## CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Sunday Mass times** 

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm Ballyheane Church: 8pm (Sat) Breaffy Church: 10am, 11.30am

PRIEST ON CALL: tel 094 9021844



## **PARISH CHURCH**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March: 10.00am - Special Intention. 7.00pm - Nuala & Monty Armstrong, Newtown. Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: 8.00am - Private Intention. 10.00am - Sadie Keane, Riverdale Court & dec. Keane & Rowland families. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: 8 00am - Tom & Breege Fahey, Lisnaponra & dec. Fahey, Killeen & Donnelly families. 10.00am - Dr. Tony Eustace, Salthill, Galway. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: 8.00am - Private Intention. 10.00am - Private Intention. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: 8 00am - Private Intention. 10.00am - Private Intention. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am - Tom & Noreen Groonell, sons Kieran & Finian & daughter Emer, Newport Road. Kevin O'Malley, Rathbawn Road. Una Nyland, Ballinacorriga. 7.00pm - Bridie O'Meara, Lightfort & Thomas Street. (M.M.) Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 10.30am - Jim Cunniffe, Springfield. (M.M.)

> Masses in the Church of the Holy Rosary are streamed live at castlebarparish.ie/web-cam and on the Parish Radio at 105.3 FM.



## **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week from 8am - 8pm, tel. 0818 222024.

## Fr. John McCormack, SMA

RIP



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our colleague and friend, Fr. John.

Fr. John was curate in Breaffy where he had resided since 2007.

He was a gentle, kind, compassionate and caring priest, who had great empathy for people and did great work in a quiet and unassuming way.

He inspired, comforted and helped so many. He was at the heart of all important events both happy and sad in the Breaffy Community.

Fr. John had a great love and respect for all age groups and he particularly empowered young people. He introduced the Peer 4 Peer Programme for Transition Year students in Castlebar Parish. He thought outside the box and was eager to find any opportunity for young people to participate in the life of the church.

*Fr. John celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in Breaffy Church. He described this occasion as 'a truly memorable celebration and just wonderful'.* 

Fr. John was ordained for the Society of African Missionaries in 1969. He served in Liberia, Africa from 1970-1985 and in The Philippines from 1985-1999. He also ministered in Irishtown from 1999-2002 and Moylough from 2002-2007 before becoming curate in Breaffy.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.