

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 5th December:

- 10.00am - Mary McGarry & son William, Castlebar. Bridget, Paddy & Bartley Sharkey, Curragh.
7.00pm - Anthony Meaney, Castlebar. (1st Anv.) Dec. members of Castlebar Golf Club.
Una Begley, Facefield, Billy Keohane & dec. Keohane family, Nora, John & Tommy McCormack, Mary & Michael Begley, John & Margo Corley & Austin O' Donnell.

Tuesday 6th December:

- 10.00am - Anthony Meaney, Castlebar & Kildare. Sean Tector, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.

Wednesday 7th December:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Jack, Mary, Jim & Paddy Browne, Kilboyne & dec. Browne & Murphy families.
Michael & Winifred Brogan, son Henry & dec. Brogan & Bartley families.
7.00pm - *Feast of the Immaculate Conception.*

Thursday 8th December:

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

Friday 9th December:

- 8.00am - Monty & Nuala Armstrong, Newtown.
10.00am - Private Intention.

Saturday 10th December:

- 10.00am - Cyril Killeen, Derreenmanus & dec. Killeen, O'Callaghan & Murphy families.
Nora & Paddy McTigue & dec. McTigue family, Burren.
Mary & Tony Lavelle, Tullycommons & dec. family.
Mary & John Walsh, St. Bridget's Crescent. Nora Fitzgerald, Saleen.
Billy Foy, Springfield, son Michael & son in law Michael Hynes.
7.00pm - Sean Bourke, Hawthorn Avenue, Lightford. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 11th December:

- 10.30am - Mary Fox, Newport Road. (M.M.) husband Daniel & son Nicholas.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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- Thursday 8th December: 8.00pm - Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

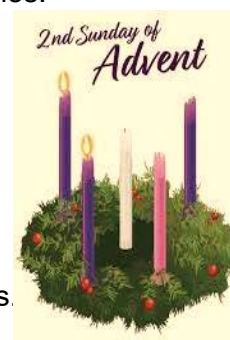
- Saturday 10th December: 8.00pm - Mike, Ellen & Jimmy Ryan, Coolodge.
Walter, Martha & Noel O'Malley, Currane. Sheila Joyce.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Thursday 8th December: 7.00pm - Feast of Immaculate Conception.

- Sunday 11th December: 10.00am - Martin Cunnane, Cottage Road.
Dora & Tom Murphy & daughter Christina, James & Annie Hunt & dec. Murphy & Hunt families.
11.30am - Tom & Sadie McNicholas, The Curragh & dec. McNicholas & McNally families.
Finbarr Kelly, Maryland & dec. Kelly & Sullivan families.



Rest in Peace

Micheál (Mick) Brady, Curragh.

Joseph O'Boyle, Cooneal, Ballina, father of Angela Gavin, Moneen Bradagh.

Frank Fox, Dublin, brother of Dr Gabriel Fox, Rathbawn Drive.

Mary Murphy, Westport & Lucan, sister of Bernard King, Newtown.

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist was someone who lived on the edge of society but who carried a message for all. He lived simply, wearing 'camel's hair ... and his food was locusts and wild honey'. At some point in his life, John decided to break with the traditional religious system of his time and go wild! John goes into the desert, where he must ultimately deal with himself and with God who dwells within. He had an inner freedom that enabled him to live out this call to be a prophet, and when the religious leaders arrive at the River Jordan, John is not afraid to speak truth to power. He questions the fruits they have produced. While the 'brood of vipers' might have come to see what John is up to, the text says that they too came to be baptised by John. Perhaps they also longed for change. Considering the crowd that has arrived and the conflict that ensues with the authorities, we get a picture of a spiritual crisis in the community.

It is not by chance that we meet John the Baptist and his challenging message during Advent. His call to repent might not excite us, as we're in more of a celebratory mood these weeks, but 'to repent' literally means 'to turn around' or 'to return' (metanoia). It does not mean we riddle ourselves with guilt, rather it is an invitation to transformation, to turn away from what is not life-giving for us and embrace that which helps us to live a full, more balanced life. In this way, we create space to welcome Christ's grace and love at Christmas, and we become aware once more of his loving presence in our hearts and in the world around us. This is liberating and enables us to commit to love and the birthing of God in our hearts. How we prepare in these weeks is important and can lead to many blessings. Today John invites the people who have gathered, and us, to a change of heart.

(The Deep End)

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th - Mass times

Parish Church: 7pm (Wed.) 10am

Breaffy Church: 7pm

Ballyheane Church: 8pm



Church of the Holy Rosary

Holy Hour - Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm

Adoration of the Eucharist - Every Friday from 11am

Orthodox Liturgy

Saturday 10th December at 2.30pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry - Healing Service, Sunday 18th December

Led by Br. Saju Vargheese AFCM, UK. from 1.15pm - 4.30pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship, Prayers for Healing, Talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. For more details tel. Carmel 086 3835055, Joseph 089 4888166 or Mary Brennan 089 4271780.

Consecration to the Miraculous Medal

There will be a consecration to the Miraculous Medal at the 7pm Mass on Monday in the Parish Church. All are welcome.

Bronntanas Appeal 2022

Volunteers are needed to buy Christmas gifts for children in Mayo. Those interested can TEXT their contact details to: Teresa on 087 9962152 or email Teresa.quinn2@tusla.ie