

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

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 28th March:

- 10.00am - Tom & Annie Moran, Mountgordon & dec. relatives. Special Intention.
Stasia Banville, dec. relatives & Holy Souls
- 7.00pm - John, Ellen & Michael Gibbons, Cashel, Turlough, Willie, Martha & Billy Cresham,
McHale Road.

Tuesday 29th March:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Neville McGann, Castlebar. Special Intention.
Mary & Anthony Walsh, Burren.

Wednesday 30th March:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Nuala & Monty Armstrong, Newtown. Special Intention.
Michael & Nora McDonnell, Ballycastle & dec. family.

Thursday 31st March:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Kevin Bourke, Moneen. Margaret & Nigel Powell.

Friday 1st April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Peter & Geraldine Ryan, Station Road.
Walter Noel O'Malley, Currane, Achill.

Saturday 2nd April:

- 10.00am - Mary Basquille. Newport Road. (M.M.)
Frank, Bridie, Bernie & Phyll Hughes, Thomas Street.
Pa Fallon & dec. Fallon family, Riverdale Court.
Tom & Noreen Groomell, sons Kieran & Finian & daughter Eimear, Newport Road.
Michael Joe Craddock, Boradruma, parents Tom & Nora Craddock & dec. O' Malley family,
Islandeedy.
- 7.00pm - Tadeusz Kopyto, Lios na Circe. (M.M.)

Sunday 3rd April:

- 10.30am - Michael Philbin, Knockaphunta. (1st Anv.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 2nd April: 8.00pm - Martin & Kate Dolan, Coolodge.
Mary Joe & Johnny Kilcoyne, Ringeraun.

BREAFFY CHURCH

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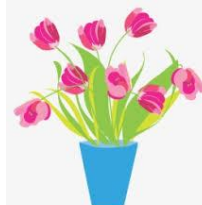
- Sunday 3rd April: 10.00am - Tommy Jennings & dec. Jennings family, Rocklands.
11.30am - Tim Lyons Jnr., Kilmacrade, Tim & Delia Lyons & Tim & Nora Hyland.



A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

*Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven...
and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.*



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sometimes we can be so familiar with a particular gospel passage that we switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when listening to today's parable, which is unique to Luke, and is one of the great blockbuster parables. The parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God and God's rejoicing for those who return. Parables always have something to teach us. They enable us to engage at a deeper level with tough questions, inviting us to reflect on similar situations in our own lives. The main topic here is forgiveness, and the real challenge in the story is what happens after the lost son returns.

The Father's welcome for the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story, and their viewpoint is mirrored in the reaction of the elder brother. After all, he has 'worked like a slave' for years and is understandably upset at the lavish party that has been thrown for his delinquent sibling. The Father, however, reassures the disgruntled brother that his welcome for the younger brother does not change his love for him or diminish the inheritance he will receive.

This gospel shows us that God returns those who are lost to the community, regardless of the obstacles that we might put in place. Jesus teaches a lesson here in radical hospitality. No matter how far one wanders from home, God still loves us, waits for us and is calling us back with open arms. The elder brother has a choice: he can reach out to his younger brother, but his ego is in the way. What does he do? Significantly, Luke does not finish the story; rather he leaves it up to us to continue the narrative. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost.

(The Deep End)

Church of the Holy Rosary

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| <u>Holy Hour</u> | - | Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm |
| <u>Lectio Divina</u> | - | Every Thursday at 7pm |
| <u>Exposition</u> | - | Every Friday from 11am to 7pm |



Accord Recruitment 2022 - Marriage Education facilitators

Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available by contacting marriagepreparation@accord.ie. Selections will take place in June with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. More information at www.accord.ie

Candle of Grace - Appeal for Ukraine

Candle of Grace is a registered charity based in Islandeady and has been sending aid to orphanages and hospitals in Chernobyl, Ukraine for many years. Candle of Grace are now sending trucks of humanitarian aid weekly direct to the troubled areas of Ukraine and are appealing for donations of dried food, medicine and monetary funds. Please donate directly to: www.candleofgrace.ie/donate or contact 087 6949924 for details.

Croí Webinar on Living Well with Cardiovascular Disease: Women's Heart Health and Menopause

The free webinar takes place online using Zoom on Thursday, March 31st from 7pm-8pm. Register now and submit your questions for the experts at www.croi.ie/webinar or tel. Croí at 091 544310.

Mayo COPD Support Group Meeting

Next meeting on Thursday 31st March at 3pm in Castlebar Tennis Club.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann - Set Dancing classes

Every Tuesday from 8pm-9.30pm in the Ivy Towers Hotel. Fáilte roimh chách.

Sunday Night Card Game resumes in the Tennis Club on 27th March at 9pm. All are welcome.