

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 6pm (Sat), 9am, 11am Ballyheane Church: 7.30pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am

Priests: Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. George Kappen CC. **Tel.** 094 9021844

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Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.



PARISH CHURCH

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Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 20th July:

- 10.00am - Thomas Durcan & family, Main Street. Mary & James Conway & dec. family, Raheenbar.
Joe & Catherine Redmond, McHale Road, daughters Sr. Josephine & Ena O'Donnell
& dec. Redmond & O'Boyle families. Special Intention.
- 7.00pm - Eileen, Tommy & Padraig O'Boyle, Pontoon Road & dec. Clarke & O'Boyle families.
Noel McAndrew, Rathbawn Road. Christina Walkin, Meadow Park.
Willie, Mary, Michael & James Lavelle, Belmullet. Eugene O'Shea, Rathbawn Drive.
Paul Fleischman, Michigan, USA.

Tuesday 21st July:

- 10.00am - Richard & Bridie King & sons Edward & David, The Curragh.
Frank & Josephine Moore, Riverdale Court.

Wednesday 22nd July:

- 10.00am - John & Ellen O'Malley, Blackfort. Special Intention.

Thursday 23rd July:

- 10.00am - Annie McDonagh, Halting Site.

Friday 24th July:

- 10.00am - Ellen & James P. Walsh, Clooncundra & dec. Walsh family.

Saturday 25th July:

- 10.00am - Nora, Mary & Bridget Murray, Glenisland.
Emiliano Rosario, Philippines & Barry Jennings, The Curragh.
Hilda Coyne, Snugboro. Ann Marie Ahearne, Newline.
Ann & John Callan & Johnny Garvey, St. Patrick's Avenue & Ann O'Donnell, Pine Grove.
Michael & Katie Lavelle, Knocknaskibbole & dec. Lavelle & Coyle families.
Tess & Johnny Tuffy, Buncom & dec. Tuffy & Finnerty families.
- 6.00pm - Josephine McDonagh (M.M.) & husband Tony, Hawthorn Avenue.

Sunday 26th July:

- 9.00am - Michael Howley, Watersville, Pontoon Road. (M.M.)
11.00am - Thomas Collins, Newport Road & Castle Street. (1st Anv.)

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

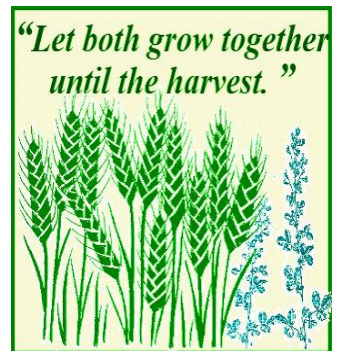
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- Saturday 25th July:** 7.30pm - Kathleen Mannion, Hollyhill. (M.M.)
Eileen Murphy, Garryduff Court & late of Kilboyne. (1st Anv.)
Breege & Tom Fahey, Lisnaponra & dec. family.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 26th July:** 10.00am - Private Intention.



Rest in Peace



Michaela Walsh, California & late of Derryharriff.

Ellen (Josie) Richardson, Derrywash.

Jean Byrne, Turlough Road.

Frank Costello, St. Patrick's Avenue.

Tom Toolis, Rowan Drive.

Paul Fleischman, Michigan, USA, brother of Nancy Ryan, Westport Road.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The picture in the parable this Sunday would be familiar to a Palestinian audience. A weed called the bearded darnel was one of the curses a farmer had to endure. In the early stages darnel so closely resembled wheat that it was impossible to distinguish one from the other. Both must be left to grow until the harvest time. In ancient times, sowing seeds among a growing crop was a criminal act. Even to this day in India, one of the direst threats which someone can make to an enemy is 'I will sow bad seed in your field'.

There is always the temptation within a community for it to become a Church of the pure, a Church of the elite. The parable of the darnel presupposes such a temptation. 'Do you want us to go and weed out the darnel?' 'No' said Jesus, 'because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it'. It is quite clear that Jesus is interested above all in saving the good grain. He wants to give the wheat every possible chance. In this life nobody can pretend to adopt that attitude that divides everything into two distinct categories; good and evil, truth and error. Heresy itself can have its grain of truth and the true teaching can contain traces of error. As Gerard McGinty once wrote 'It is possible to sense the presence of an angel and yet scent the devil'. We must practice the difficult art of discernment – a question of uniting two apparently contradictory attitudes – wanting to be the wheat and at the same time taking a stand against the 'world' and its desires.

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Why Sunday Matters

'Our invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass is presented through the lens of Synodality - Communion, Participation, and Mission – reminding us that the Eucharist is not just a personal encounter with Christ but also a communal experience that unites us all as the People of God... Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live.'

'We are deeply thankful to priests, ministers and all those who gather to celebrate Mass. Special gratitude goes to those involved in liturgical ministries, such as Ministers of the Word, of Holy Communion, Music Ministers, Sacristans, and Altar Servers. Encouraging the return of young people as Altar Servers is especially important and should be actively supported by their families and parish. The involvement of young people brings vitality to the liturgy and contributes hugely to their own faith formation.'

(Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, *Why Sunday Matters*, 2025)

Parish Church

Guided Holy Hour: Sunday from 7pm to 8pm. **Holy Face Devotion:** Tuesday at 3.30pm.

Adoration: Monday 11am-12noon, Tuesday 7pm-8pm, Thursday, Friday 11am-8pm.

Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily at 3pm. **Confessions:** Saturday 12pm – 1pm.

Masses in the Cemeteries

Old Cemetery - 31st July at 7pm

Ballyheane Cemetery - 31st July at 7pm

New Cemetery - 7th August at 7pm

Breaffy Cemetery - 7th August at 7pm

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday 26th July Celebrating the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Leo's theme this year is: "I will never forget you". Commences with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. Mass at 3pm concelebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of All Ireland. All welcome. For more details, visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Veneration of First-Class Relic of St. Charbel

Friday 24th July in Belcarra Church after 7.30pm parish Mass.