

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 31st December:

10.00am - Special Intention. Jack Lam, Garryduff Drive. Bridget & Paul Kelly, Manchester.

7.00pm - Private Intention.

Tuesday 1st January:

10.00am - Paddy & Jo Ryan, Limerick. Thomas, Maeve & Marian Gilboy, Westport Road.

Wednesday 2nd January: (No 8am Mass)

10.00am - Frank & Ann Warde, Derrylea.

Thursday 3rd January

10.00am - Ann Kerins, Lower Charles Street & Keelcoil, Breaffy.

Friday 4th January: (No 8am Mass)

10.00am - John McDermott, Lakeshore Drive & dec McDermott & Feeney families.

Saturday 5th January

10.00am - Helen Monaghan, Ballymacragh. Bernie & Ann McDonagh & sons Owenie & Francie.

Thomas & Bridget Bourke, John Bourke & Christine Sammon.

7.00pm - Aoife Flood, Florida & Curragh. (M.M.)

BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon 31st December

7.30pm - Private Intention.

Wed 2nd January

7.30pm - Private Intention.

Fri 4th January

7.30pm - Private Intention.

Sat 5th January

10.00am - Jimmy Lunn & dec Lunn & Flannery families.

Sun 6th January

10.00am - Michael McTigue (1st Anv.) & dec family, Drumcurrabawn.

11.30am - Fintan & Mary Hayes & dec family.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

Tues 1st January

12 noon - Hayley Vahey, Carrowclogher.

Fri 4th January

7.00pm - First Friday & Children's Mass.

Sat 5th January

8.00pm - Robert & Kathleen Maher, Robert Jnr & Michael, Clonmel.



ALTAR SERVERS

6 th Class - Sun 6 th	
8.30am -	B
10.30am -	C
12.00pm -	D



ALTAR SOCIETY: 5th January

M. Foy T. Coady R. McAlpine

DAILY READERS

Tues - M. Carroll
Wed - C. Millett
Thurs - N. Walshe
Fri - M. Higgins



MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5th /6th January

7.00pm - N. Finnegan
8.30am - E. Horan
10.30am - R. McGarrigle
12.00pm - P. Glynn

There will be **no 8am Masses** in the Parish Church on Wednesday 2nd and Friday 4th January.

Come let us
Adore
Him



First Friday Mass in Ballyheane Church
Fri 4th Jan at 7pm (Please note change of time)

When Jesus Was Small

In primary school we used to sing a song about Jesus' childhood.
I don't recall the exact words, but the chorus went something like this:

*Jesus was a happy child
When he was small like me
He used to laugh and run around
And sometimes climb a tree
Running here, running there
Having fun like you and me.*



There was a verse about his mother bringing him to school on his first day. The aim was clearly to remind us that Jesus was a real child who did all the things that other children do. In theological terms, it impressed on our young minds the humanity of Jesus, even as we heard the stories of the healings and miracles that expressed his divinity.

This hymn came to mind as I reflected on today's Gospel. The story of the finding in the Temple is the only one we have from Jesus' childhood, so it takes on greater significance. It is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story, highlighting a typical family incident while also setting the scene for Jesus' future mission. What parent hasn't felt the panic of discovering their child is missing, and then been overcome with relief when they were found? But the story ends with the realisation that Jesus is far from ordinary. His parents don't understand his cryptic reference to 'my Father's affairs', but Mary stores up 'all these things' in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God.

We are left, with Mary and Joseph, to ponder who this child really is.

Triona Doherty, Intercom



Happy New Year

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*The Priests of the Parish wish you  
all a very happy and peaceful  
New Year.*



#### **Priests' Collection**

Thanks to all those who contributed to the recent collection.

#### **Ballyheane Community Council 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Party and Children's Concert**

After 7pm Mass on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan in Ballyheane Community Centre. All are welcome.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Will resume on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.

#### **Castlebar Parish Magazine**

Thanks to Joe Redmond and all those involved with the publication of the Castlebar Parish Magazine. Thanks also to all who took out adverts, contributed articles, collected the adverts and to those who prepared the magazine for posting.