

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, 11.30am

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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 27th September:

- 10.00am - Aidan Bunyan, Castlebar.
- 7.00pm - Sheila Joyce, Pheasant Hill, Westport Road.
Special Intention.

Tuesday 28th September:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Ellen, Martin, Mary & Owen Maughan & dec. Maughan & Collins families.

Wednesday 29th September:

- 8.00am - Stasia, James, Noel & Kevin Banville, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.
- 10.00am - Thomas & Sarah Staunton, Snugboro.

Thursday 30th September:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Andy Gillespie, Turlough Road.
Martin & Bridget Neary, New Antrim Street. Sean & Kay Gannon, Sarnaught.
Dan O'Neill, New Antrim Street. Michael & Elizabeth Finnerty & dec. Finnerty family,
Shanvally, Burren. Betty Sheehan, Rochester, New York.

Friday 1st October:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Wally & Nan Tighe, Gallows Hill & dec. Tighe & Hughes family.
Christy McGrath, Gallows Hill.

Saturday 2nd October:

- 10.00am - Martin Philbin, Conloon & dec. Philbin family, Dublin.
John Naughton & dec. Walsh family, Ballinacorriga.
Joseph Jennings, Commauns, Burren & Wales.
- 7.00pm - Pat Dempsey, Boradruma. (M.M.)

Sunday 3rd October:

- 10.30am - Sr. Anne Marie Bourke (1st Anv.), parents Martin & Mary Bourke, Aughadrina & dec. family.



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 2nd October: 8.00pm - Private Intention.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 3rd October: 10.00am - Gina Carney.
11.30am - Geoffrey Prendergast & parents Tony & Kathleen.

Rest in Peace

Maureen Kelly Wall, Claregalway &
former staff member of Telecom Eireann, Castlebar.

Betty Sheehan (nee Neary), Rochester, New York &
late of New Antrim Street.

Mary McGowan, Carrabeag.

Colm McGuinness, Cashel Park & late of Milebush.

Chris Cosgrove, Garryduff Drive.



Farewell to Fr. Shane

When Bart O'Sullivan left Cill Chiaráin in 1973, aged 16, for building work in England and 3 years later emigrated to the U.S. he could never have envisaged a situation where, 38 years later, his son, now Fr. Shane, born bred and educated in the U.S. would become Parish Priest of Carna, his father's birthplace. To appreciate how this unlikely occurrence could take place you would need to understand something of Fr. Shane's way of thinking. For him, the most powerful relationship in his life is his relationship with God and his openness to what he discerns and believes that God is asking of him. When he answered the call to the priesthood he could have stayed in the familiar environs of his own home Diocese yet he discerned a call, like that of Abraham, our father in faith to: "Leave your father's house and go to a land that I will show you". And came, as he said, on mission here in the Archdiocese of Tuam. He came to a country of sharply declining church practice and an almost complete absence of vocations to the priesthood, a very challenging mission indeed.

He has risen to that challenge for the past ten years in the busy parishes of Tuam and Castlebar with strong commitment and endless enthusiasm. Now, he prepares to leave the familiar environs of Castlebar where he has been an invaluable part of the Parish Team, a much loved priest and effective minister especially to the young people of the parish and far beyond. He goes to a very different but no less challenging environment as the only priest in a rural community whose native language is not his own. Once again, he does so in the strong belief that this is where God is guiding him and responding with his usual generosity of spirit.

I like to claim that I played a very minor role in Fr. Shane's faith journey on his first visit to the Archdiocese. I took him on a trip to Clonmacnoise and discovered, to my delight, that he actually came from Brainerd, Minnesota, the setting of one of my all-time favourite movies – Fargo – home of the unforgettable Marge Gunderson and husband Norm. After that, Shane could do no wrong in my eyes! Seriously though, I have always admired and often been inspired by Fr. Shane's unshakeable faith, his generosity of spirit, his principled stand on issues he considered vital (even if we did not always agree on them), his clarity of thought and ability to preach with that same clarity and conviction, his reverent celebration of Mass and the other sacraments, his constant focus on evangelisation – especially of the young, his unfailing good humour, his genuine compassion for those in need of help – spiritual and material, his ability to cope cheerfully with the myriad demands on his time and energy. Is it any wonder we will miss his presence among us?

I have little doubt that the good people of Carna, my neighbouring parish, will welcome him as one of their own. They will admire his courage and understand his inevitable difficulties in being the youngest Parish Priest in a Gaeltacht parish. We wish him every blessing for the future and we thank him for the gift he has been to us in Castlebar for the past 5 years.

Fr. Conal



Church of the Holy Rosary

Holy Hour

Every Sunday from 8pm to 9pm

Lectio Divina

Every Tuesday at 7pm

Exposition

Every Friday from 11am to 7pm

Free online Living Well Programmes - Thurs. 7th, Wed. 13th, Tues. 19th Oct. & Mon. 1st Nov.

You must register in advance as places are limited. Please contact Liam Gildea on 087 3490393 or by email at liam.gildea@mayocil.ie

Third World Support Group Meeting on Tues. 28th September at 7.30pm in the Monastery.