

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 6pm (Sat), 9am, 11am Ballyheane Church: 7.30pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am

Priests: Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. Jose Raju CC. **Tel.** 094 9021844

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Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 26th February:

- 10.00am - Kathleen Lawrence, Rathbawn Avenue.
Ellen & Tom Philbin, Conloon & dec. Philbin family.
Annie Jennings & dec. Jennings family, Litir, Islandeady.
7.00pm - Peter Carney, Ballynew. Tom Dunne, Windsor & dec. Dunne & Tobin families.
Edward & Delia Mitchell, Milebush & David & James Beatty.

Tuesday 27th February:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Bridget Berry, McHale Road. (1st Anv.)
Theresa Hickey & Marian Howley, Castlebar. Mary & John Cunningham, Thomas Street.

Wednesday 28th February:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Willie & Mary O'Haire & dec. O'Haire & Nyland families, Ballinacorriga.

Thursday 29th February:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Phil Heenan, McHale Road, daughter Joan & her husband
Sean Maree & dec. Heenan, Maree & Fallon families.

Friday 1st March:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Breege, John & Cathal Kelly, Ballina.

Saturday 2nd March:

- 10.00am - Bridget & Joe Winters & son John, Aughadrina.
Ellen Ludden, McHale Road. Marie Conlon, Loughrea.
Seamus Swift, Rathbawn Road.
Mary & Michael Basquille, Newport Road.
Tony Higgins, Rowan Drive, P.J. Mulhern & dec. Higgins & Loftus families.
6.00pm - William Waldron, Greenfields. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 3rd March:

- 9.00am - Lena Cunningham, Charles Street. (1st Anv.)



Second
Sunday
of Lent

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 2nd March:** 7.30pm - Richard Staunton, Clooncruel, Ballyheane & dec. Staunton family.
Tom Earley, Clooney.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 3rd March:** 10.00am - Therese Deasy, Turlough Road.
Mike & Julia Lavelle & dec. Lavelle & Forde families.



Rest in Peace

Deirdre O'Dowd, Naas, Co. Kildare, sister of Brendan O'Dowd, Lisgowel, Breaffy.

Michael Mullen, Rathbawn Drive.

Gerald Hyland, London, brother of Mary McNicholas, Ballynew.

Second Sunday of Lent

Mark 9:2-10

Today's gospel is from the carefully constructed centre of Mark's Gospel (8:22-10:52). It is no coincidence that Mark framed this section with the healing of two blind men (8:22; 10:46). Peter knows that Jesus is the Messiah but he does not grasp the full picture (8:32-8), a bit like the man who partially regains his sight but cannot see clearly (8:24). The Transfiguration is a very significant moment for the disciples, an attempt by Jesus to cure the spiritual blindness of this close inner circle, so that they might see Jesus' true identity. While the English translation says that Jesus was 'transfigured', the Greek verb metamorphothe (metamorphosis) is used. The disciples literally witness Jesus' bodily form changing and they hear a voice from heaven: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him.' Understandably, they were terrified'. Jesus' clothes are described as dazzling white. Mystics throughout the centuries describe experiences of such light, what the Orthodox mystics call 'the Uncreated Light'. We also find descriptions of such light in the Scriptures when referring to a direct encounter with God or when a person's inner self is displayed. In a mixture of awe and panic Peter offers to build tents, afraid to lose this mystical moment. While we can understand his motivation, Peter still doesn't get it, his vision is still blurred. The disciples must come down from the mountaintop, because Jesus' way involves walking a path that will not be so easy, a path that leads to the cross. A disciple must replicate the life of the one they follow, a choice that they must take continuously – to come down from the mountain and engage with the sufferings of the world.

The disciples have caught a glimpse of the Divine, and no doubt this will give them strength for walking the difficult road ahead. These glimpses are not beyond us if only we can see through a lens that is more deeply aware of Christ's presence in the world.

(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.



Third World Support Group Meeting

Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Monastery, Chapel Street. New members welcome.

Consecration of Home and Family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Would you like this consecration for your home? For more information tel. Mary at 087 7971474.

Evangelium Ireland - Apologetics Conference for young Catholics

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth on Saturday, 16th March. Talks and workshops include: The Gift of the Priesthood, Intro to the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger, Christian Marriage, Female Authors of the Catholic Revival, Christian Metaphysics, St. Patrick. Mass will also be celebrated. Cost: €38 including lunch, refreshments and evening social. To view the full programme and to register visit www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite.

Ballyheane/Ballintubber Community First Responders - Open Information Evening

Thursday 29th February at 8.30pm in Ballyheane Community Centre, F23WP92. All are welcome.

Family Carers Ireland

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. More information available at www.familycarers.ie or tel. 057 9370221.