

# 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](http://churchtv.ie/castlebar)

Parish Radio 105.3fm

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February:

- 10.00am - Private Intention.
- 7.00pm - Peter Carney, Ballynew. Special Intention.

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Annie & John Jennings, Letcher, Islandeady.

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March:

- 8.00am - Nora, Michael, Peter & Paddy Geraghty, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.
- 10.00am - Private Intention.

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:

- 8.00am - Marie Conlon, Loughrea.
- 10.00am - Ellen Ludden, McHale Road.

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:

- 8.00am - Dec. Cassidy family, Kilboyne.  
Michael Loughnane, Zimbabwe.
- 10.00am - Tom Early, Clooney.

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March:

- 10.00am - Mary Basquille, Newport Road. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.) & husband Michael.  
Jamie Hopkins, dec. Hopkins & Walsh families & Vincent, Kieran & Mary Galvin.  
Michael & Christine Murray, Boradruma.  
Anthony & Bridget Mills, Foxpoint. Peggy & Patrick Coyle, Tipp, Belmullet.  
Patrick, Sara & Maureen Boylan, Rossport.  
Brendan McTigue, Tullycommons & parents John & Ann.
- 7.00pm - Martin Loftus, Breaffy. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March:

- 8.30am - Mary Moran, Ballynew. (M.M.)
- 10.30am - Niall O'Shea, Rathbawn Drive. (M.M.)



### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at [churchtv.ie/ballyheane](http://churchtv.ie/ballyheane)

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March: 8.00pm - Johnny & Teresa Tuffy, Buncom.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at [churchtv.ie/breaffy](http://churchtv.ie/breaffy)

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 12.00pm - Mark Melnychuk. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March: 10.00am - Mike & Julie Lavelle & dec. Lavelle & Forde families.  
Ann & Jim Tolan & dec. Tolan & Murray families.
- 11.30am - Joseph & Maureen McDonald, Castle Street.  
Therese Deasy, Turlough Road.



## Rest in Peace

Bridget Berry, McHale Road



**Stations of the Cross** will be held in the Parish Church every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

## First Sunday of Lent

*Matthew 4:1-11*

We don't hear much about temptation these days. If anything, we are encouraged to give in to our desires. Glossy ads urge us to 'indulge' or 'treat' ourselves, to splash out on luxury items, to chase our dreams – in short, to do whatever we want, as long as we're not deliberately harming anyone. So this account of the temptation of Jesus might not immediately resonate with a modern audience. Why should it matter if Jesus uses his power and privilege to gain prestige for himself? Why wouldn't he want to look upon 'all the kingdoms of the world' from a lofty height? But Jesus calls out the temptations for what they are – empty, distorted promises that go against everything he is. Jesus does not look down on people but accompanies them. He does not live for himself but in service of others.

During Lent, we are invited to take stock of our direction in life, to reflect on what temptations or stumbling blocks might be holding us back. The 'me-first' messaging of our culture encourages a reductive understanding of what it means to be a responsible human. It is not enough to float through life as though our indulgences are the most important thing and our actions do not have consequences. Jesus calls us to engage with the world, to put others first, to use our privilege for the benefit of others rather than ourselves. Auschwitz survivor Elie Wiesel has spoken of the dangers of becoming indifferent to the world: 'Indifference can be tempting – more than that, seductive. It is so much easier to look away from victims. It is so much easier to avoid such rude interruptions to our work, our dreams, our hopes.' The temptation to indifference and complacency is ever-present. We are reminded this Lent that we are called to a new way of living that is focused outside of ourselves and rooted in love and service.

*(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.

### **Ministry of Collector**

We hope to resume the weekly collection at our weekend Masses in all churches shortly. To make it possible we would need your help. If you can help as a collector, please tel. 094 9021844.

### **Castlebar Prayer Group**

Meetings are held every Wednesday at 8pm in the Social Services Centre, Castle Street. All are welcome. Mass will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 8pm.

### **Bereavement Course - Understanding Grief, a journey towards healing**

A 4-week course held in St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Wednesday nights – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Contact Monica Morley at 094 9375320 for more information or to make a booking.

### **Accord - Marriage Preparation Facilitators**

Accord provides Marriage Preparation Courses in the Catholic Church. They would like to hear from anyone interested in becoming a Marriage Preparation Facilitator. For information on recruitment and training email [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

**Poor Souls in Purgatory, 30-day Novena Booklet** available from Michael tel. 087 2202157.

### **Nephin Begers Walking Club - Night Walk/Hike on Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> March**

In aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice commencing from Brannens Pub, Newport. Sponsorship cards available from Hospice shops or tel. 094 9388666. Registration and return of sponsorship cards from 7pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Brannens Pub. €50 registration fee for non-sponsored participants

### **Free Online Living Well Programme**

This 6-week programme is for adults with long-term health conditions. Programmes on 27<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> May. For more info. tel. Liam on 086 0142675, email: [lgildea@southmayo.com](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

### **Breaffy GAA and Beaffy LGFA Registration Morning**

Breaffy GAA Clubhouse this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 11am to 12.30pm. Tickets to Win an Audi Etron will also be available to purchase. For more information tel. Martina on 087 2720929.