

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 3rd August:

- 10.00am - Josie & Paddy McEveney, Snugboro & dec. McEveney & Conway families.
- 7.00pm - Private Intention.

Tuesday 4th August:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Assumpta Concannon, Carrigaholt, Co. Clare. (1st Anv.)

Wednesday 5th August:

- 8.00am - Holy Souls.
- 10.00am - Brendan Hopkins, Knockthomas Drive.

Thursday 6th August:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Paddy Jennings, Mountain View.

Friday 7th August:

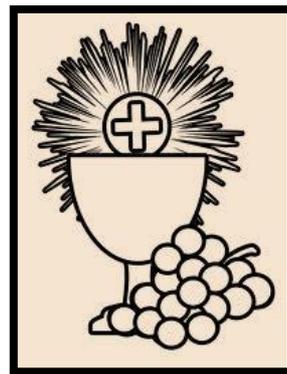
- 8.00am - Holy Souls.
- 10.00am - Maureen Murray, Hawthorn Avenue. (M.M.)

Saturday 8th August:

- 10.00am - Sean Maguire, Saleen. Liam Kilcullen, Rathbawn Road. Esther Flaherty, Lightfort.
- 7.00pm - Harry Jennings, Hawthorn. (M.M.)

Sunday 9th August:

- 10.30am - Bridie Loftus, Turlough Road & late of Knocknaskibbole & Derrylahan. (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.**

12noon Mass on Sunday has been changed to 12.30pm.



Rest in Peace

Catherine (Kitty) Bourke, St. Patrick's Avenue.

**Thomas Browne, Gortaphuil, Mayo Abbey,
father of Noel Browne, Snugboro**

**Jimmy McHale, Muckanagh, Parke,
brother of Nora Devaney, Spencer Park.**

A New Pilgrimage on Lough Derg's Lakeshore

Walk and Pray in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 and 30 August. At times in the 1600s and 1700s when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps.

Contact 071-9861518 or email info@loughderg.org for more details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.

Re-opening of Ballyheane and Breaffy Churches

Now that we have managed to successfully re-open the Church of the Holy Rosary for public Masses, we are doing all we can to do the same for Ballyheane and Breaffy. Both churches present similar difficulties in relation to such limited numbers allowed and ensuring social distancing before, during and after Mass. We think that installing a webcam in each church would be essential so that people would be able to view their Mass even if they could not attend. We have been actively pursuing this option for the past 2 months but have failed to get a date for the installation of the broadband. As soon as we know we will inform you.

We are most grateful for the patience and understanding shown by everybody in Ballyheane and Breaffy.

Not Enough

Have you ever felt like you have nothing left to give? We all have times when we feel as though we do not have 'enough' to offer, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When work is busy, we don't have enough time for family. When we are physically or emotionally exhausted at the end of a long day, we might not have the energy to play with our children or visit a friend. In the face of suffering in our own society and around the world, we often feel helpless – whatever small amount of time or money we can give will never be enough.

But where we see 'not enough,' God sees potential. What we see as a small contribution is not small to God, if it is all we have to give and it is given with love. 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish,' say the disciples to Jesus – a tiny offering when faced with a giant task. But Jesus takes what they have, blesses it, and uses it to give sustenance to thousands. In the face of human limitations, God can do plenty.



We are told at the start of today's reading that Jesus 'took pity' on the large crowd that followed him. They have been out all day and are hungry, not to mention tired. They are so engrossed in listening to Jesus that time has slipped away. They are running on empty, and I'm sure they would be dismayed if, as the disciples suggest, they had to hike to the nearest village to buy food. Jesus understands their exhaustion and hunger, their limitations and their 'not enough.' What they have to give is inadequate, but he can do more with it than they could ever have imagined. We too are limited in what we have to offer. But whatever we can give – to our families and friends, to those in need – God sees and blesses and multiplies.

'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'
St. Gregory of Nazianzus

(Triona Doherty, Intercom Magazine)