

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm

PRIEST ON CALL: Tel. 094 9021844



PARISH CHURCH

Monday 8th June:

- 10.00am - Special Intention.
Bridie Jennings, Sion Hill.
- 7.00pm - Sara & Joe Corcoran, Islandeady, granddaughter Olivia McNally & dec. Walsh & Corcoran families.
Mary, Willie, Michael & James Lavelle, Belmullet.

Tuesday 9th June:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Ollie Roache, Ballintubber.

Wednesday 10th June:

- 8.00am - Martin & Elizabeth Murphy, Roslahan.
- 10.00am - Ellen & John O'Malley, Blackfort.
Frank Chambers, Lucan Street.

Thursday 11th June:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Rita & Michael Brennan & dec. family, Knockthomas and Market Square.
Mary Hamrock, Pound Road.

Friday 12th June:

- 8.00am - Private Intention.
- 10.00am - Jim McSharry, Rathbawn Road.

Saturday 13th June:

- 10.00am - John, Bridget & Chris Gilboy, Marian O'Connell, Linenhall Street & John Keane, Knockadine.
Ann Jennings, Turlough Road.
Patrick Joseph Ryan, Westport Road.
Frank & Una Griffin, Station Road & dec. Keegan family, Chapel Street.
- 7.00pm - Gerry Hughes, Fortfield. (M.M.)

Sunday 14th June:

- 10.30am - Nora Ruane, Sarnaught. (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.



Rest in Peace

Maureen Cusack, Mountdaisy.

Download the 2020 Sacred Heart Novena for free

The Messenger Sacred Heart Novena is one of our most popular publications each year. It is held for the nine days leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is always celebrated nineteen days after Pentecost. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is considered a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for humanity". Many have found comfort and solace praying the Novena, and this year we have particular reason as a community, a nation and a global people to find strength, patience and reassurance in God's love for us.

The 2020 Novena is available to download from their website free of charge at www.messenger.ie/the-sacred-heart-messenger/sacred-heart-novena-2020/

NOTE: The Novena is also available as a pull-out supplement in the June Messenger.

WHERE'S THE HAIR-DYE?

It seems to me we now fall into different groups – those fighting for their lives as sufferers of Covid19; those going through the agonies of bereavement; those front-line carers whether clad in PPE at the bedside or diligently cleaning hospital floors, or digging graves in cemeteries and those of us kicking up a fuss that we can't get our hair cut or find a bag of self-raising flour. Some bear all this with patient resignation while others rail against governments, establishments, commercial companies and... God. We each have our coping mechanisms and we each have our breaking points.

Each one of us has a story to tell, each of us has our own preoccupations and responsibilities. For me these days it's trying to explain to a young adult with Down's Syndrome – that no, she cannot go to work today; that no, she is not able to see her friends; that no, she cannot go to meet her new niece and namesake and no, we will avoid checking out ailments at the health centre because it's not, if possible, a place we want to go to; and finally no, I don't know when we will ever get back to normal. So, we'll watch television, we'll saunter up the road another time and we'll get the day in. Human beings are gregarious creatures; we need other human beings. We starve if we are denied social interaction but the social interaction we risk is that ultimate reliance on a masked face and a gloved hand.

And where is your God? the cynic asks. And why such suffering? We have few answers to all this but we have got to believe that our God is here. Right in the middle of it. Not punishing, not judging – just being. Alongside the supermarket checkout girl, alongside the terrified young nurse; alongside the distracted mother cradling her baby from her partner's fists, alongside those who have turned to drink as they contemplate the collapse of a business. We have got to believe our God does indeed reign and is with us, alongside us in every moment of these perilous days. He is with us even in our moments of temper and frustration when the Wi-Fi fails, when the washing machine breaks down and the food delivery does not arrive. He is with us when the phone rings and it is the worst news of all, the battle lost for life.

Alison Rooke, tidings magazine.

Church Collection Envelopes 2020/2021

We are very grateful to all those who have collected the Church Collection envelopes for distributing in their areas. If you can help with the distribution of envelopes in light of our present restrictions, please **tel. the Parish Office at 094 9021844** (Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 2.30pm) to arrange collection.

Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly envelopes. Envelopes can be dropped in the Presbytery letterbox or in the box at the back of the Parish Church.



Free online Self Care to Wellness Programme

If you are living with a long-term health condition you may be interested in this six-week programme, delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day to day basis. This Programme will commence on Thursday 18th June from 10.30am to 1pm. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on 087 349 0393 or by email at liam.gildea@mayocil.ie More info. at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/hl/selfmanagement/living-well-programme/>