

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm Ballyheane Church: 8.00pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am

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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

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Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 26th April:

- 10.00am - Willie & Bridie Lavelle, St. Patrick's Avenue.
Kathleen Duffy, 15 Garryduff Court.
Margaret, Martin, Kate & Pat McTigue, Burren & dec. family.
- 7.00pm - Brendan Farrell, 83 Springfield Court.
Michael & Ann McTigue, Newport Road.

Tuesday 27th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Nan Sammon, Cloonkeen.
Bernard Joyce, Kennedy Gardens.
Mary & Tony Lavelle, Tullycommons & Mae & Pat McTigue.

Wednesday 28th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Catherine McGinty, McHale Road.

Thursday 29th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Private Intention.

Friday 30th April:

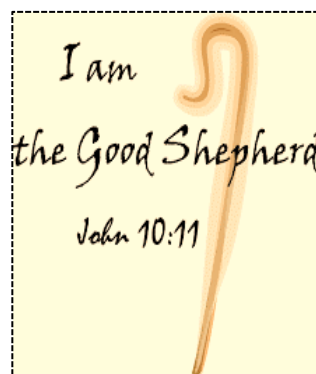
- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Patrick Sammon, baby Bridget Teresa & Marian Dillion, Cloonkeen.
John Kelly, Carnanool, Rahins.

Saturday 1st May:

- 10.00am - Dom & Mai Murphy & son Dennis, Newtown.
Michael Rice, Moneen & Swinford.
Willie Joe Moran, Sion Hill & dec. Moran family.
Ned & Bridget Moran, Riverdale Court.
Liam & C J Gavin, Upper Charles Street.
- 7.00pm - Declan O'Connor, Spencer Street & Rathbawn. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 2nd May:

- 10.30am - John McHugh, Ballinrobe Road. (M.M.)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 1st May: 8.00pm

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 2nd May: 10.00am



Rest in Peace

Nora Jennings,
Pine Grove.

The Good Shepherd

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.



This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'Follow Him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a *genuine* relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told *'I know my own and my own know me'*. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

'We think we are fleeing from God, but in fact we are running into his arms.' (Meister Eckhart)
Jane Mellett, Intercom.



Holy Hours

Every Sunday and Friday from 8pm to 9pm

Lectio Divina

Every Tuesday at 7pm.

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Called to Serve as a Priest?

This Sunday, 25 April from 5-7pm the Archdiocese of Tuam will host a zoom meeting for those who feel they may have a vocation to priesthood, or those who would simply like more information about serving as a priest in the Archdiocese of Tuam.

If you are 18+, please email admin@tuamarchdiocese.org to register your interest and a zoom link will be forwarded.

Orthodox Easter Vigil

Saturday 1st May - 11.30pm

View at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Ask the Experts at Free Croí Webinar: Living well with Cardiovascular Disease

Are you, or a loved one, living with heart disease? Join Croí, the Heart and Stroke Charity and leading experts for a public webinar to learn how to live well with cardiovascular disease. The free webinar takes place online using Zoom on Thursday, April 29th from 7-8pm.

Register at www.croi.ie/webinar or call Croí on 091-544310.