

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 6th December:

- 10.00am - Elizabeth Garvey, Lucan Street. (1st Anv.)
Ellie & Pake Philbin, Conloon, daughter Rose McHugh, son Michael & dec. Philbin family.
- 7.00pm - Una Begley, Billy Keohane, Margo & John Corley & dec. McCormack, Keohane & Begley families. Mary & Anthony Walsh, Burren.
Finbarr Kelly & dec. Kelly & Sullivan families, Maryland.
Margaret McDonald, Spencer Street & dec. McDonald & Devaney families.

Tuesday 7th December:

- 10.00am - Monty & Nuala Armstrong, Newtown.
Michael & Winifred Brogan & son Henry, Pheasant Hill & dec. Bartley & Brogan families.
Jack, Mary, Jim & Paddy Browne, Kilboyne & dec. Browne & Murphy families.
- 7.00pm - *Feast of the Immaculate Conception.*

Wednesday 8th December:

- 8.00am, 10.00am - *Feast of the Immaculate Conception.*

Thursday 9th December:

- 10.00am - Gracie & Michael Lynch & dec. family, Staball. Souls in purgatory.
Delia & Leo McHugh, Blackfort.

Friday 10th December:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Brenda Cowley, Rathbawn Road. (M.M.) Cyril & Mary Foy & dec. Foy & Conway families.

Saturday 11th December:

- 10.00am - Martin & Bridget Waters, Castlebar. Nancy & John Joe McGowan, Rathbawn Drive.
Billy Foy, Springfield, son Michael & son-in-law Michael Hynes.
Mary Conway, Clonliffe Road, Dublin. Paddy Moran, Dublin.
Mary & Tony Lavelle, Tullycommons & dec. Walsh & Lavelle families.
Josephine, Michael & Joseph Boyle & dec. Boyle, Munnely & McCaffrey families.
- 7.00pm - Paddy Cunningham, Ballynew, Turlough Road. (M.M.)

Sunday 12th December:

- 10.30am - Cáit Heneghan, Mons Terrace, Breaffy Road. (M.M.)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 11th December: 8.00pm - Paddy & Mary King, Derrywash & dec. King & Jennings families.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 12th December: 10.00am - Jimmy Barrett, Drumdoagh & Mary O'Boyle, Kilkenny Cross.
John & Delia Jennings, Gort, Ross.
- 11.30am - John (Mossie) Jennings, Rocklands, parents Tom & Elizabeth,
& dec. Jennings family.

Rest in Peace



Austin Gibbons, Lisnaponra.

Patsy Horkan, Blackfort

Eilish Gavan, Cherrington Place.

Seamus King, The Orchard, Spencer Park.

Sean Corley, Ealing & formerly of Thomas Street.



The Word of God came to John

In this second Sunday of the Advent Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people. John was a servant of God's Word.

How did John prepare for the coming of the Anointed (Messiah) King and Saviour of the world? Luke tells us that "the word of God came to John" when he was dwelling in the wilderness of Judea (Luke 3:2). John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. John not only took the Scriptures to heart, he moulded his life according to them, and made himself a servant of the Word of God. John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah.

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and every day and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2; Luke 3:7). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin (wrong-doing) and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong.

John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are you hungry for the Word of God and do you allow God's word to transform the way you think, speak, and live your life?

Vocations

Our Gospel tells us that John the Baptist heard God's call - "The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness." Do you think God might be inviting you to hear and share his word, perhaps as a priest, a deacon or in consecrated life? Contact the National Vocations Office – email: info@vocations.ie

Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th December - Mass Times

<u>Parish Church</u>	-	7pm (Tues.), 8am, 10am
<u>Breaffy Church</u>	-	10am
<u>Ballyheane Church</u>	-	8pm

Church of the Holy Rosary

<u>Holy Hour</u>	-	Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm
<u>Lectio Divina</u>	-	Every Thursday at 7pm
<u>Exposition</u>	-	Every Friday from 11am to 7pm



Orthodox Liturgy

Saturday 11th December at 2.30pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.

Christmas Carols Concert

The Castlebar Concert Band will be performing a Christmas Carols Concert in the Parish Church on Friday December 10th at 8pm. Also featuring Tomas Langan and the Garveys.