

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

view online at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 4th April:

- 10.00am - Billy & Breege McLoughlin, Lucan Street. Bridie McCarthy & dec. McCarthy family.
- 7.00pm - Kay Duffy, Rathbawn Drive & dec. Duffy & O'Malley families.

Tuesday 5th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Martin & Helen Maughan, daughter Mary & dec. Maughan & Collins families.
May, Gerry & Patrick Walkin & dec. Walkin & Quigley families.

Wednesday 6th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Tony & Mary Feehan, 2 Chapel Street. Kevin O'Malley, Rathbawn Road.
B. Whitty nee Fergus, Dernadiva. Attracta Caulfield, Station Road.

Thursday 7th April:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Bernadette Killeen, Fr. Meehan Place.

Friday 8th April:

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

Saturday 9th April:

- 10.00am - Ann King, Fortfield. (M.M.)
Una Nyland, Ballinacorriga. Pauline McGuire, Saleen.
Edward & Teresa Conway, Ballinaglough, Snugboro.
Michael & Phyllis Murray, Newport Road & Michael & Mary Murray, Riverdale Court.
Sean Dunleavy, Rathbawn Drive & dec. Dunleavy & McNamara families.
- 7.00pm - Mary & Edward Collins, Cherrington Place. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 10th April:

- 10.30am - Richard Moore, Drumconlon Close. (M.M.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 9th April: 8.00pm - Paddy & Kate Kilcoyne, Errew & dec. Kilcoyne & Tuffy families.
Tom & Breege Fahey, Lisnaponra & dec. Fahey & Killeen families.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 10th April: 10.00am - James Walsh, Breaffy.
11.30am - Martin Loftus, Breaffy. (M.M.)



Rest in Peace

Margaret Fitzgibbon nee Ludden, formerly of The Lawn.

Michael McGinty, Shropshire & late of Achill Sound,
brother of Stephen McGinty, Maple Lawn.

Steven Walsh, Ashbrook, Turlough Road.

Bridget Keane, Aughaluskey, Moneen.

Patrick Ryan, Foxford, brother of Anna Fadden, Westport Road.

Adrienne O'Reilly, Salthill, Galway & late of Newport Road.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Old Testament law demanded that those caught in the act of adultery should be put to death. In today's gospel, we hear about a woman who has been arrested by the religious leaders and dragged before Jesus. There is no mention of her partner – he may have been one of her accusers or a friend of theirs, but we are not told. This woman is being used by these men to trap Jesus as he teaches in the Temple precincts. Displaying the characteristics of a mob mentality, they want to judge, condemn and even kill her. Jesus does not condemn the woman, of course, but a key piece of this passage draws attention to his demeanour. In the face of the fierce aggression of the mob, Jesus embodies a radical humility and remains calm.

We live in a stone-throwing society, one that cares little for the circumstances that lead people into their particular situations. We want someone to blame, and the sooner the better. If you watch the news, you will see the blame game in process daily. The mob mentality is contagious and often lazy, because it is the easy option when faced with complex circumstances. Those who accuse others often do so because they find inward reflection too difficult. Here, Jesus encourages the religious leaders out of the mentality and back to their own reality: 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her'.

Everyone makes mistakes, and we all need forgiveness from time to time. As we approach the Easter season, remember that Jesus can and wants to free us from these burdens and invites us to start again each time. This gospel also challenges us to relate compassionately to others. It is in this way that we can rediscover our common humanity.

(The Deep End)



Church of the Holy Rosary

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| <u>Holy Hour</u> | - | Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm |
| <u>Lectio Divina</u> | - | Every Tuesday at 7pm (<i>please note change of day</i>) |
| <u>Exposition</u> | - | Every Friday from 11am to 7pm |

Passion Play in Ballintubber Abbey Grounds

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th April at 9pm. No admission charge, but a donation towards the cost of the lighting and sound would be much appreciated. All are welcome.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday May 1st. Ceremonies commence at 2.30pm with Mass at 3pm.

Grandparents' Faith Café

An online social and spiritual space for grandparents, the Faith Café opens on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm via Zoom. Special guest: Tara Rafter. She will speak on the theme of 'The wellbeing and empowerment of Grandparents in a post-pandemic world'. Self-registration is open now at www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Mayo Cancer Support - West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon

Mayo Cancer Support are seeking participants for the Women's Mini Marathon, taking place on 1st May, to help raise vital funds for local cancer support services. For information tel. 094 9038407.