

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

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Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 1st May:

10.00am - Mary Conway, Errew & USA.

7.00pm - Special Intention.

Tuesday 2nd May:

10.00am - Ernie Conway, The Curragh & daughter Josefa Ryan nee Conway.

Wednesday 3rd May:

8.00am - John & Ann McHugh, Gretta Brett & dec. McHugh family, Errew.

10.00am - Jim & Mai Hernan, Chapel Street & son in law Vinny Geelan.

Pat Ruane, Brookhaven & dec. Ruane family, Kiltimagh.

Thursday 4th May:

10.00am - Charles & Lily Egan & dec. family, Main Street.

Special Intention.

Friday 5th May:

8.00am - Ned & Mary Mongan & dec. relatives. Belcarra.

10.00am - Teresa & John O'Haire, Pontoon Road.

Saturday 6th May:

10.00am - Patrick, Margaret & Peter Murray, Tullycommons.

Katty & Eamonn Miliffe, Rathbawn Road.

Patricia Walsh, The Lawn, Claremorris & Pontoon Road & husband John Joe.

Willie Joe Moran, Sion Hill & dec. Moran family.

Margaret & John Finnerty, Liscromwell.

Bridget McDonnell, Snugboro.

7.00pm - Bridget Lawless, Wheatfield Manor. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 7th May:

10.30am - George O'Malley, Mountain View. (M.M.)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 6th May:

8.00pm - Tom Staunton, England.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 7th May:

10.00am - Jackie Duffy, McHale Road.

Mary, Billy, Frank, Catherine & David Gavin, Liscromwell.

11.30am - Private Intention.



Rest in Peace

Jan Rowland, Ballyvary.

Colm Forkan, Tooreen, Ballyhaunis,
brother of Úna Ní Ghabhláin, Lakeshore Drive.

Thomas Biniakewitz, brother of Pauline Burns, Errew.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

John 10:1-10

Some years ago, Pope Francis grabbed people's attention with a vivid image when he urged priests to become shepherds who smell of their sheep: 'This I ask you', he said, 'be shepherds with the "odour of the sheep", make it real, as shepherds among your flock'. He was echoing the language of the Gospels where Jesus speaks of himself as the 'good shepherd' who knows his sheep, calls his sheep by name. There is a beautiful line in today's gospel, 'the sheep follow him because they know his voice'. This kind of trust could only be gained by a shepherd who stays close to their sheep, feeds and protects them. In today's passage we are invited into a deep relationship with Jesus, the good shepherd, to spend time with him, to listen for his voice, a voice that brings peace and comfort. From this relationship comes life, abundant life. In contrast to a thief whose only motive is to take, Jesus gives life that is joyful, hopeful, meaningful and eternal.

As Christ is shepherd to us, we are called to be shepherds to others. We do not help anyone by engaging in 'saviourism', whereby we swoop in and try to 'make a difference' without getting to know the people we wish to support or what is really needed. It is far more meaningful to develop close bonds over time, like the good shepherd. Pope Francis invites us to 'go out of ourselves', to go beyond our own boundaries and be present to people, to really get to know each other and build friendships, to lift each other up. The 'abundant' life is an ongoing process of walking together, working together, learning to trust one another – maybe stumbling or making mistakes, but always working to live in harmony. As followers of the Good Shepherd, we live so that all may 'have life, and have it abundantly'.

(The Deep End)

Holy Hour

- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Church.

Adoration of the Eucharist

- Every Friday from 11am in the Parish Church.

Lectio Divina

- Every Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in the Monastery.



Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Families, Parish and Community Groups, the Sick, neighbours and friends are invited to join the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Francis, to Knock on Sunday May 7th. This is a special day for people from the Archdiocese of Tuam. The Ceremonies commence with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm.

Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023 – Saturday May 6th from 2pm

LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland. Speakers include Siobhán Dunniece, Sr. Benedetta, Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins. Listen via SAORVIEW TV channel 210, tel. 01 4373277, www.radiomaria.ie

Archdiocese of Tuam – Job Vacancies

The Archdiocese of Tuam is seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for two positions: the full-time position of Diocesan Accountant and Diocesan Pastoral Resource Person (two-year contract). For details visit www.tuamarchdiocese.org.

Third World Support Meeting

Tuesday 2nd May at 7.30pm in the Monastery, Chapel Street. New members welcome.

Car Boot Sale

Today Sunday 30th April from 8am to 3pm in Main Street Car Park. In aid of Castlebar Scouts.

Carers Support Group Meeting – Thurs. 4th May at 8pm in the Family Centre

This meeting is for those who are caring for people or family members with dementia. All welcome.

Castlebar Daycare Alzheimer Society of Ireland - Fundraising Tea Day

Friday May 5th from 10am to 12 noon in Castlebar Daycare, Ground floor Social Services Building, Castle Street. All are welcome.