association.

West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon on Sunday 1st May in Castlebar at 12noon

There will be road closures in place so expect some delays. More information available at www.westofirelandwomensminimarathon.com