

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

Diocesan Child Safeguarding: More information available at www.tuamarchdiocese.org
Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/castlebar

Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 9th September:

- 10.00am - John & Nellie Patten, Blackfort, daughters Kathleen, Eileen & Margo, son in law Declan & dec. Patten & Donnellan families.
7.00pm - Paddy Cannon, son Seamus & dec. Cannon & Geraghty families, Ballymacragh. Breege Halligan, McHale Road & dec. Halligan & Corrigan families.
John Kennedy, Snugboro. Michelle Vahey & dec Vahey family, Castle St.

Tuesday 10th September:

- 10.00am - Special Intention.

Wednesday 11th September:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Eugen Heyl & dec family, Germany.

Thursday 12th September:

- 10.00am - John & Teresa Joyce, Richard Street.
Margaret & Martin Clarke, Ballinvoash, Breaffy.

Friday 13th September:

- 8.00am - Nora Geraghty & dec family & The Holy Souls.
10.00am - Martin Lawrence, McHale Road.
Loretta & John Kenny, Riverdale Court.

Saturday 14th September:

- 10.00am - Poraic McNeela, Riverdale Court.
Peggy Donegan & dec. Fahey & Donegan families, Pound Road.
Ann Moran, Mountgregory, Pa & Mai Moran & Helen George.
Jack Ginnelly, Glenisland & dec. family.
James Banville & dec relatives & The Holy Souls.
6.00pm - Valerie Kavanagh, Glenfort. (M.M.)

Sunday 15th September:

- 9.00am - Martin Lavelle, Ballinagloch. (1st Anv.)
11.00am - Roxanna Stevens, Cois Abhainn. (M.M.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 14th September:** 7.30pm - James & Bridget King & dec. family, Derrynagooley.
Liam Fadden, Hollyhill.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 15th September:** 10.00am - Geoffrey Prendergast & parents Kathleen & Tony, Lightford.

Rest in Peace

Elizabeth Lily Bourke, UK & Castlebar.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 7:31-37

In today's gospel, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, the Greek word – *kophos* – literally means that he was unable to hear anything. In order to heal this man, Jesus not only looks to the heavens but he responds to this man's suffering with action: he takes the man aside and, putting his hand in his ear, he spits, he touches his tongue, he makes a deep sigh, and then there is a command of healing, '*Ephphatha* – Be opened'. Mark writes that it was the man's hearing (*akoai*) and not just his ears (*ota*) that was opened up. The crowd are amazed and they say 'he has done things well'. There are echoes here of Genesis 1 where, after everything God had made, God saw 'that it was very good' (Genesis 1:31). Jesus brings restoration to the man in this healing story, restoring creation to how it should be.

Our planet, our common home, desperately cries out for a similar restoration today and it seems as if those who hold power are deaf to the cries of the earth. We too may be closed to hearing because of the issue overwhelms us and we feel that there is nothing we can do. Today's healing encounter can provide us with inspiration. Those who bring the man to Jesus do not do this for themselves; they have seen his suffering and do not look away. In spring 2023, the Irish Bishops asked parishes in Ireland to identify and care for 30% of parish grounds as a haven for pollinators and biodiversity. They said, 'In embracing this initiative we encourage parishes to expand their circles of solidarity, to protect and care for biodiversity and recommend that, by 2030, 30% of church grounds be returned to nature. There is plenty we can do.

Just as the man's hearing is unblocked, may we be open to hearing creation's beautiful song, so that it may inspire us, and hear creation's cry so that it may move us. *Ephphatha!* May we hear the cry of all creatures in this earth community. *Ephpatha!*

(The Deep End)

Holy Hour

- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Church.

Adoration of the Eucharist

- Every Friday from 11am in the Parish Church.

Lectio Divina

- Every Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in the Monastery.

Orthodox Liturgy

Saturday 14th September at 2.30pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.

Mayo Emigrant Liaison Committee

Joe Redmond, editor of the Castlebar Parish Magazine will be presented with a Mayo Emigrant Liaison Award on Sat 14th Sept at the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Tel. 087 2439748 for further details.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry Service (AFCM) – Afternoon of Healing

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry (AFCM) are holding an afternoon of healing service by Noel & Aiden Byre on Sunday 15th September from 1.15pm to 3.45pm in the Holy Rosary Church, Castlebar for Rosary, Praise and Worship, Healing Prayers, Talks and Eucharist Adoration. All are welcome. Tel. Carmel 086 3836055, Joseph 089 4888166, Mary at 089 4271780.

Mayo Recovery College - Mental Health and Wellbeing Modules

The College will facilitate a suite of mental health and wellbeing modules in ATU, Castlebar (online option also) throughout September. Dates: Tues. 10th, 17th, 10am - 'Let's talk about stress', Thurs. 11th, 18th, 25th, 10am - 'Wellness, Recovery, Action Plan', Thurs. 12th, 19th, 5pm 'Recovery, let's talk', Tues. 24th, 10am 'Looking after our mental health while online', Thurs. 26th, 5pm 'Exploring Anger'. Call/Text Karen McHale on 086 0294901 or email recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie to register. www.recoverycollegewest.ie All are welcome to attend

Bridge Lessons for Beginners

Commencing Wednesday 11th September 7.30pm to 10.30pm in Castlebar Social Services Centre, Castle Street. To secure your place contact Kathleen on 086 1984103.