

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm Ballyheane Church: 8pm (Sat) Breafoy Church: 10am, 11.30am

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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 9th December:

10.00am - Ellie & Pake Philbin, Conloon, daughter Rose McHugh, Chancery, son Michael & dec. Philbin family.

7.00pm - Una Begley, Facefield, Billy Keohane, Nora & John McCormack, Mollie & Miko Begley, John & Margo Corley, Austin O'Donnell & Tommie McCormack. John Moyles, New Antrim Street.

Tuesday 10th December:

10.00am - Gracie & Michael Lynch & dec. family, Knockthomas. Special Intention.
Jack, Mary, Jim & Paddy Browne, Kilboyne & dec. Browne & Murphy families.

Wednesday 11th December:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Michael & Margaret Marley, The Curragh, Dominick & Mary Marley, Glenhest.
Mary McDonagh, Springfield Court & Halting Site.

Thursday 12th December:

10.00am - James & Bridget Morrison, Kennedy Gardens. Mary Ann Ryan & dec family.

Friday 13th December:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Angela & Pat Daly, Navan. Assumpta Concannon, Michael & Mary Ellen Curtin, Co. Clare.
Kate McHugh, Raheenbar.

Saturday 14th December:

10.00am - Lorraine Kilbane, Aughalusky, Liscromwell (M.M.) & husband James.

Josephine, Michael & Josie Boyle & dec. Boyle, Munnely & McCaffrey families.

Seán Ó hÉalaí, Westport Road. Mary & Tony Lavelle, Tullycommons & dec. Walsh & Lavelle families.

Lily McDonald, Tucker Street & Brooklands & parents Thomas & Margaret McDonald.

Dec. Murray family, Glenisland, dec. Kenny family & Anthony Murray, Newport Road.

Paddy & Kathleen Morahan, Marian Row. John & Ciss Bourke, Blackfort.

7.00pm - Dymphna Forkan, 42 The Fairways. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 15th December:

8.30am - Noel Banville, Wexford. (1st Anv)

10.30am - Jimmy Prendergast, The Curragh. (M.M.)

BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon. 9th December: 7.30pm - Mary & Michael Flynn.

Wed. 11th December: 7.30pm - Thomas & Nora O'Boyle & dec. O'Boyle family.

Fri. 13th December: 7.30pm - Finbar Kelly & dec. Kelly & Sullivan families.

Sat. 14th December: 10.00am - John (Mossy) Jennings & his parents Tom & Elizabeth & dec. family.

Sun. 15th December: 10.00am - Jimmy & Winnie Acton & dec. family.

11.30am - Billy Foy & son in law Michael Hynes & dec. family.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

Sat 14th December: 8.00pm - Mary, Tom & Jack McGough, Derrynagooley, Ballyheane.



ALTAR SOCIETY

A. Irwin

DAILY READERS

Mon. - A. Gormley

Tues. - Sr. T. Kilcourse

Wed. - J. Hanley

Thurs - P. Beirne

Fri. - A. O'Boyle

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

14th/15th December

7.00pm - DTIM

8.30am - T. Carney

10.30am - DTIM

12.00pm - E. Gavin



REST IN PEACE

Dr. Muriel Eustace, Canada, sister of Dorothy Flynn, Carrowbrinogue.

Kathleen Moran, Tower Hill, Ballyglass, sister-in-law of Teresa Coady, Rathbawn Drive.



Change of Heart

'Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice.' (Dave Barry)

We might recognise ourselves in the above statement! We are so used to the commercial side of Christmas – the frenzy of ads and gift-buying, the extravagant decorations and parties – that it is easy to forget what we are really celebrating.

That's where John the Baptist comes in. We first meet John in Luke's Gospel, before he is even born: Elizabeth's pregnancy is announced at the same time as Mary's, though John will be born first. The next we hear of John, he appears as God's messenger (as we hear in today's Gospel), preparing the way of the Lord. His job is to set the stage for Jesus to begin his ministry, and his central message is repentance. The Greek word for repentance was *metanoia*, which literally means a change of heart, or turning one's life around. So John is inviting his audience to make a break with the past, turn to God, and go in a different direction. When Jesus begins his own ministry, his first message is the very same: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

This is a fitting message as we enter the second week of Advent. As we prepare to welcome Jesus, we are invited to *metanoia*, or change of heart. As we ponder the mysteries of Christmas, we are nudged onwards in a new direction. This week, we could make a conscious effort to move away from the noise and lights of 'the mall', to still our minds, and to open our hearts to God's call.

'Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.' (Washington Irving)

Tríona Doherty, Intercom.

Do This in Memory

The parents/guardians who volunteered to help with the above programme are invited to a preparation meeting on **Monday 9th December**.

The Monastery: 8.00pm - St. Patrick's, Snugboro, Educate Together
8.45pm - St. Angela's, Scoil Raifteirí

Ballyheane Church: 8.00pm - Ballyheane, Derrywash, Errew



An Hour of Prayer, Reparation and Repentance is being promoted from 12noon – 1pm this Sun. Dec. 8th including Adoration in the Monastery at that time.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries

Fr. Bobit Thomas, renowned for his Family Tree Healing will attend on Sun. 15th Dec. from 1.30pm to 5.15pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Rosary, Holy Mass, Praise, Worship, Adoration, Healing Prayers. All are welcome.

Carol Service in Christ Church

Mon. 9th Dec. at 8pm with Castlebar Town Band and Parish Church Choir. Admission free but any donation received will go towards Hospice.

25 Card Drive (Partners)

Castlebar Tennis Club on Fri. Dec. 13th at 8.30pm. In aid of Chernobyl Children, Local branch.

Anam Cara Mayo

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tues. 17th Dec. at 7.20pm in the T. F. Royal Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. For more information email info@anamcara.ie or tel. 085 2888 888.

Castlebar Parish Magazine

The Parish Magazine will be on sale in the shops from Tues. 10th Dec.

Fr. John McCormack - Golden Jubilee

A special Mass will be held in Breaffy Church on Sun. 15th Dec. at 6pm to celebrate Fr. John's 50th anniversary of his ordination. All are welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards in the school hall.

Distributism Movement

Discussion group for lay people who are interested in economic, financial, social and political issues, approaching them from the standpoint of common sense, reasonableness and the Social Doctrine of the Church. We will look at the spreading of inequality, the poor level of real political participation, the wellbeing and future of families and civil society.

The Monastery, December 12th, 8-9pm.

Age Action – Volunteers Needed

Age Action run free beginner/improver computer classes for older people in Castlebar Library on Mondays from 10.45am to 12.45pm. Volunteers who have strong basic computer skills are needed to tutor these classes. Training provided. For more information email oisin.kenny@ageaction.ie or tel. 087 1956047.

Choral Performances at the Museum, Turlough

The Cill Adain Choral Society performs in the exhibition galleries at 3.30pm on Sat. Dec. 14th. The Mayo Male Voice Choir performs at 3pm on Sun. Dec. 15th. Admission is free. More info. at museum.ie