

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm Ballyheane Church: 8.00pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am, 11.30am

PRIEST ON CALL: Tel. 094 9021844



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

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Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 14th June:

10.00am - Anne Jennings, Turlough Road.
James, Stasia, Kevin & Noel Banville, dec. relatives & Holy Souls.
PJ & Lilly Walsh, Bofeenau, Tom & Liz Walsh, Slingan, Josie & Sarah Walsh, Islandeady.

7.00pm - Private Intention.

Tuesday 15th June:

8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Loftus family, Newline & St. Patrick's Avenue.
Michael Hanaway, Lisnaran, Breaffy & dec. family.
Oliver Roache, Ballintubber.

Wednesday 16th June:

8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Teresa & Danny Logan & daughter Sr. Anne.
Matt & Eileen O'Boyle & dec. family, Boradruma.
John Carney, Springfield Court & Achill.

Thursday 17th June:

8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Mary & Anthony Walsh, Burren & Tony & Peggy Walsh, Manchester.
Michael Flannery, Garryduff Park.

Friday 18th June:

8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Dec. Kirby, Lavelle, Ginnelly & Conroy families. Souls in Purgatory.

Saturday 19th June:

10.00am - Wally Beardwell, Castlebar, Westport & Luton. Patrick Joseph Ryan, Westport Road.
Bridie & Johnny McHale, Davitt's Terrace & dec. Gibbons family.
Patrick & Josefa Ryan, Dublin.
7.00pm - John Loftus, Hawthorn Avenue. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 20th June:

10.30am - Brían Hoban, Gallows Hill & Newtown. (M.M.)

7pm Mass on Monday and 8am Mass from Tuesday to Friday are not public Masses.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

Saturday 19th June: 8.00pm - Priscilla Deasy, Errew. Johnny & Mary Joe Kilcoyne, Ringeraun.

BREAFFY CHURCH

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Sunday 20th June: 10.00am - Patrick, Mai & Tom Mannion & dec. Walsh & Mannion families.
11.30am - Thomas & Sara Heneghan, Breaffy & dec. Heneghan family.



Rest in Peace

Teresa Kilcoyne, Castle Street.

Frank Kelly, Springfield Court & Fr. Meehan Place.

Jerome Howley, Knockthomas & Bohola.

Margaret McDonagh (nee Kenny) McHale Road & Davitt's Terrace.

Bernadette Geraghty (nee Hoban), Australia & Mountgordon, sister of Pat Hoban, 35 Rathbawn Drive.

Kathleen Hurley, Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon, sister-in-law of Mary Quinn, Lisgowel, Breaffy.

'It is like a mustard seed'

Something we may not often think about is Jesus' earthly relationship with creation. Jesus walked everywhere, went to quiet places to pray, preached from mountains, from boats on the water; his followers included fishermen in tune with the rhythm of the sea. In Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* – On Care for Our Common Home, he reminds us that Jesus '*was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder*' (*Laudato Si'*, 97). Jesus' parables are full of imagery from the natural world and in today's Gospel we have an example of this in the parable of the mustard seed. People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's kingdom, mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted and attracts unwanted birds. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it *kudzu*, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. This mustard seed image of God's dream for this world is one which suggests that it will grow even in places where it is not wanted, putting cracks in seemingly mighty structures.

The New Testament not only tells us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout all of creation (Col 1:19-20).

'The very flowers of the field and the birds which (Christ's) human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence' (*Laudato Si'*, 100). As we watch out for traces of the mustard seed kingdom this week, let us also embrace the joy of Christ in all of creation.

Jane Mellett, Intercom.



Holy Hour

Every Sunday from 8pm to 9pm

Lectio Divina

Every Tuesday at 7pm.

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Church Collection Envelopes

The 2021/2022 Church Collection envelopes are now ready for distribution. We would be very grateful for your help in distributing the boxes. Please tel. the Parish Office at 094 9021844. Thanks to all who have collected boxes to distribute in their areas.

Lough Derg 2021

Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on 3rd – 5th July.

The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office tel. 071 9861518 or www.loughderg.org