

# CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday Mass Times

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

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **PARISH CHURCH**

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#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 10.00am - Teresa O'Flaherty.
- 7.00pm - John Keaveney, Cloonkesh, Turlough & parents Patrick & Bridget Keaveney.  
Joe Winters Snr. & John Winters, Aughadrina.

#### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 8.00am - Jack Ginnelly, Glenisland.
- 10.00am - Eddie Bartley, 114 McHale Road.

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Evelyn Kenny, Turlough Road. (M.M.)  
Nora Collinson, Charles Street.  
Paddy & Kathleen Glynn, Rathbawn Road.

#### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Josephine Rabbette, Mountgordon. (M.M.)  
James Moran, Ballynew & dec. Moran & Doyle families.  
Henry Coll, Rathbawn Road.

#### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - James & Mary K. Deere & grandson John Campbell, 12 St. Bridget's Crescent.  
Neville McGann, Salthill.

#### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 10.00am - Mary Walsh, McHale Road. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)  
John Mullahy, Kennedy Gardens.  
Florita O'Sullivan & dec. O'Sullivan & Carpio families & Mary Farlane.  
Jack & Sarah Marley, Turlough Road.
- 7.00pm - Bridget Ormsby, Boradruma. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 8.30am - Mary Cusick, Rathbawn Road. (M.M.)
- 10.30am - Sr. Enda O'Donnell, Ard Bhríde. (M.M.)

### **BALLYHEANE CHURCH**

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

#### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 8.00pm - Margaret & Peter Walsh, Killadeer & dec. family.  
Sarah & Pat Mungan, Cloonaghmore & dec. family.

### **BREAFFY CHURCH**

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#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 10.00am - Sean Chambers, Lisgowel, Breaffy & dec. Chambers & Connor families.



## *Rest in Peace*

Frances Carter, Mountdaisy.

Christina Irwin nee Tuohy, Ballina & late of Breaffy.

John Mulroe, An Sruthán, Turlough Road & late of Creevagh, Ballyheane.

## ***Praying Without Words***

When I was a young priest, an old priest told me this story about his mother and father at home, and I never forgot it. He said if you didn't know them, you'd think they didn't like each other at all. And why? Because they hardly ever seemed to talk to each other. He'd be sitting at one side of the fire, lost in the local newspaper and she'd be sitting at the other side, knitting or darning. And not a word between them!

But, if she got up to go out to the kitchen, down would come the paper and he'd grunt, "Where are you going?" and she'd say something like "Oh never mind! I'm only going out the back!" In other words, there was a wordless conversation going on all the time. He was aware of her presence and needed it and, only when it was broken in some way, did he awaken to that need: "Where are you going?"

As children, we learn formal prayers and are encouraged to say prayers morning and evening. And that's good. But our prayer needs are bound to change as we grow older. Some people lament and say, "I wish I could pray as I used to pray." But if you're praying as you used to pray, it means you haven't grown in your relationship with God at all. We can pray and come to God only as the people we are today, with all the questions and complexities of today. And like the old couple at the fire, we don't need many words. We're aware of God's presence and we're happy about it and only when it's broken in some serious way, do we realise just how much it means to us.

We pray with our feet or with our wheels when we come to Mass or Confession. The very decision and effort put into coming to Mass or Confession is saying "Lord I need you. I can't live this Christian life without You. I need a bit of encouragement. I need to be able to begin again ... and again!" Remember, when the Prodigal Son decided to change his ways and return home, he prepared a big speech: "I will go to my father and I will say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am not worthy to be called your son.'" But he didn't get to say a word of the speech he prepared so well. Why? Because his father saw him coming and ran out to meet him and hug him and welcome him home. There was no need for many words!

*Fr. Ignatius CP, Pioneer Magazine*

**A Novena to St. Joseph** will take place at Masses starting on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>.



### **Holy Hours**

Every Friday and Sunday from 7pm – 8pm.

### **Lectio Divina**

Every Tuesday at 7pm.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesdays in Lent at 7pm.

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## **St. Peter's NS, Snugboro School Enrolment for Junior Infants 2021/2022**

Enrolment application forms are available online at [www.stpetersnssnugboro.ie](http://www.stpetersnssnugboro.ie) For more details tel. 094 9023079.

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