### CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Sunday Mass Times** 

<u>Parish Church</u>: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm <u>Ballyheane Church</u>: 8.00pm (Sat.) <u>Breaffy Church</u>: 10am, 11.30am **PRIEST ON CALL**: Tel. 094 9021844



Rest in Peace



Richard (Richie) Sweeney, Carrowclogher, Ballyheane.
Tom O'Malley, late of Commauns & New York.
Ann King, 21 Fortfield.
Neil McElhinney, Navan, brother of Brigid McNamee, Breaffy.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

### Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes'

Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others, and forgive them from their heart.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised, and show them their closeness.

Blessed are those who see God in every person, and strive to make others also discover him.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.



# Church of the Holy Rosary

Holy Hour Lectio Divina

- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm

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Every Thursday at 7pm

Exposition

Every Friday from 11am to 7pm

#### **Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry (AFCM)**

An afternoon of healing service led by lay preacher Aidan Byrne will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 1.30pm to 4pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Rosary, praise, worship and healing prayers. All are welcome.

#### **Carers Support Group Meeting**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in the Family Centre. This meeting is for those who are caring for people or family members with dementia. All are welcome.

#### Junior Infant 2022-23 Enrolment now open for newly amalgamated fully co-educational Castlebar Primary School, Mercy De la Salle Co-Ed.

**Pre-enrol Online** at www.stangelasns.ie or www.stpatsbns.eu For enquiries contact either school on 094-9022902 or 094-9023438.