

Castlebar Parish - Christmas Newsletter

25th December 2022



A Christmas Prayer

*Source of Divine Light, Emmanuel, God with us,
your radiant love illuminated our waiting world
with the surprise of your Bethlehem birth.*

*Each year since then we celebrate this astonishing event,
rejoicing in your coming anew, not as a new born Babe,
but as a hidden presence of divinity contained within each of us.
To our great astonishment, we have become your dwelling place.*

We are now your Bethlehem.

*Now you are Treasure birthed in the secret place of our soul.
Now you are Light gleaming through our gestures of generosity.*

Now you are Hope radiating inside the core of our courage.

Now you are Joy shining into the dark caves of our gloom.

Now you are Peace glowing quietly in the crevices of our anxiety.

Now you are Love brilliantly reflected in our kindness.

*O Christ, Light of all lights, Star of all stars,
dweller within these human homes of ours,
open our wandering minds and hesitant hearts
so your endless goodness radiates more completely in us.*

*We welcome you again and again, with gratitude and trust,
not only in this Christmas season of remembrance and celebration
but all through the New Year that awaits us.*

- Joyce Rupp



*May the joy of Christ's birth
bring you happiness and peace,
and may the Holy Family bless you
this Christmas and throughout the year.*

*The Priests of the Parish wish you all
a peaceful and holy Christmas.*

Thank You!

*We would like to thank everyone involved in the
various ministries of the parish for
all your help throughout the year.*



to the world



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

churchtv.ie/castlebar Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 26th December:

- 10.00am - Declan Naughton, son Damien & dec. Naughton family.
Julia Reilly & dec. Devaney & Reilly families, Castlebar.
7.00pm - Private Intention.

Tuesday 27th December:

- 10.00am - Joseph Corcoran, Ballyneggin, Turlough Road. (M.M.)
Seamus & Maureen Byrne, Spencer Street & dec. Byrne family.
Eamon McAndrew, Riverdale Court & dec. McAndrew &
McDonnell families.

Wednesday 28th December:

- 10.00am - Ann Duggan nee Fergus, Cork & Dernadiva.
Agnes Staunton, Garryduff Drive.
George & Bridie Bartley & son Eddie, McHale Road.
Kevin Taylor, New York & Tourmakeady.



Thursday 29th December:

- 10.00am - Mary McDonnell, Kennedy Gardens, Bridie Moran, Kennedy
Gardens & Pontoon Road & dec. Moran & McDonnell families.
Mary Conway, Clonliffe Road, Dublin.

Friday 30th December:

- 10.00am - Attracta Moran, Westport Road.
Ann Dunne, Mountgordon & dec. Dunne & Flynn families.
Bernadette Jackson nee Hynes, Manchester & Main Street.

Saturday 31st December:

- 10.00am - Private Intention.
7.00pm - Tommy Robinson Jnr., Westport Road. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 1st January:

- 10.30am - Peter Murphy, St. Anne's, Fortfield. (1st Anv.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 31st December:

- 8.00pm - Nancy Jennings, Aughadrina. Tony Denning, Ballyheane.

Sunday 1st January:

- 12noon - Hayley Vahey, Ballyheane.

BREAFFY CHURCH churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 1st January:

- 10.00am - Private Intention.
11.30am - John Joe & Anne Mitchell & dec. family, Cottage Road.

Priest on call: Tel. 094 9021844

Sunday 1st January 2023



Mass Times

Parish Church

7pm (Sat.), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12noon

Breaffy Church

10am, 11.30am

Ballyheane Church

8pm (Sat.) 12noon



Rest in Peace

Nora Graven, New Cemetery Road.

Julie O'Brien, Watersville.

Kathleen McCahill, Wheatfield Manor.

Mae Gibbons, Cloonkeen.

Andrew Verity, Carrabeag.

Patrick Fahey, Curragh.

Noel Kilkenny, Ballyclogher, Balla & late of Blackfort.

John Joyce, Moate & late of Glenisland,
brother of Peter & Martin Joyce, Noreen Cusack,
Eileen McDonnell & Patsy Rowland, Castlebar.

The Parish Office is closed until Tuesday 3rd January 2023.



*Peace
JOY Hope
Love*