



# Castlegar Parish Newsletter

**2nd Sunday of Christmas**

**5th Jan 2025**

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**091-766718**  
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**Mon & Thurs**  
**10.00am to 1.00pm**  
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**089-2221006**  
 Please leave any Parish queries on it and we will return your call. Please note for emergencies only!!!  
**Call 087 2527124**

*Eucharistic Adoration*  
 Castlegar  
 Tues 8.00pm-9.00pm .  
 Fri- 6.30pm - 7.20pm

**Supporting your Parish Church last week**  
**€3,245.00**  
**Míle Buíochas**

***St. Columba's Castlegar***

*Sat 4th 7.00 pm Evening Mass.*  
*Sun 5th 11.00 am Denis Francis, Menlo, Anniv.*  
 ——— *James Delaney, Anniv.*  
 ——— *Stephen Connolly & deceased of family, Castlegar Village, Anniv.*  
*Sat 11th 7.00 pm Margaret Carroll, Terryland, 13th Anniv & decd. of Carroll & Francis families.*  
 ——— *Sabina Coyne, Ballintemple, 2nd Anniv & John Coyne 19th Anniv.*  
*Sun 12th 11.00 am Patrick & Eileen Newell, & Michael Newell, Tuam Road, Castlegar, Anniv.*

***St. Peter & St Paul's Church, Coolough***

*Sun 5th 9.30 am Padraig Rabbitte, Anniv.*  
*Sun 12th 9.30 am Morning Mass*

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel**  
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This prologue to John's Gospel is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you. The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life? The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: 'to all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God'. How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life? In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as 'Jesus people' in the world today we also are called to be witnesses to the light. Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?

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**Three Kings Celebration** "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to adore Him" (Mt 2:2)

Join us with your family and friends for a joyful celebration, specially designed for children. The event will take place on **Sunday, January 5th at 5pm-6:30pm at St. Brigid's Church, Ballybane, Galway (H91W293). Don't miss it!**

Galway Cathedral is seeking a full-time Bookshop Sales Advisor to join the team. The successful applicant will assist visitors and customers, manage inventory, process sales, and maintain the overall presentation of the shop, providing exceptional customer service.

For full details about the role and how to apply visit [www.galwaycathedral.ie](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie)

**Anniversaries this week from the Book of Remembrance**

Padraic Rabbitte, Maureen McDermott, Delia McQuaid, Patrick Beatty, Stephen Connolly, John O'Connor, Mary Mullarkey, Nellie King.