

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

PRIEST ON CALL: Tel 094 9021844



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 21st September:

10.00am - Mary Donnellan, Chestnut Grove.

7.00pm - Private Intention.

Tuesday 22nd September:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Aidan Bunyan.

Mary B. Jennings, Mountain View.

Thomas Lally, Castlebar & Belmullet.

Special Intention.

Wednesday 23rd September:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Michael Quinn, Turlough Road.

John Kneafsey Snr., Lios na Circe.

Thursday 24th September:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Sean Rochford.

Ann & Broad Kerins & dec. Kerins & Hopkins families.

Joe & Rita Flatley, Ballyhaunis.

Jim Clarke, Mount Street, Claremorris.

Friday 25th September:

8.00am - Special Intention.

10.00am - Tom Lee, Ballina & Castlebar & dec. family.

Special Intention.

Mary Ellen & Michael Curtin, Co. Clare.

Saturday 26th September:

10.00am - Geoffrey Prendergast & parents Tony & Kathleen, Lightford.

Marie & Sean Sweeney, Derrycoosh, Islandeady.

Joe Moran, Westport Road.

7.00pm - Tess Collins, Castle Street. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 27th September:

8.30am - Sheila Joyce, Pheasant Hill, Westport Road. (1st Anv.)

10.30am - Fr. Paddy Gilligan, Castlebar. (M.M.)



**Masses and Ceremonies in the Parish Church are broadcast live
at castlebarparish.ie/web-cam and on the Parish Radio at 105.3 FM.**

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



Rest in Peace

Elinora Ryan, Skerries, Co. Dublin,
sister in law of Una Ryan, Garryduff Park.

Joe Dawson, An Sruthan.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church of the Holy Rosary every Friday from 11am to 7pm.

Re-opening of Breaffy Church – Volunteers needed

Thanks to all who have volunteered to act as stewards and ushers outside and inside of Breaffy Church. We will need at least 4 people for each of our 2 Masses on Sunday. If you can help, please tel. the Parish Office at 094 9021844 or email castlebarparish@gmail.com

Unequal Opportunities

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time and time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light.

Today, he tells the story of the landowner who pays the same wages to all his workers – those who were hired at the crack of dawn and those who only joined late in the day. Naturally, the ‘early birds’ are put out by this – they feel it is unjust, even though they received the wage they were promised.

Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that only certain people deserve good things. Those who work hard, who are law-abiding, who make the most of opportunities – they deserve a decent standard of living. Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or ‘handouts’? Such criticisms fail to take into account that not everyone has the same opportunities or privileges in life.

But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity. He recognises that not all of them had the same opportunity – some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time. God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life.

Sadly, we do not live in an equal world where everyone’s dignity is respected and everyone has equal opportunities. In this Season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of the world’s poor who suffer most as a result of environmental destruction – damage that is often caused by the comfortable lifestyles of others.

‘Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.’ (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*)

Tríona Doherty, Intercom Magazine.

Vocations

“Seek the Lord while He is still to be found...”

While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, religious sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, speak to your local priest or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Western Care Association’s Annual Collection is now online during the month of September. You can donate on Facebook "Western Care Association" or at www.idonate.ie/wcador

Free Training Courses at National Learning Network in Mayo

More information available at www.nln.ie email Castlebar@nln.ie or tel. 094 9022770