

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 6pm (Sat), 9am, 11am Ballyheane Church: 7.30pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am

Priests: Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. George Kappen CC. **Tel.** 094 9021844

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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

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Monday 2nd December:

- 10.00am - Private Intention.
- 7.00pm - Sheila Mallinson nee Moran, England & late of Rinshinna. (M.M.)
Maureen O'Malley, Tawnycoolawee. Christina Walkin, Meadow Park.
John O'Brien, Springfield Court. Dec. members of Castlebar Golf Club.
Mike & Babs McNicholas, Lisiniska. Marie Carty nee Coady, Sligo & Castlebar.

Tuesday 3rd December:

- 10.00am - Dec. Quinn family, Snugboro.
Mary & Patrick McHugh, Williamstown & dec. McHugh & Davis family, Galway.

Wednesday 4th December:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - William & Mary McGarry, Castlebar. Tommy Heffron, Mountgordon.
Anthony Meaney, Castlebar.

Thursday 5th December:

- 10.00am - Pearse & Esther Fox, son Frank & brother Michael Fox. Dublin.

Friday 6th December:

- 8.00am - Monty & Nuala Armstrong, Newtown.
- 10.00am - Patrick McGinty, Pontoon Drive. Holy Souls. Special Intention.

Saturday 7th December:

- 10.00am - Tom Higgins, Liscromwell & dec. Moran & Higgins families.
Ann Bennett, Fr Meehan Place & dec. family. Nora Fitzgerald, Saleen.
Cathy Flynn, Creeragh. Paddy Browne, Kilboyne.
Jim & Mary Lohan, Gallows Hill & dec. Lohan & Jordan families. Dave O'Halloran, Springfield.
- 6.00pm - Kathleen Duffy, Kilkenny. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 8th December:

- 9.00am - Sally Tierney, McHale Road. (M.M.)
- 11.00am - Michael Monaghan, Ballynew. (M.M.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH churchtv.ie/ballyheane

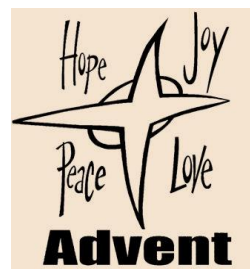
Saturday 7th December:

- 7.30pm - Pat Quigley, Spencer Park (1st Anv.), wife Eleanor & Paddy & Nora Quigley, Ballyheane.
Tommy & Bridget Deasy, Errew. Mary Murphy, Parkboy. Kathleen Gallagher, Aughadrina.

BREAFFY CHURCH churchtv.ie/breaffy

Sunday 8th December:

- 10.00am - Martin Cunnane, Cottage Road.
Jimmy Barrett, Drumdoogh. Tom & Mary O'Boyle, Kilkenny. Mick, Luke & Paul Walsh, Ballyheane.
Fionn & Sandra Mulroy & dec. Mulroy, Murray & Sammon families.



Rest in Peace

Breege Keane, Auray Place.

Berta Duane, Italy, wife of Matthew Duane, formerly of Spencer Street.

Billy Williams, McHale Road.

Geraldine Jordan, Kilkenny Cross.

Nancy Conway, Dereenmanus.



First Sunday of Advent

What is Advent?

Advent is a season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It starts four Sundays before Christmas and has a dual focus. Firstly, it commemorates the incarnation of the Christ child in Bethlehem, reminding us of the miraculous birth that brought hope and salvation to the world. Secondly, Advent calls us to be alert and ready for the second coming of Christ, emphasising the importance of spiritual readiness and anticipation.

During Advent, we are encouraged to prepare our hearts for Jesus and intentionally remove the distractions of the world from our lives. This can be challenging, especially with the commercialisation of Christmas. However, Advent provides us with an opportunity to refocus our attention on the true meaning of the season.

Common practices during this season include increased prayer and acts of charity. These practices help us to deepen our relationship with God and extend love and kindness to others, reflecting the spirit of Christ's coming.

The liturgical colour for Advent is purple, symbolizing the penitential nature of the season and our preparation for the celebration of Christmas. However, on the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, the colour changes to rose. This change signifies the joy and anticipation as we reach the midpoint of the season.

In summary, Advent is a time of spiritual preparation, reflection, and anticipation. It invites us to refocus our hearts and minds on the true meaning of Christmas and to actively prepare for the coming of Christ.

<u>Holy Hour</u>	- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Church.
<u>Adoration of the Eucharist</u>	- Every Friday from 11am in the Parish Church.
<u>Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet</u>	- Every day at 3pm in the Parish Church.

Latin Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock, on Sunday December 8th at 6pm.

Craft Sale

Sr. Olga from Belarus will have a display of handmade crafts after Masses in the Parish Church on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December.

All-Night Vigil in Knock Basilica on Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th December

The vigil will commence at Midnight and will include Rosary, Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross, concluding with Mass at 4am.

Christmas Fair in aid of Derrywash NS Pitch Development Fund

The Fair will be held on Saturday December 7th in the Parish Centre after 6pm Mass. Food, crafts and music. All are welcome.

Castlebar Daycare Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Christmas cards will be available for sale outside Supervalu, Castlebar on Thursday December 5th. Your support would be appreciated.

Castlebar Tidy Towns Awards Night

The Awards Night will take place at Garbo's Venue, Moneen Leisure Point, on Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm. All recipients of the awards in the Schools, Businesses, and Housing Estates categories should be in attendance and seated by 7.30pm. The winners of the Schools Poster Competition will also be presented with their prizes on the night.

Retired Civil and Public Servants Association Meeting

A get together for all Mayo members takes place on Tuesday 3rd December from 11am to 1pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Recently retired Civil/Public Servants very welcome to attend.