

# CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

**PRIEST ON CALL: Tel 094 9021844**

### Mass Intentions for the Week **PARISH CHURCH**

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October:

- 10.00am - Anthony & Mary Conway, Newport, daughters Mary Kelly & Katie Hamilton & son Tommie Conway.  
Special Intention. Marian McGrath.  
7.00pm - Mary & Michael Loftus, Lower Charles Street & Manulla & dec. family.

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - Neville McGann.  
Fr. Padhraic O'Loughlin, Castlebar & Dalgan.  
Chris Reddington, Balla.

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October:

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

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October:

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

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October:

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

#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October:

- 10.00am - Raymond Ralph & parents Mary & Gerald & dec. Ralph & Callaghan families.  
John & Teresita Foley, Rathbawn Drive.  
7.00pm - Kevin Duffy, Derrywash. (M.M.)

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November:

- 8.30am - Pauline McDonagh, Ringeraun. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)  
10.30am - Joseph Loftus, Lower Charles Street. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)



**Masses and Ceremonies from the Parish Church are streamed online  
at [castlebarparish.ie/web-cam](http://castlebarparish.ie/web-cam) and broadcast on the Parish Radio at 105.3 FM.**

### **BREAFFY CHURCH**

**View at [churchtv.ie/breaffy](http://churchtv.ie/breaffy)**

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November:

- 10.00am - Pat & Molly Bourke & dec. Bourke & Hopkins families.



### *Rest in Peace*

Mary McGarry, Corby, England,  
sister of Bridie Thomas, Clooncundra.

**The Parish Office** will be closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## *Love*

The Pharisees continue their harassment of Jesus in today's Gospel by asking him which commandment is the greatest. What follows are the most famous verses of the New Testament: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul ... And ... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' We probably can't hear this enough. Love is the greatest commandment and this is a radical statement. Because this love is agape love, i.e. a love of those we don't even know or even like! It is a love that binds all of humanity.

We cannot separate love of God and neighbour; they are like two sides of a coin; they only work together. If we do not treat others with compassion, then how can we say we love God? Jesus often spoke about approaching the altar whilst holding a grudge against someone (Mt 5:24) and continuously challenged those who were hypocrites. Those critical of social justice movements in the Church often say we should not be involved in doing 'social work'. But this is exactly what we must do because this is how we love God, by loving our neighbour who is suffering, who is oppressed, who is in pain. We can love God and love people; there does not have to be a dichotomy.

There is a beautiful practice in India of using the mystical phrase 'Namaste' in greetings, which means: 'the Divine in me greets the Divine in you'. Usually this is accompanied by a deep bow towards the person. How wonderful it would be to really see God present in each other and, more importantly, in those that society would rather cast aside. In this way we are being true to the greatest commandment.

*'May today there be peace within.*

*May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.*

*May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.*

*May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.'*

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

Jane Mellett, Intercom Magazine.

### **Mission Sunday - Thanks**

On behalf of Pope Francis and the poorest and most vulnerable communities in our wider Church family, thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday last weekend. Your kindness and prayers for our overseas missionaries and the people they serve are always appreciated and greatly needed.

To donate go to [www.wmi.ie/mission](http://www.wmi.ie/mission) call Fiona on 01 497 2035, or lodge money directly: IBAN - IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36, BIC - BOFIE2D, Account Name - Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

### **Holy Hour (online only)**

Church of the Holy Rosary on Sunday at 7pm. View at [churchtv.ie/castlebar](http://churchtv.ie/castlebar)

### **Senior Help Line**

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. They are Ireland's national confidential service for older people, open every day of the year from 10am-10pm and run by older people who are trained to listen and support. Freefone 1800 80 45 91.