

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 6pm (Sat), 9am, 11am Ballyheane Church: 7.30pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am

Priests: Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. Jose Raju CC. **Tel.** 094 9021844

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Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 1st July:

10.00am - Fr. Paddy Curran. Sabina Hopkins, Riverdale Court, Breege Holmes, Crimlin, Ross & dec. Hopkins & McHale families.

7.00pm - Margaret, Martin, Kate & Pat McTigue, Burren. Dec. Durkan & Queenan Families.

Tuesday 2nd July:

10.00am - James, Nora, Martin & Kathleen Brady, Main Street. Virginia Harte, Dublin.

Mary & John Irwin & sons John & Gabriel Irwin, Springfield.

Bridie & Jimmy Breslin, Carrick & Barbara & Tom Daly, Lismore.

Wednesday 3rd July:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Marie Nolan, Marian Row. Ena & Tom Lynch & Annie Walsh, Davitt's Terrace.

12 noon - Sr. Bernadette McNally, Árd Bhríde. (M.M.)

Thursday 4th July:

10.00am - Thomas & Ellen Cunningham.

Margaret Moran, Pontoon Road & dec. Philbin & Moran families.

Annie May & Frank Roche & dec. Geraghty & Roache families, McHale Road.

Friday 5th July:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Mary Kilgallon, Moneen. Paddy & Catherine Bourke & baby Cathy, St. Patrick's Avenue.

Saturday 6th July:

10.00am - John & Agnes Hoban, sons John Jnr & Michael, daughters Chris, Bernadette & Colleen & dec. Hoban family, 35 Rathbawn Drive. Kitty Flannery, Sion Hill.

Pauline O'Donohue, Westport Road. Peggy Coady, Mountdaisy.

Tess & Johnny Tuffy, Buncom, Frenchill & dec. Tuffy & Finnerty families.

10.30am - Nora Neary, Blackfort.

6.00pm - Maureen Tobin, Mallard House, Newport Road. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 7th July:

11.00am - Ciarán Duffy, Blackfort. (1st Anv.)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 6th July: 7.30pm - Ned & Kathleen Conway, Ringeraun, son John & dec. family. Bridie Kelly, Westland. Mark Alder, Ballyheane.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 7th July: 10.00am - Jack Sheridan, Cottage Road & dec Sheridan & McGowan families. Elaine O'Leary, Breaffy Road. Marian Lyons, Kilmacrade.

Rest in Peace

Jerry McAteer, Enfield, London & late of Gallows Hill.

Sr. Canice Burns, Árd Bhríde.

Anne O'Neill, Fr. Meehan Place.

Maureen Booth, New York & late of Glenisland, sister of Bernie Douglas, Greenfields, Jarlatha Kelly, Ballyheane, Brendan Rice, Windsor & Pdraig Rice, Glenisland.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's every parent's worst nightmare, their child sick, dying, in desperate need of help. A parent will do anything in that situation; they will make any sacrifice, explore treatment options, look for help and advice wherever they can. When Jairus comes to find Jesus, we sense his desperation; he falls at Jesus' feet and pleads with him to heal his daughter. He believes that if Jesus lays his hands on her, her health will be restored and her life saved.

In the middle of this story, Mark the storyteller takes a detour to bring us the story of another desperate person, a woman suffering from a haemorrhage. As the crowds press around Jesus, she tells herself that even a touch of his garment will be sufficient – and so it is; with this slightest touch, she is healed. The woman's experience of healing offers a clue as to what the outcome will be for Jairus's daughter. She is thought to be dead by the time Jesus arrives but again, with a mere touch – this time Jesus takes her hand she is restored. With tenderness, Jesus addresses the woman as 'My daughter' and the young girl as Talitha, Aramaic for 'little girl'.

Early in 2023, earthquakes brought devastation to parts of Turkey and Syria, leaving over 50,000 people dead and many more missing. One photo from the aftermath showed a Turkish father, Mesut Hancer, sitting in the rubble, holding the hand of his fifteen-year-old daughter Irmak. Irmak had died in the earthquake and was lying in her bed buried beneath the concrete and bricks that had been their home. Only her hand is visible, and her distraught father clings tightly to it. How many of us have sat and held the hand of a sick loved one, bound together in love even as hope fades or life slips away? Today's gospel places Jesus in situations of distress, tragedy, even death. We see his response to the pleas of those who are suffering, his impulse to reach out with tenderness to touch, comfort, heal and restore. God who reaches out in compassion through the hands of Jesus reaches out to us and through us.

(The Deep End)

Ordination Day, Sunday July 7th

We continue to pray for Rev. Mark Quinn who will be ordained to the priesthood next Sunday 7th July. All parishioners are welcome to attend the Ordination Ceremony in the Parish Church at 3pm. Parishioners are also invited to the celebration of his first Mass on Monday 8th July at 7pm.



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.

Eucharistic Adoration 33 hours

Invitation to all adorers of the Blessed Sacrament and all parishioners in the Tuam Archdiocese to the Eucharistic Marian Shrine on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July. Spend One Hour of the 33 Hours, watch and pray. Details on posters in your Church. All are welcome.

Monthly Mini-Vigil at Knock Shrine on Friday July 5th

Confessions available from 8pm to 9pm. Vigil takes place in Knock Parish Church from 9pm to midnight. A bus will leave the Courthouse at 7.35pm for the Vigil. For details tel. Margaret at 098 27109.

Mindspace Mayo

Mindspace Mayo offers a free support service to young people (12-25yrs) in Co. Mayo, presenting with anything from common concerns (e.g. dealing with break-up, exam stress, bullying) to emerging mental health difficulties like mild depression and anxiety. Mindspace is located in Market Square and anyone can make a referral. Visit www.mindspacemayo.ie or tel. 094 9067001.

Castlebar Tidy Towns

The entry date has been extended to Friday 19th July for the Tidy Towns Competitions. Please ensure that Competition Entry Forms are returned to the secretary as soon as possible by email to: officialcastlebartidytowns@gmail.com