

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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Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

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Parish Radio 105.3fm

Monday 7th June:

- 10.00am - Michael John Rowland, late of Main Street.
Austin & Peggy Quinn, Westport Road, grandson Mark & dec. Quinn & Howley families.
Mary & Jack O'Reilly, Station Road.
7.00pm - Mass for Exam Students.

Tuesday 8th June:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Bridie Jennings, Commauns & late of Sion Hill.

Wednesday 9th June:

- 8.00am - Martin & Elizabeth Murphy, Roslahan, Belcarra.
10.00am - Special Intention.
Dec. Cusick, McQuaid, Denny & Murray families.

Thursday 10th June:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Patrick & Ellen Cunningham, grandsons Martin Costello & Mark Grimes & dec.
Cunningham, McDermott & McTigue families.

Friday 11th June:

- 8.00am - Dominic, Roseanne & Pat Staunton & dec. Staunton, Sweeney & Jennings families.
10.00am - Rita & Michael Brennan & dec. family, Knockthomas & Market Square.

Saturday 12th June:

- 10.00am - Eimear Leydon, Ballynew.
7.00pm - Chris Culkeen, McHale Road. (1st Anv.)



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

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at churchtv.ie/ballyheane

- Saturday 12th June: 8.00pm - Seán & Kathleen Rabbette, Derrywash.

BREAFFY CHURCH

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- Sunday 13th June: 10.00am - John (Jackie) Duffy, McHale Road. (M.M.)
11.30am - Mary Gavin, Liscromwell. (M.M.)



...WITH *God*
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE
MATTHEW 19:26



A Prayer before an Exam

*Come Holy Spirit with all Your gifts and graces.
Help me to recall the facts I have studied for this exam.
Guide my thinking process and fill my mind with the ideas and
concepts I need to know in order to do well.
Illuminate my mind and make clear the answers
I am supposed to give for each question.
As I answer, keep my thoughts clear and concise.
Replace any anxiety I feel with peace in knowing that
You are with me to assist me and guide my responses.
Amen.*



Mass for Leaving Certificate Students (online only) on Monday 7th June at 7pm.
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‘He has gone out of his mind’

In the Gospel today we read that Jesus has returned home and causes quite a commotion on his arrival. Word about this healer and teacher has gotten around, the crowds have gathered, and the religious leaders are not happy. Jesus’ growing popularity has started to upset daily life for his family to the point where ‘they could not eat’. In an effort to protect their son and their brother, Jesus’ family try to explain away his ‘unruly’ behaviour. They tell the crowd and the religious leaders that Jesus does not mean what he says, he has simply ‘gone out of his mind’. In their view, things have gone too far. Jesus was preaching a message that seemed radical to many. He knows that bringing about God’s dream for the world involves speaking out and behaving in ways that are counter cultural. The religious leaders go so far as to say that Jesus was possessed by a demon. It was their way of ‘explaining away’ someone that they could not cope with, someone who was challenging their systems and practices. We can think of those in society today who are ‘explained away’; those whom society wishes would stop speaking out because it is uncomfortable to listen to. Name calling is often a last resort when institutions or ‘powers’ are disgruntled. The young climate activist, Greta Thunberg, knows this well. Following taunts by Presidents and Fossil Fuel executives towards her, she famously said, ‘When haters go after your looks and differences, it means they have nowhere left to go... and then you know you’re winning.’

The end of today’s Gospel is troubling as Jesus seems to dismiss his mother, his brothers and sisters. But Jesus’ mission is now wider than his immediate family. It is not that he no longer cares for them, God’s vision and Jesus’ vision for this world are now one. As sometimes happens in life, we have to let go of certain things in order to follow our true path.

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.