

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

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PARISH CHURCH

Monday 17th August:

- 10.00am - Myrna Hayden, late of Mountain View. (M.M.)
Sheila Brennan, Tawnylaheen, Pontoon Road.
Rose & Martin Feeney, Graffymore & dec. Corcoran & Feeney families.
7.00pm - Dec. members of the Organisation of National Ex Service Personnel, Mayo Branch.

Tuesday 18th August:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Paddy & Mary Jo Deasy, Rathbawn.
John Murphy, Donegal.

Wednesday 19th August:

- 8.00am - Holy Souls.
10.00am - Tom Reddington, Balla.

Thursday 20th August:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Jack Heraty & dec. Heraty family, St. Bridget's Crescent.

Friday 21st August:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Michael Dunne, Liscromwell. (M.M.)
Matt & Eileen O'Boyle, Boradruma & dec.family.
Ciriaco B. Mendoza.

Saturday 22nd August:

- 10.00am - Dec. Barrett & O'Grady families, Knockthomas.
Kathleen Conneely, Snugboro & dec. Sweeney & Conneely families.
John & Nellie Patten, Blackfort, daughters Kathleen & Margo, son in law Declan & dec.
Patten & Donlon families.
Frank Ludden, 28 McHale Road.
Anne Mitchell, Cloonaghmore, Breaffy.
7.00pm - Michael Dunne, Swinford & Liscromwell. (M.M.)

Sunday 23rd August:

- 10.30am - Paddy Philbin, Curradrish. (M.M.)



Masses and Ceremonies in the Parish Church are broadcast live at castlebarparish.ie/web-cam and on the Parish Radio at 105.3 FM.

7pm Mass on Monday and 8am Mass from Tuesday to Friday are not public Masses.

12noon Mass on Sunday has been changed to 12.30pm.

Rest in Peace



Michael (Mick) Rabbette, Kinturk, Ballyheane.

Billy Madigan, Lisgowel, Breaffy.

Patrick McLoughlin, Castlehill Park.

A Woman of Faith

You can almost hear the chuckle. It is not mentioned, but I always imagine that Jesus smiles or even laughs as he delivers the line, 'Woman, you have great faith.' Today's gospel recounts an unusual exchange between Jesus and the unnamed Canaanite woman who challenges him. She has seen what Jesus can do, she has faith, and she is advocating for her daughter. She is persistent, shouting out to Jesus and apparently also badgering the disciples, to the point where they plead with Jesus to 'give her what she wants.'

Jesus' rebuke seems shockingly unkind: 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'. But the woman doesn't give up. It is a matter of justice for her, as is evident in her witty response about the dogs getting the scraps from the master's table. 'Good for her!' – we feel like cheering.

It's a strange story, with Jesus at first appearing cold in his response to the woman. But as we know, he has a tendency to test his followers. His disciples, who know him well and have seen lots of miracles, often fall short. But this woman passes with flying colours. Jesus can see that she is a person of strong faith, clever and determined. She is not easily dismissed. In allowing her to state her case, Jesus also presents a challenge to the religious and social status quo. This pagan woman (Jesus' reference to 'house-dogs' tells us a lot about her status) exhibits more faith than his own disciples.

Jesus does not want us to be silent, compliant or complacent. He rejoices in those who are brave and persistent, and eager to challenge the injustices they see around them – those who have the gift of changing minds and hearts. We might call it the gift of prophecy.

Triona Doherty, Intercom Magazine



Holy Hour in the Parish Church

Every Sunday at 8pm. All are welcome.

Care of Creation/Eco Congregation Westport

The Season of Creation 2020 runs from 1st September to 4th October. The members of Eco Congregation Westport have planned to run a *Laudato Si* book club (Via Zoom) from Tuesday 1st September to Tuesday 6th October. The duration of each session will be 1 hour, commencing at 7.30pm on each of the 6 Tuesdays.

The Encyclical *Laudato Si* - meaning "*Praised be to You*" was released in May 2015. The document opens with the following words from Pope Francis which say: "*I wish to address every person living on this planet ... I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all*"

You are invited to participate. To register please contact ktfriel@gmail.com or tel. 087 8520602.



Fundraiser for Capuchin Day Centre

Thanks to all those who have donated used stamps to raise funds for Brother Kevin's Capuchin Day Centre for homeless people. Used stamps with 1cm paper around the edge are still being collected. If you have any to donate please send them to Concepta Moran, Islandeady.