

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

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Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 6th September:

- 10.00am - Private Intention.
- 7.00pm - William & Bridget Kelly, Crumpaun, Achill.

Tuesday 7th September:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

Wednesday 8th September:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Martin McDonnell, Kilkenny Cross (M.M.) & his wife Mary Margaret. (1st Anv.)
Dr. John Cahill, Howth, Dublin.

Thursday 9th September:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - John Conway, Castlebar.

Friday 10th September:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Joe Dawson, 22 An Sruthán. (1st Anv.)
Paddy & Rosaleen McGreal, sons John, Pat, Paul & Joe, Castlebar & Ballaghaderreen.

Saturday 11th September:

- 10.00am - Mark Jordan, Knockthomas.
Noel Lydon, Fortfield, Moneen.
Paddy Cannon, Ballymacragh.
Ann Moran, Mountgregory, Turlough Road.
Tom & Nora Kelly & son Tommy, Westport Road & grandson Sean Igoe, Galway.
Loretta & John Kenny, Riverdale Court.

- 8.00pm - Private Intention (**note change of time**)



BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 11th September: 8.00pm - Private Intention.

BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/breaffy

- Sunday 12th September: 10.00am - Eileen & Michael O'Malley & dec. O'Malley & Rowland families, Breaffy.
- 11.30am - Private Intention.

***Mass on Saturday 11th September will be at 8pm
in the Parish Church***

'Ephphatha'

This Sunday is the First Sunday of the Season of Creation, a global ecumenical season which runs from 1 September until the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, 4 October. All Christians are invited to embrace this season in prayer, especially in our liturgies, in deep reflection, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world and the call to 'eco-conversion'. The theme for this year's Season is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. It offers all of us a unique opportunity to renew our vocation to care more deeply for God's creation.

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment. Jesus says to him, '*Ephphatha*,' which means *Be Opened*. Immediately this man was healed. There are many issues in our world to which we might be deaf or are 'closed' to, sometimes because they overwhelm us. The environment crises are an example. Pope Francis invites us in *Laudato Si'*, his letter on the environment, to really *hear* and *listen* to the earth, which is crying out to us, to the scientific community who are sounding the alarm bells, to young people who are deeply concerned. *Ephphathal!* May we be open to hearing these cries, to praying for our world and to take action where we can. We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same.

Ephphatha! Let us all *be open* to this call to care more deeply and 'Restore Our Common Home'.

Jane Mellett, Intercom

Prayer for our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

*O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

Touch the hearts of all those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your
infinite light.*

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace.

(Laudato Si')



Church of the Holy Rosary

Holy Hour

Every Sunday from 8pm to 9pm

Lectio Divina

Every Tuesday at 7pm

Exposition

Every Friday from 11am to 7pm