

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm Breaffy Church: 10am Ballyheane Church: 8.00pm (Sat.)

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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

view at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 8th February:

10.00am - Fr. Michael Heagney CSsR, Esker Monastery, Athenry & late of Portumna. (M.M.)
Nan Monaghan, St. Bridget's Crescent.

7.00pm - Bridie Cunningham, 24 Lakeshore Drive.

Tuesday 9th February:

8.00am - Special Intention.

10.00am - Bernie Looney.

Bridie & Johnny McDonnell, St. Bridget's Crescent & daughters Mary & Catherine.

Walter & Mary Conway, Springfield & sons Joe & Thomas. Brid Burke, Keelogues.

Wednesday 10th February:

8.00am - Special Intention.

10.00am - Johnny & Annie McAlpine, Lightfort.

Thursday 11th February:

8.00am - Special Intention.

10.00am - Mai & Jim Hernan, Chapel Street & son in law Vinny Geelan.

Michael Waldron, Station Road.

Aoife & Eamonn Griffin, Greeve, Breaffy.

Friday 12th February:

8.00am - Special Intention.

10.00am - Tommy Munnely, Belmullet & James Munnely, Canada.

Mary & Willie O'Haire, Ballinacorriga.

Dermot & Nora Coady, Linenhall Street & dec. Coady & Mulhern families.

Saturday 13th February:

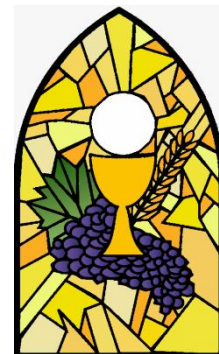
10.00am - Nora Reilly, Mountdaisy. Alison, Elizabeth & Frank McDonald, Main Street.

Margaret & Paddy McHale, Snugboro & dec. Quinn & McHale families.

7.00pm - Áine Moylette, Market Square. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 14th February:

10.30am - Teresa Carton, Towneena, Rahins, Glenisland. (M.M.)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 13th February:

8.00pm - Mary Heverin, Lisnaponra & dec. family.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 14th February:

10.00am - Florina Doyle, Breaffy.

Conor Keegan, Virginia, USA & Breaffy & dec. Cunniffe & Keegan families.



Rest in Peace

Michael Hession, Athenry, Co. Galway, brother of Detta Molloy, Cappagh.

Josephine Rabbette, Mountgordon, Westport Road.

Honor Abberton, Galway, mother of Eamonn Abberton, Watersville.

P.J. Kelly, Garryduff Park.

Jesus the Healer

In today's Gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would have been considered inappropriate.



The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as many people wanted to be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry is clearly a very popular and attractive figure. Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel what it takes to stay energised for our various ministries: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him and said, 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching.

We too are called to bring healing to others in any way that we can, to those who are seeking, those who are lost, those who are isolated. Jesus shows us that to do this we must be connected to that Divine Presence within us and in our world. Today we can ask ourselves, what do I need healing from? Bring this to Jesus in prayer. And also, how can I reach out, with a healing presence, to others, especially during this time of pandemic?

'I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings, and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace.'

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 254)

Jane Mellett, Intercom

Holy Hours in the Parish Church (online only)

Every Sunday from 7pm – 8pm

Thursday 11th February from 7pm to 8pm for World Day of prayer for the Sick.

View at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Knock Shrine Online Events - view at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

'Awaiting a New Dawn' – Extended prayer and reflection at 7pm every Friday in February.

Tuesday Scripture Reflections - **'Exploring the Word of God through Prayer'**

A series of online scripture reflections at 9pm.

'Living Christian Faith' - Lenten Conversations

Every Thursday at 8.30pm from 18th February to 24th March. Full programme details are available at www.knockshrine.ie/news

Western Care's Virtual Valentine Candlelight Evening live streamed via their Facebook page

This is a free event on Saturday 13th February from 8pm until 10.30pm. More details at <https://www.facebook.com/westerncareassociation/> A Raffle will be held during the event.