

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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29th November 2020

Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm Breaffy Church: 10am

PRIEST ON CALL: Tel 094 9021844

Mass Intentions for the Week PARISH CHURCH

Monday 30th November:

- 10.00am - Una Ainsworth, Spencer Park. Gabriel Irwin, Turlough Road.
Mary & Michael Hanley, Rathbawn Road.
Maria Carty nee Coady, Sligo & late of Linenhall Street.
7.00pm - Dec. members of Castlebar Golf Club.

Tuesday 1st December:

- 8.00am - Joe Fergus, Dernadiva & dec. McTigue & Fergus families.
10.00am - Private Intention.

Wednesday 2nd December:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Private Intention.

Thursday 3rd December:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Martin & Agnes Cullen, Johnny & Annie O'Dowd, Julia & Patrick Padden. Holy Souls.

Friday 4th December:

- 8.00am - Maura Ryan, Newline.
10.00am - Tommy & Bridget Deasy, Errew.

Saturday 5th December:

- 10.00am - Jim & Mary Lohan, Rathbawn Road & dec. Jordan & Lohan families.
Dave O'Halloran, Springfield & partner Heather. Paddy Browne, Kilboyne.
Tom Higgins, Liscromwell. Maureen O'Malley, Tawnycoolawee.
Margaret McDonald & baby daughter Deirdre, 18 Spencer Street, dec. McDonald & Devaney families.
7.00pm - Bridie Walsh Hastings, Ballymacragh. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 6th December:

- 8.30am - Paddy McCarney, Snugboro. (M.M.)
10.30am - Annie Grady, Ringeraun (1st Anv.) & husband James.

**Masses and Ceremonies in the Parish Church are broadcast live
at churchtv.ie/castlebar and on the Parish Radio at 105.3 FM.**

BREAFFY CHURCH

View at churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 6th December:

- 10.00am - Jimmy Barrett, Drumdough, Breaffy & Mary O'Boyle, Kilkenny Cross.
Martin Cunnane & dec. Cunnane family, Cottage Road.



Rest in Peace

Maureen Jones, late of Tucker Street & Knockthomas.

Breege Leonard, Tuam & London, sister of Liv McHale, The Curragh.

Margaret (Rita) O'Dowd, Naas, mother of Brendan, Mount Prospect, Breaffy.

Vincent Rabbette, Kinturk, Ballyheane.

Finding our feet

It can be very hard to live with uncertainty. Back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a counsellor was interviewed on radio about how people were coping with the 'lockdown'. People were anxious and fearful, she said. Many were experiencing loneliness, as their normal routines and social life came to an abrupt halt.

Another thing that people really struggled with was the inability to make decisions. They felt trapped and stuck, unable to plan ahead. They couldn't make plans to visit family or go on holidays. They didn't know if their jobs were secure, or if their children would return to school. When things are up in the air, it is hard to find your feet and feel grounded. Many of us are still struggling with these feelings.

Today we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family and social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this.

In today's gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to 'stay awake'. We might feel we have no choice at the moment – the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our own families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are 'awake' to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray today for the strength to guide us through the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to lift our hearts and carry us onwards.

'In this time of tribulation and mourning, I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says: 'Rejoice.'

Pope Francis

(Jane Mellett, Intercom)

Marriage Anniversary Celebration

Couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary and particularly couples celebrating a significant Anniversary this year are invited to join Archbishop Michael on Sunday December 6th at 2pm in celebrating your Anniversary online. Perhaps you would like to light a candle as you tune in. Mass will be streamed from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Tuam on:

www.tuamparish.com/web-cam

We would be delighted to get a snapshot of you which you can email with your name and particular Anniversary to: editornewdawn@gmail.com



Adoration

Every Friday from 11am to 7pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.

Holy Hour (online only)

Church of the Holy Rosary on Sunday at 7pm. View at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Advent Calendar

An online Advent Calendar will go live this Sunday on www.catholicbishops.ie

Western Care Association's Christmas Cards 2020

Now on sale locally. Pack includes 10 unique cards and envelopes for €6. For more information tel. Teresa Ward on 087 246 7857.