

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

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

Priests: Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. George Kappen CC. **Tel.** 094 9021844

Diocesan Child Safeguarding: More information available at www.tuamarchdiocese.org

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



PARISH CHURCH

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Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 1st December:

- 10.00am - Patrick Horkan, Blackfort. Special Intention.
7.00pm - Margaret McHugh, Saleen, Ballinrobe Road. (1st Anv.)
Dec. members of Castlebar Golf Club. John O'Brien, Springfield.
Martin & Mary Margaret McDonald, Doogary. Maria Coady, Sligo & Castlebar.

Tuesday 2nd December:

- 10.00am - Myra Gormley, Castlebar & Galway. (1st Anv.) Holy Souls.

Wednesday 3rd December:

- 10.00am - Tom Smyth, Springfield & parents Eileen & Bernie.
George & Marjorie Coleman, Church View Villas. Maura Ryan, Newline.

Thursday 4th December:

- 10.00am - Mary & William McGarry, Castlebar.
Bridie & Jim Molloy, Turlough Road & dec. Molloy & Timlin families.
Nora Woods, Garryduff & dec. Woods & Geraghty families.

Friday 5th December:

- 8.00am - Pearse & Esther Fox, son Frank & brother Michael Fox, Dublin.
Nora Geraghty, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.
10.00am - Stephen & Maureen Carroll, Garryduff Park.

Saturday 6th December:

- 10.00am - Ann Bennett, Fr. Meehan Place & dec. family. David Aspinall, Foxfield.
Jim & Mary Lohan, Gallows Hill & dec. Lohan & Jordan families.
Dave O'Halloran, Springfield. Paddy Browne, Kilboyne & dec. Browne family.
Catherine Flynn, Creeragh. Tom Higgins & dec. Higgins & Moran families.
6.00pm - Billy Williams, McHale Road (1st Anv.)

Sunday 7th December:

- 11.00am - Marie Todd Hall, Derrycoosh. (M.M.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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- Saturday 6th December:** 7.30pm - Tommie & Bridget Deasy, Errew.
Kathleen Gallagher, Aughadrina.
Seán & Kathleen Rabbette, Derrywash & Vincent Rabbette, Ballyheane.

BREAFFY CHURCH

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- Sunday 7th December:** 10.00am - Finbarr Kelly, Maryland & dec. Kelly & Sullivan families.
John (Mossie) Jennings, parents Tom & Elizabeth & dec. Jennings family, Rocklands.
Jimmy Barrett, Drumdoogh & Mary & Tommy O'Boyle, Kilkenny.



Rest in Peace

Kay McNally, Garryduff Drive.

Jacqueline Lester, Clogher, Claremorris & late of Rowan Drive.

Ann Garavan, Pontoon Road.

Gerard Leonard, Tuam, brother of Liv McHale, The Curragh.

Emma Murphy, Dublin & late of Garryduff, daughter of Frances Freely, Garryduff Court.

First Sunday of Advent

The word 'advent' means 'coming' or 'arrival.' It's about keeping watch as the preface puts it, we who watch for the day.' The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent and looking forward to his return as King in his Second Advent. In this double focus on past and future, Advent also symbolises the spiritual journey of every individual and every community in the here and now.

In spite of all kinds of predictions, allegedly from the sayings of the saints and other holy people, no one knows the time of the Second Coming, only God, and that it will come upon men and women with the suddenness of a rainstorm out of a blue sky. They tell us that that time will come with shattering suddenness on those who are immersed in material things. Noah prepared himself in the calm weather before the flood and when it did come, he was ready. But the rest of humanity was lost in the 'eating and drinking and merrymaking' and were caught completely unawares and so were swept away. These verses are a warning to us never to become so immersed in time that we forget eternity, that there is a God and that the issues of life and death are in his hands, and that whenever his call comes, at morning, at midday or evening, it must find us ready. However, we must remember that the watching of the Christian for the coming of Christ is not that of terror-stricken fear or shivering apprehension, rather it is the eager expectation for the coming of glory and joy.

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Parish Church Devotions

Guided Holy Hour: Sunday from 7pm to 8pm. **Holy Face Devotion:** Tuesday at 3.30pm.

Adoration of the Eucharist: Friday from 11am. **Rosary:** Daily at 9.30am.

Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily at 3pm.

John Paul II Awards

Congratulations to all students who received a John Paul II Award and Peer4Peer Certificate recently. The Ceremony was attended by Archbishop Duffy who congratulated the recipients for their commitment to their parish and community. Well done to all involved!

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Collection

The collection will take place this weekend at all Masses. All donations gratefully accepted.

Rosary in the Old Cemetery

The Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary in the Old Cemetery, at 3pm this Sunday 30th November.

Mayo Cancer Support – Annual Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Thursday December 4th at 7.30pm in Rock Rose House, Castlebar, F23P659. All are welcome.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers

There will be a Blessing Ceremony for all expectant mothers in the Basilica at Knock Shrine on Saturday 6th December at 11am. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present. All are welcome.

All Night Vigil at Knock Shrine on Sunday December 7th

Confessions from 10pm to Midnight. Vigil takes place from Midnight to 4am in Knock Basilica. See www.knockshrine.ie for full programme.

Castlebar ICA Guild Meeting

Monday 1st December at 7.30pm in the Social Services Centre, Castle Street. All are welcome.

Car Boot Sale

This Sunday 30th November in Main Street car park. In aid of four local Voluntary Groups.

Soroptimist Orange the World

As part of the Soroptimist Castlebar Actions for Orange the World, there will be a talk on Wednesday December 3rd at 2pm in in Room 003, ATU Castlebar Campus. Topic: Digital Violence and the impact on women and girls.