

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 for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 20th August:

10.00am - Special Intention.

7.00pm - John & Margaret Loftus & daughter Frances Mears, Lakelands, Manulla. Liam Coady, Knockthomas Elizabeth Maloney O' Keefe, Limerick. Deceased of organisation of national ex-servicemen & women. Jack Heraty & dec family, St Bridget's Crescent. Special Intention.

Tuesday 21st August:

10.00am - Private Intention.

7.00pm - National Prayer Service for the World Meeting of Families.

Wednesday 22nd August:

8.00am - Martin Gerard Ward.

10.00am - Rodgers & Gavin families, Spencer Street. Frank Ludden, McHale Road. Seamus Grogan, Greenfields.

Thursday 23rd August:

10.00am - John & Nellie Patten, Blackfort, daughters Kathleen & Margo, son-in-law Declan & dec Patten & Donlon families.

Friday 24th August:

8.00am - Martin Rabbette, Moneen.

10.00am - Patrick Moylette, St. Bridget's Crescent. (1st Anv.) Patrick Gibbons & dec Gibbons & Geraghty families.

Saturday 25th August:

10.00am - Marie Beirne, Saleen & dec Beirne & Duffy families. Barrett & O'Grady families, Knockthomas. Margaret McGuinness, Lakeshore Drive. Maura Carney, Chapel Street.

Kathleen Conneely, Snugboro & dec Conneely & Sweeney families. Attracta Moran, Westport Road.

7.00pm - Mary Brophy, St Bridget's Crescent.(M.M.)

Sunday 26th August:

Mass Times: 8.30am, 12 noon. (No 10.30am Mass)

BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon 20th August: 7.30pm - Private Intention.

Wed 22nd August: 7.30pm - Evelyn Carey & Margaret Gildea.

Fri 24th August: 7.30pm - William Scott.

Sat 25th August: 10.00am - Nonie & John Gibbons & dec Gibbons & Cunniffe families.

Sun 26th August: 10.00am - Bill Dinsdale.

11.30am - Joe O'Farrell, daughter Rita & dec family.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

Sat 25th August: 8.00pm - Tom & Norah McNicholas, Keellogues.



ALTAR SERVERS

6 th Class – Sun 26 th	
8.30am	- A
12.00pm	- C



ALTAR SOCIETY: 25th August

Marie Rance

DAILY READERS

Mon - Angela Gormley
Tues - Sr. Teresa Kilcourse
Wed - Joan Hanley
Thurs - Eileen Lynch
Fri - Anna O'Boyle



MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 25th/26th August

7.00pm - Niamh Finnegan
8.30am - Breege Kelly
12.00pm - Brendan Mullins

REST IN PEACE

Sarah Loftus, Bofeenaun, Ballina, mother of Patricia McTigue, Snugboro & Ann Marie Loftus, Garryduff.

Tom Lally, Derrinmaunis.

Joe Gibbons, Garryduff Park.

Gerard (Ger) Foy, Foxford & late of Thomas Street.

John Joe McNulty, Dublin & Achill, brother of Danny McNulty, Castlehill Park.

National Prayer Service for WMOF

To pray for the success of the World Meeting of Families, Prayer Services are being held in every Diocese on Tuesday 21st August at 7pm. We invite you to join us in the Parish Church at that time.

More Information about Ecuador Mission

Anyone interested in finding out more about Sister Clare Crocket and her inspiring story can find it on sisterclare.com. Anyone interested in sponsoring a family (30\$/month) or helping in any way can visit the mission page at homeofthemothor.org/mghm

Segundo's Story

This was one of many remarkable moments on the Young Adults' Mission Trip to Ecuador in July.

In the city of Chone the group of young Irish missionaries visited the home of a husband and wife who live with their twelve children. We went along with the servant sisters and brothers of the Home of the Mother Religious Order who bring food and work regularly with families in serious need like these. The family lives on the top floor of a two storey bamboo house. As we were leaving she happened to mention her husband's uncle downstairs who was quite ill. We went downstairs to the lower level which had a dirt floor to find the sick man named *Segundo*. He was quite elderly, terribly thin and lying in a corner of that room. He wasn't just ill. This man was on his deathbed.

One of the sisters spoke to him and translated for us. It emerged that he had lived in such poverty his whole life that he wasn't baptised or even on a civil register. This man's existence was unknown by nearly anyone- save his family and God, who had directed us to him. I watched as the sister spoke to him and deftly felt out what kind of faith he had. She was truly an instrument in God's hands, powerfully attuned to every opportunity given by the Holy Spirit by hours spent in adoration, her freely-chosen poverty, her self-denial and the acts of love. After a few minutes she said to him "Segundo, the priest is here. If you want he can baptise you and you will become a Son of God and all the sins you've even committed will be forgiven and if you trust in God you will be with Him forever in heaven." Holding her hand, Segundo looked at her and said "that would be nice." Holy Water was called for. The Irish by this point had all made their way into the room just out of Segundo's line of vision and were on their knees in prayer, knowing that they were witnessing something truly special. And there and then, on his deathbed, Segundo was washed clean in the waters of Baptism and made a son of God.

The next day we returned, having received the necessary permissions and gave Segundo the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick. Drifting in and out of consciousness as he was, he wasn't able to acknowledge the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. So the sister led him in a spiritual communion. "Segundo! Amigo! Repeat after me," she said. And holding her hand, he slowly and word-for-word repeated after Sister this prayer: "Jesus... I love you very much... but not as much as you love me... I cannot receive you right now... but I embrace you... and welcome you into my soul... as I will soon in the Holy Eucharist..." He matched the strength of her voice with his, which took real effort in his weakened state. And we saw in his conviction that he also rose to the strength of her faith and matched it with his own. We all knelt there, again keenly aware that we were on holy ground. The sisters sang the final prayer, a beautiful Spanish version of the 'Hail Mary', and told Segundo they would be back with Holy Communion again to see him. The sisters will faithfully visit Segundo each time they bring his family their food basket, strengthening his faith until the day he dies. We were privileged to join them in their work for the briefest of time.

There will be no 10.30am Mass next Sunday 26th August in the Parish Church due to the Pope's visit.

WMOF Mass, Dublin with Pope Francis

Entrance tickets and bus transport available for Phoenix Park, Sunday August 26th. Bus €20. For details phone Deborah 087 7765811.

For tickets to the Mass only tel 086 8197111 for details.

Tochar Phádraig Pilgrim Walk

Takes place from Ballintubber Abbey on Saturday 25th August departing the Abbey at 8.30am. Contact Ballintubber Abbey Office at 094 9030934.

Davitt College re-opening dates

Mon 27th Aug: 1st Yrs. Tues 28th Aug: 1st, 3rd & 6th Yrs
Wed 29th Aug: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th Yrs.

Thurs 30th Aug: All students. Limited number of Repeat Leaving Certificate places available. Tel 094 9023060.

Volunteers needed for Barnados National Collection Day on Fri 14th Sept

For more info tel Robyn Macken on 01 7080418 or email buckets@barnados.ie

Family Carers

Family Carers are looking for your nomination for CARER of the year 2018. Nominate online: familycarers.ie Freephone Careline 18002407.

Personal Alarm

If you are over 65 and wish to avail of the pendant personal alarm which is free for 1st year if you have a landline (cost will be €60 for 1st year if working off a mobile) please contact Castlebar Social Services 094 9021378 for a grant application form.

Lough Derg

A bus will travel to Lough Derg from Castlebar on Sat Sept 8th for a one day retreat. To book tel 087 9870170

Irish Cancer Society Shop, Ellison Street

Volunteers needed. For more info tel 094 9038923