

# 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

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

Parish Radio 105.3fm

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May:

10.00am - Private Intention.

7.00pm - Lily Rance, Derrycoosh. (M.M.)

Michael, Catherine & Christy McHale, Lower Charles Street, Brendan Forkan & dec. Forkan family, Patrician Park.

Joseph & Mary Kerins & dec. Kerins family, Lacke, Turlough.

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May:

10.00am - Pat & Agnes Gibbons, Derryharriff.

Maggie Burke, 4 Castlehill Park & dec. Durkan family, Swinford.

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May:

8.00am - Seamus & Alice Padden, Springfield & dec. Padden & Hegarty families.

10.00am - Michael McCormack, Garryduff Park.

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May:

10.00am - Peter, Mary & Vincent Moran, Westport Road

Stephen & Kitty Maughan, Kilkenny Cross.

James & Mary Kate Deere, grandson John Campbell & daughter Mary Campbell, St. Bridget's Crescent.

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Kenneth & Kathleen McLoughlin, Blackfort.

Edward & Ellen McDonagh, Weir Road, Tuam.

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May:

10.00am - Patrick Joseph Ryan, Westport Road.

Judy Mitchell, Derrymanus & dec. Mitchell & Crowe families.

Pat Ruane, Brookhaven & dec. Ruane family, Kiltimagh.

Willie Joe Moran, Sion Hill & dec. Moran family.

Mai & James McNally, Blackfort, Kate, Tom & Matt Patton, Dunmore.

John & Bea McHale, Lower Chapel Street & dec. McHale & Syron families.

7.00pm - Eillis Flood, Turlough Road. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May:

10.30am - Brian Hoban, late of Gallows Hill & Newtown (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.) & parents Brian & Kathleen Hoban.

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

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

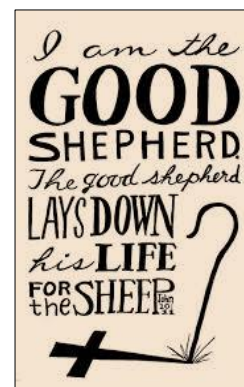
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May: 8.00pm - Private Intention.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

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

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May: 10.00am - Patrick & Mary McDonagh & sons Michael & Eamonn.

11.30am - Darragh Sloyan, Cottage Road.



## Rest in Peace

Patricia O'Driscoll, Rathbawn Drive.

Catherine Gilmartin, Mountgordon.

Breege McGowan, 11 Lios Na Circe.

James Sheridan, Dundalk, brother of Michael Sheridan, Ballyheane

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear a few short verses from the Good Shepherd Discourse of St. John's Gospel. It is a passage which describes Jesus as the genuine shepherd who knows his flock and cares for them. There is a beautiful line in this passage which reads, 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me'. Jesus knows each of us. He knows our deepest desires and our worries, fears, insecurities and pain.

This should not disturb us; no, it should give us joy. Bring to mind your deepest friendship. What are the characteristics of such bonds? Usually, in order to know others really well, we must spend time with them, talking and sharing, listening to them. We become aware of their hopes and dreams, we find that we are extremely comfortable in their presence. These people are treasures in our lives, beloved soul friends, and we would do anything for them. Jesus too knows us intimately, and we are invited to listen out for his voice and to know that we belong to him. This is a voice which brings peace, not discomfort or shame. It is a voice which says to us: I want you to experience the fullness of life!

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job, and there were many dangers involved. At night, shepherds would round their sheep into a pen and lie across the entrance in case they were attacked or stolen – literally laying down their lives for their flock. When things are not going so well in our lives, we may feel distant from others and from Jesus. Let this gospel be a reminder to us that Jesus is always very close to us, even when we feel abandoned.

(The Deep End)

## Church of the Holy Rosary

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

## Orthodox Liturgy

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 2.30pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.

## Rosary for the month of May

***The Legion of Mary*** will recite the Rosary at 7pm each evening at McHale Road Grotto.

***The Junior Legion of Mary*** will recite the Rosary every Friday at 7pm at Our Lady's Grotto on the grounds of Church of the Holy Rosary.



## Grandparents' Faith Café

An online social and spiritual space for grandparents, the Faith Café opens on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm via Zoom. Special guest: Fr. Willie Purcell. Theme: 'The role of Grandparents in nurturing vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life'... Register at [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

## Rosary Rally in honour of the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm in Market Square, led by Joe & Mary Foy and in Ballyheane, led by Alacoque Joyce. All are welcome. Organised by Ireland Needs Fatima.

## Blessing for Expectant Mothers

On Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am, a blessing ceremony for all parents who are expecting a baby will take place in the Basilica at Knock Shrine. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be. All are welcome.