

# CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm Breaffy Church: 10am

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### PARISH CHURCH

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

- 10.00am - Monty & Nuala Armstrong, Newtown. Gracie Lynch & dec. family, Davitt's Terrace.  
Finbarr Kelly, Maryland & dec. Kelly & Sullivan families.  
Nancy & John Joe McGowan, Rathbawn Drive.  
7.00pm - **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**

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

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

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

- 8.00am - Holy Souls.  
10.00am - Dec. members of Soroptimist International Castlebar.  
Mary McGarry & son William McGarry. Special Intention.

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

- 8.00am - Private Intention.  
10.00am - Noreen Mulvanney & Johnnie O'Donnell.  
Paddy Edward Padden, Rowan Drive & Elizabeth Coyle, Edinburgh.

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December:

- 8.00am - Special Intention.  
10.00am - Angela & Pat Daly, Navan.  
Jack, Mary, Jim & Paddy Browne, Kilboyne & dec. Browne & Murphy families.

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - Molly & Martin Walsh, St. Bridget's Crescent. Jimmy & Michael Prendergast, Curragh.  
Pat & Louisa Moran, grandsons Patrick & Michael, James & Frances Breen.  
Lily McDonald, late of Tucker Street & Brooklands, her parents Thomas & Margaret &  
dec. McDonald family. Ellen Kelly, Cornanool. Nora Fitzgerald, Saleen.  
7.00pm - Nancy McDonald, Cappagh. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December:

- 8.30am - Mary Tynan, An Sruthán. (M.M.)  
10.30am - Joan Walsh, Ballinacorriga. (M.M.)

**7pm Mass on Monday and 8am Mass from Tuesday to Friday  
are not public Masses.**

**Masses and Ceremonies in the Parish Church are broadcast live  
at [churchtv.ie/castlebar](http://churchtv.ie/castlebar) and on the Parish Radio at 105.3 FM.**

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

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

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

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December:

- 10.00am - John Jennings, Rocklands & parents Tom & Elizabeth & dec Jennings family.



## Rest in Peace

Mary Shevlin, Ross East.

Mary Murphy, Kilboyne.

### **The beginning of the good news**

The second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely and spent a lot of time in the desert, *'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness'*. Yet it seems he was very popular with *'all the people of Jerusalem'* went out to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope and inspiration. In John the Baptist's time, the people lived under the oppression of the Roman Empire and were waiting for someone who would liberate them. John points to one that is greater than he, he points the people to Jesus.

When Pope Francis released the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* in October this year he noted that dark clouds hang over our world and he urged everyone to embrace a spirit of friendship, kindness, compassion and solidarity as we move forward, to help ensure the dignity of every person and a more sustainable world for all. We have certainly experienced a type of *wilderness* this year as we continue to battle the effects of COVID 19 and find a way forward. Our communities need messengers, like John, who bring good news, hope and a vision for the future, who point us towards a new way forward.

As we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives once more, let's make the most of this advent time, the most of this waiting time. May we use this space to reflect on what type of world can be born out of this wilderness we find ourselves in. May we reach out to those who are crying out for hope during these difficult months, like John the Baptist, offering positive vision for the future.

*Jane Mellett, Intercom Magazine.*

### **Marriage Anniversary Celebration**

Couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary and particularly couples celebrating a significant Anniversary this year are invited to join Archbishop Michael this Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in celebrating your Anniversary online. Perhaps you would like to light a candle as you tune in. Mass will be streamed from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Tuam on:

[www.tuamparish.com/web-cam](http://www.tuamparish.com/web-cam)

We would be delighted to get a snapshot of you which you can email with your name and particular Anniversary to: [editornewdawn@gmail.com](mailto:editornewdawn@gmail.com)



### **Adoration**

Every Friday from 11am to 7pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.

### **Holy Hour**

Church of the Holy Rosary on Sunday at 7pm. View at [churchtv.ie/castlebar](http://churchtv.ie/castlebar)

### **Domestic Abuse - Cope Galway**

24-hour confidential helpline tel. 091 565 985.

### **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, tel. 0818 222 024.

**Mary's Meals Mayo** are selling Christmas Cards €10 for 5 cards. Please contact Nicola 087 9622800. All proceeds are donated to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie)