CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm Ballyheane Church: 8pm (Sat) Breaffy Church: 10am, 11.30am

PRIEST ON CALL: tel 094 9021844

😑 Mass Intentions sfor the Week **PARISH CHURCH** Monday 19th August: 10.00am - Private Intention. 7.00pm - Dec. members of the Organisation of National Ex Service Personnel & dec. United Nations Service Personnel. John & Margaret Loftus & Francis Mears, Lakelands, Manulla. Jack Heraty.St. Bridget's Crescent & dec. family. Mary Heneghan, Turlough Road. Tuesday 20th August: 10.00am - Special Intention. Wednesday 21st August: 8.00am - Martin Rabbette, Fortfield. 10.00am - Private Intention. Thursday 22nd August: 10.00am - Frank Ludden, McHale Road. Special Intention. Friday 23rd August: 8.00am - Special Intention. 10.00am - John & Nellie Patten, Blackfort, daughters Kathleen & Margo, son-in-law Declan & dec. Patten & Donlon families. Saturday 24th August: 10.00am - Patrick Moylette, Castlebar. Barrett & O'Grady families. Ellen & Paddy Farrell, Rathbawn Road. Mary Staunton, Moneen & dec Lynch, Bourke & Roche families. Francis Bradley, Tyrone. Sunday 25th August: 10.30am - Kathleen Jennings, Maghera, Ballyheane. (M.M.) **BREAFFY CHURCH** Mon. 19th August: 7.30pm -Private Intention. Wed. 21st August: Fri. 23rd August: Sat. 24th August: 7.30pm -Private Intention. 7.30pm - William Scott. 10.00am - Private Intention. Sun. 25th August: 10.00am - Bill Dinsdale & dec. family. 11.30am - Carmel Heneghan & dec. Heneghan & Mannion families. **BALLYHEANE CHURCH** Sat. 24th August: 8.00pm Mark Alder, Killadeer. (M.M.) John Gilmore, Ballyheane & dec. Gilmore & Lydon families. **MINISTERS OF THE WORD** ALTAR SOCIETY 24th/25th August S. Hopkins H. Ryder 7.00pm - M. Morley 8.30am - T. Carney **DAILY READERS** 10.30am T. Monaghan Mon - A. Gormley 12.00pm -B. Mullins Tues - Sr. T. Kilcourse Wed - J. Hanley - A. O'Boyle **REST IN PEACE** Fri Mae Hoban, Station House, Castlebar.

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Sadly, many people are no strangers to family feuds. In past generations, things like land and inheritance were major causes of family disagreements, causing parents to fall out with sons or daughters, or siblings to stop speaking for years. We may have heard other stories from our own families – secrets that were not talked about, relatives who were shunned for 'shaming' the family. These attitudes are dying away, and that is good. We are less concerned with keeping up appearances, and more focused on ensuring children feel loved and supported.

Yet, there will always be conflicts in family life. Differences of opinion can arise over beliefs or choices, sometimes causing immense hurt on both sides. Often these disagreements are between generations. Parents who have raised their children in the faith can feel hurt when a son or daughter drifts away, or decides not to pass on the faith to their own children. Grandparents often carry this burden too.

Some conflict is unavoidable as we navigate these situations, but we have a choice – do we allow anger and hurt to shape our interactions with loved ones, or do we listen with respect and try to understand and find common ground? Perhaps these inevitable conflicts are what Jesus refers to in today's Gospel – father divided against son, mother against daughter. It's a surprising statement given his usual focus on peace. But then, following Jesus is not a smooth path. Peace can be hard-won, particularly in families where there are so many different personalities and opinions. Let us pray for wisdom and patience to navigate the tougher times.

Tríona Doherty, Intercom

Healing/Anointing Catholic Ministry Service This Sunday August 18 th from 1.15pm to 5.15pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Led by Fr. Shane Sullivan and Fr. Bill Keogh from the UK. Praise and worship, healing prayers, talks and Eucharistic Adoration after 12 noon Mass. All are welcome.	Farewell Party for Fr. John Kilcoyne Ballyheane Community Council is hosting a farewell party for Fr. John Kilcoyne who returns to his missionary post in Tanzania shortly. All are welcome to the Community Centre after 8pm Mass on Saturday 24 th August.
One Day Lough Derg Retreat A bus will travel to Lough Derg on Saturday September 7 th departing Westport via Castlebar. For further information and to book a seat, tel. Bernie at 087 9870170.	 COPD Support Group Meeting Tennis Club, Castlebar on Thursday August 29th at 3pm. Speaker: Maura Horkan, Flourish Project. St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Meeting Thursday 22nd August at 8pm in the Parish Centre.
Archdiocese of Tuam Celebrates Marriage Anniversaries	New members welcome.
Couples celebrating Marriage Anniversaries are invited to this special celebration with their family on Sunday, 6 th October at 3pm. After Mass refreshments will be served in St. Jarlath's College. To book tel. 094 9021844.	Hopscotch, Horseshoes and Jack Stones Learn how to play traditional games such as hopscotch, horseshoes and Jack Stones for Heritage Week at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park. This free, family activity takes place on Tuesday August 20 th from 2pm to 4pm. No
Davitt College Reopening Dates Friday 23 rd August - 1 st years Monday 26 th August - 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th , 6 th Years Tuesday 27 th August - All students. Limited number of Repeat Leaving Certificate places available. Contact the Principal at 094 9023060.	booking required. Siolta Annual Magazine Written by Maynooth seminarians is currently on sale for €5 in the Parish Church kiosk . The magazine will be on sale until the end of this month.