

# 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

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

**Diocesan Child Safeguarding:** More information available at [www.tuamarchdiocese.org](http://www.tuamarchdiocese.org)

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](http://churchtv.ie/castlebar)

Parish Radio 105.3fm

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - Mary & William McGarry, Castlebar. Special Intention. Phil & Pat McCool, Castlebar.  
7.00pm - Nora Woods, Garryduff Drive. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.) Dec. members of the Parish Choir.  
Dec. members of Castlebar Golf Club. Annam Vareed, Hazel Grove.  
Dec. Murphy family, Derryhick, Parke & dec. Kerins family, Lacke, Parke.

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - Patrick Ward, Donegal. Anthony Meaney, Davitt's Terrace & Kildare.  
Jack, Mary, Jim & Paddy Browne, Kilboyne & dec. Browne & Murphy families.  
William & Margaret Conroy, Spencer Street.

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - Anthony Meaney, Davitt's Terrace. Special Intention.

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - Nora Fitzgerald, Saleen.  
7.00pm - *Feast of the Immaculate Conception.*

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - *Feast of the Immaculate Conception.*

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - Kathleen Mulgrew, Ballymacrah. (M.M.) James & Mary Tuohy & dec. family, Islandeady.  
Cyril & Mary Foy & dec. Foy & Conway families, Fr. Meehan Place.  
Dec. Boyle, McCaffrey, Munnely & Powell families.  
Billy Foy, Springfield. Annie & James Grady, Ringeraun & dec. family.  
Cyril Killeen, Derreenmanus & dec. Killeen, O'Callaghan & Murphy families.  
7.00pm - David Aspinall, Foxfield, Garryduff. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.30am - Ann Bennett, Fr. Meehan Place. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at [churchtv.ie/ballyheane](http://churchtv.ie/ballyheane)

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: 8.00pm - *Feast of the Immaculate Conception.*

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December: 8.00pm - Kathleen Gallagher, Aughadrina.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at [churchtv.ie/breaffy](http://churchtv.ie/breaffy)

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: 7.00pm - *Feast of the Immaculate Conception.*

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am - Martin Cunnane, Cottage Road.  
John (Mossy) Jennings, parents Tom & Elizabeth & dec.  
Jennings family. Jack & Margaret Bourke, Kilkenny Cross & dec.  
Bourke & Murphy families.  
11.30am - Rose Christine McDonagh. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)  
Peter & Margaret Cawley, Garryduff Drive & son Peter, Achill.



## Rest in Peace

John Conway, Barney, Breaffy.

Sabina Leonard, Bofeenaun, mother of Peadar & Brendan Leonard, Castlebar.

Anne Rooney, Breaffy.

## First Sunday of Advent

### Extract from the Homily of Pope Francis

*Saint Peter's Basilica, First Sunday of Advent, 29 November 2020*

Staying awake is not easy; it is really quite hard. At night, it is natural to sleep. Even Jesus's disciples did not manage to stay awake when told to stay awake "in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn" (cf. v. 35). Those were the very times they were not awake: in the evening, at the Last Supper, they betrayed Jesus; at midnight, they dozed off; at the cock's crow, they denied him; in the morning, they let him be condemned to death. They did not keep watch. They fell asleep. But that same drowsiness can also overtake us. There is a dangerous kind of sleep: it is *the slumber of mediocrity*. It comes when we forget our first love and grow satisfied with indifference, concerned only for an untroubled existence. Without making an effort to love God daily and awaiting the newness he constantly brings, we become mediocre, lukewarm, worldly. And this slowly eats away at our faith, for faith is the very opposite of mediocrity: it is ardent desire for God, a bold effort to change, the courage to love, constant progress. Faith is not water that extinguishes flames, it is fire that burns; it is not a tranquilizer for people under stress, it is a love story for people in love! That is why Jesus above all else detests lukewarmness (cf. *Rev 3:16*). God clearly disdains the lukewarm.

How can we rouse ourselves from the slumber of mediocrity? With *the vigilance of prayer*. When we pray, we light a candle in the darkness. Prayer allows God to be close to us; it frees us from our solitude and gives us hope. Praying and loving: that is what it means to be watchful.

Come, Lord Jesus, take our distracted hearts and make them watchful. Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love.

#### **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.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Mass Times

**Parish Church:** 7pm (Thurs.) 10am

**Breaffy Church:** 7pm **Ballyheane Church:** 8pm



**Latin Mass** - Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock.

**'An Evening of Christmas Carols & Gospel Music' at St. Anne's Church, Belcarra**  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8 pm with James Kilbane and the Belcarra Parish Choir. Adm. €10.

#### **Illumination: A Sacred Opus by Kathy Fahey**

Performed by Choral Symphony West, in the Church of the Holy Rosary, on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Tickets €20 are available on eventbrite.com

**'A Light To Enlighten The World': All-Night Vigil at Knock Basilica on Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
Confessions from 10pm until Midnight. The Vigil commences at Midnight and will include Rosary, Reflection and Holy Hour, concluding with Mass at 4am. A bus will leave the Courthouse, Castlebar at 9.45pm for the Vigil. To book tel. Margaret at 098 27109 before 6<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **ALONE – Telephone and Befriending Volunteers needed**

Do you have 1 to 2 hours per week to volunteer? For more information visit [alone.ie/volunteer](http://alone.ie/volunteer)

#### **Mayo Historical & Archaeological Society**

"A house with more golden jewels has never been built! Early Burke dynasties of Munster and Mayo" Talk by Dr. Cathy Swift, Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in ATU Campus. Fáilte roimh chách.

#### **Castlebar Primary School - Card Game**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in Castlebar Primary School Senior Campus, Chapel Street.

**Caint faoi agus amhráin ar an sean-nós ó Thuaisceart Mhaigh Eo** le Síle agus Séamas Ó Mongáin - Déardaoin 7-12-2023 ag 8pm san Ivy Tower Hotel - Conradh na Gaeilge.