

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm

PRIEST ON CALL: Tel. 094 9021844



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 29th June:

10.00am - Peter & Brigid McElhinney, daughter Nora & dec. McElhinney & Sweeney families.
Eileen & Monica Hunt & dec. family, Dublin.

7.00pm - Private Intention.

Tuesday 30th June:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - J.J. Cahill & family, Ellison Street. Declan Jennings, Mountain View.
David Gavin, Moneen.

Wednesday 1st July:

8 00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Sabina Hopkins & dec. Hopkins family, John McHale &
Breege Holmes, Crimlin, Ross.
Breda Hope, Carrick Hill, Breaffy.

Thursday 2nd July:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - James, Nora, Martin & Kathleen Brady, Main Street.
Jack Sheridan, Cottage Road, Breaffy.

Friday 3rd July:

8 00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Jack Duffy & dec. Duffy family, Kilmacrade.

Saturday 4th July:

10.00am - Thomas & Ellen Cunningham.

John & Agnes Hoban, sons John Jnr & Michael, daughter Chris & dec. family,
35 Rathbawn Drive.

7.00pm - Maureen Cusack, Mountdaisy. (M.M.)

Sunday 5th July:

10.30am - Kate Lally, Breaffy Lodge. (M.M.)



**Masses and Ceremonies in the Parish Church are broadcast live at
castlebarparish.ie/web-cam and on the Parish Radio at 105.3 FM.**

Rest in Peace

John Loftus, Hawthorn Avenue.

Trócaire

Trócaire would like to thank you for your generosity and support to their Lenten Campaign.

The total amount collected from Castlebar Parish was €14,648.

As you know, donations made through the annual Campaign, especially the Trócaire box, fund lifesaving programmes around the world.

You can donate to Trócaire online at www.trocaire.org tel. 1850 408 408, post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare or by returning the Trócaire envelope from your box of collection envelopes.

Reopening of Churches – Update

A further update on where we are as regards having you being able to attend Mass in the Church of the Holy Rosary for now. We will need to concentrate on Breaffy and Ballyheane later.

Firstly, thank you to all who have volunteered to act as stewards and ushers outside and inside the Church of the Holy Rosary. We would need at least 5 people for each of our 10 Public Masses in the Church of the Holy Rosary and we are nowhere near that number yet. If you can help, please tel. the Parish Office at 094 9021844 or email cbarpres@eircom.net

When we are in a position to reopen it will be very different indeed to what you have been used to. For a start, it will be necessary to queue on the car park side of the church respecting social distancing. The number of people allowed in the church is limited to approx. 120 depending on whether we have individuals, couples or families. It is inevitable that some people will be disappointed. We hope that those people would listen to the Mass on the church radio in their cars and we would arrange for them to come into the church after Mass to receive Holy Communion.

On entering the church, you will sanitise your hands and be directed to your seat, filling the church from the top seats. There will no longer be any such thing as your “usual seat”. There will be no movement within the church from entering to exiting, in order to minimise risk. Instructions on receiving Holy Communion and exiting will be given during Mass.

We fully realise that everybody who is a regular Mass goer is anxious to get back to being such again.

However, I ask you to consider the following:

The first and most important thing to know is that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is dispensed with, **meaning you do not have to go to Mass on Sunday**. If you can get to one Mass during the week, that would be good. Sunday Masses should be left for families and for those who cannot get to a weekday Mass. This would show generosity and be a sacrifice on your part for the good of others so that they can have what you have had i.e. the privilege of being at Mass once a week. It seems so alien to say that staying away from Mass on a Sunday for some people is the right thing, the loving thing, the Christ-like thing to do but that is what it can be in the unusual circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Those are just some general guidelines as to what to expect when we reopen. We need to be realistic about how different and how difficult it will be for everyone. Next weekend I should be able to say when we can reopen. In the meantime, let me reassure you that we are doing all we can to cope with the demands that are placed on us to ensure your safety when that happens.

Thank you for continued patience and prayers. We will need both now more than ever.

Fr. Conal Eustace P.P.

Free online Living Well Programme

If you are living with a long-term health condition you may be interested in this six-week programme, delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day to day basis. This Programme will commence on Wed. 1st July from 10.30am to 1pm. You must register in advance. Please contact Liam Gildea on 087 349 0393 or by email at liam.gildea@mayocil.ie