CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

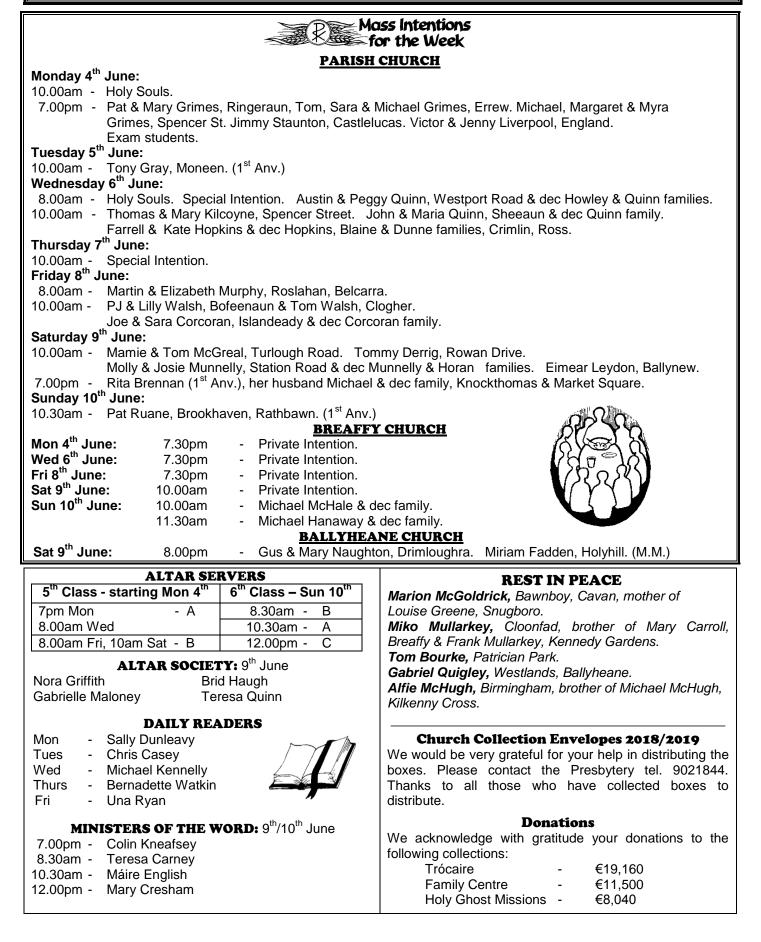
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Sunday Mass times

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

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Corpus Christi

Processions, Miracles and Memories

Corpus Christi is a feast with an interesting history. It dates back to the middle ages and to a priest who, according to the story, was having a serious crisis of faith.

In 1263 Fr Peter of Prague, a German and a devout man, was having grave doubts about the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. He decided to make a pilgrimage to Rome - a prayerful journey which he hoped would restore his faith.

On route, he stopped at the Italian town of Bolsena where he celebrated Mass at the tomb of St Christina. While praying the words of consecration, blood began to seep from the host, trickle over his hands and onto the altar and the corporal. Shocked, the priest immediately travelled to the nearby town of Orvieto where Pope Urban IV listened to this story. Having sent emissaries to investigate, Pope Urban asked the local bishop to bring the host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of blood to Orvieto. This, the first Corpus Christi procession, was met by the Pope and a number of cardinals and church dignitaries at the city gates. The relics were placed in a reliquary in the magnificent cathedral of Orvieto and are visited by pilgrims to this day.

The following year, in August 1264, Pope Urban, who was deeply affected by the miracle, officially instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi. He commissioned the Dominican friar and theologian Saint Thomas Aquinas to compose a special Office (prayer of the Church) honouring the Holy Eucharist. The hymns which Aquinas composed include those still widely used at Benediction: the Pange Lingua (with its concluding verses, the *Tantum Ergo*), the *Panis Angelicus* and *O Salutaris Hostia*.

As the much loved *Tantum Ergo* was sung at our Corpus Christi procession all those years ago, I doubt if many people present knew of its origin. Nor was it necessary that they should. What mattered was the belief that, in this very visible and public way, God was with God's people. God was reaching out to us in love through his Son, reassuring us that, despite life's trials and our occasional failings, we were good and blessed. I think we may have sensed something of that... as we headed home with a bit of a spring in our step. I hope you sense something of it too as you celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.

(Frank Conlisk, Africa magazine)

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The Corpus Christi Procession will take place this Sunday after the 12 noon Mass. The route will be Chapel Street, Tucker Street, Linenhall Street, Main Street, Ellison Street to the Mall where Benediction will be celebrated.



Mass For Those Doing Exams	Catholic Family Night
There will be Mass for all students who are preparing for	Fri June 8 th at 7pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.
exams and their families on Mon 4 th June at 7pm in the	Prayer, fun activities for children and snacks to follow.
Parish Church.	All are welcome!
Pedal, Paddle, Pilgrimage & Party for Pieta House	Celebration of Family in the Tuam Diocese
Sat 9 th June. Registration from 7am – 7.45am at Westport	Come along and join us in Ballinrobe Racecourse on
Leisure Park. Fee €30 for Pieta House. Further details on	Sun 1 st July. Mass at 3pm. Gates open at 1pm.
Facebook or tel Fr John Kenny at 087 2401533.	Children activities and lots of fun for everyone.
An Hour of Quiet Prayer	First Communicants Mass at Knock Shrine
Thurs 7 th June at 8pm in the Monastery. All are welcome.	All First Communion children and their families are
Sr Maureen Lally to Feature on Sky TV	invited to a special Mass of celebration on Sun June
A special programme showcasing the community work of	10 th at 12 noon in the Basilica, Knock. The children are
Sr Maureen Lally (Mayo Person of the Year 2018) will be	welcome to wear their communion clothes and will
broadcast on Thurs, June 7 th at 7pm and Sat, June 9 th on	actively participate in the Mass. Further information
Sky Channel 192, Freesat 161 and on the Showcase TV	from Monica Morley on 094 9388100.
channel. This programme is presented by Henry McGlade	Legion of Mary
and is called iMayo TV.	Meeting changed to Tues 5 th June at 5.30pm in the
Tochar Walk	Parish Centre.
In aid of St. Brid's Special School on Sat 9 th June. For more	Further Education Centre, Castlebar
details tel the school at 094 9022650. All are welcome.	Open Day for part time courses starting in Sept on

ay for part time courses starting in Thurs 7th June, 11am – 2pm. For info tel 094 9038038.