CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

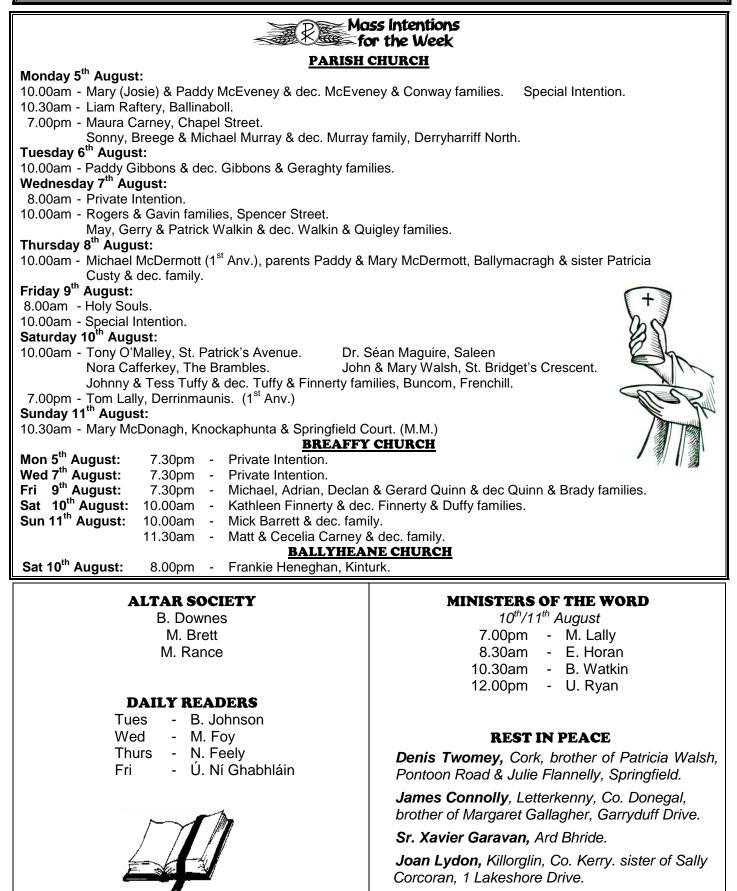
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Sunday Mass times

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

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Living the Dream

Some of us may hear today's Gospel reading and think: 'Well, what is so wrong with that?' In a lot of ways, the actions of the man in the parable make sense. He has had a good harvest (presumably a result of his own hard work) and is making provisions for the future – building bigger barns to store his crops, ensuring he has enough to live on for the coming years, allowing himself to enjoy the fruits of his labour. He is living the dream! He is a good businessman, he has achieved security in life, so why shouldn't he 'eat, drink, have a good time'?

Yet God brands him a 'fool.' Why? As it turns out, the man is to die very soon. He certainly can't take all his treasure with him. He has not thought beyond his own enjoyment. He is living only for this life, without any thought for the bigger picture. As Jesus warns: 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Furthermore, there is no indication that he considered sharing his wealth with anyone else. His focus is 'me, me, me.' He comes across as selfish and greedy. What does he have to show for his life? Yes, he had a good time, but has he helped anyone else, or left the world a better place?

We do not need to renounce all our worldly possessions or stop planning for the future, but we do need to keep things in their proper perspective.

"If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next." – CS Lewis

Tríona Doherty, Intercom

Orthodox Liturgy There will be <u>no</u> Orthodox Liturgy on Sunday 11 th August. It will resume on Sunday 8 th September at 2.30pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary.	Castlebar Prayer Group The last meeting for the summer will be held on Wednesday 7 th August in the Social Services Centre, Castle Street at 8pm. Meetings will resume on 4 th September. All are welcome to the meetings
Healing/Anointing Catholic Ministry Service 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.	especially visitors to the town. Invitation from the Poor Clares Celebrate the Feast of St. Clare with the sisters. Evening Prayer and Transitus on Saturday 10 th August at 5.30pm. Mass on Sunday 11 th August at 8am in the Poor Clare Chapel, Nuns' Island, Galway.
Fr. Patrick Burke 15 th August Vigil Walks to Knock	www.poorclares.ie
 From Bekan Cemetery, burial place of witness Catherine Murray to Knock (10K), starting at 2.45am. From the Blessed Well in Balla to Knock (20K), starting at 1am. Both walks arrive at the Parish Church for Mass at 6am. For more information tel. Michael at 087 9947842. See Events on Knock Shrine website. www.knockshrine.ie 	Free Computer Classes for over 55's (Age Action Ireland) The 'Getting Started' programme aims to make over 55's comfortable using a computer/tablet/iPad/smart- phone and the internet. Classes will be held at Castlebar Library on Mondays from 10.45am to 12.45pm, starting in September. For more information tel. 091 527831.
Rock Rose House Mayo Podiatry, Foot and Ankle Clinic will be holding a clinic for Cancer Patients in Rock Rose House on Thursday 15 th August. Appointments are limited. To book tel. 094 9038407. All services are completely confidential and provided free of charge.	Calling all Singers A female choir who meet in Foxford Leisure Centre every Wednesday is looking for new members. They sing a variety of styles ranging from Sacred to Secular and everything in between. For more information contact the Musical Director Sarah Lawrence on 087 7854897.