

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 10th August:

10.00am - Patrick & Katie Barrett, Patrick, Mary & Michael McDonagh & Mick Barrett.

John & Betty McGoldrick, Pontoon Drive. Michael & Mary Halligan, Balloor.

7.00pm - Mai, Gerard & Patrick Walkin & dec Walkin & Quigley families, Rathbawn Road.

Tuesday 11th August:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Joseph & Margaret Campbell & Patrick & Mary Coleman.

Wednesday 12th August:

8.00am - Holy Souls.

10.00am - Kathleen Finnerty & dec. Finnerty & Duffy families, Fortfield.

Thursday 13th August:

8.00am - Holy Souls.

10.00am - Elizabeth, James & Bridie O'Shaughnessy.

Friday 14th August:

8.00am - Holy Souls.

10.00am - Brendan Burke, Snugboro & Rowan Drive. Maura Martyn, Corheens, Breaffy.

Nora Cafferkey, The Brambles. Liam Coady, Knockthomas.

7.00pm - *Feast of the Assumption.*

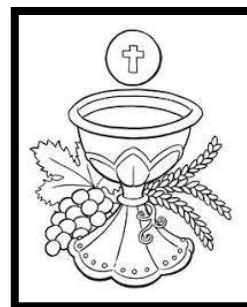
Saturday 15th August:

10.00am - *Feast of the Assumption.*

7.00pm - Jack Quinn, Ross. (M.M.)

Sunday 16th August:

10.30am - Julianne Hayes, Rathbawn Road (M.M.) & her mother Frances.



**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

Fr. Paddy Gilligan, Castlebar.

Joe Hamrock, Garryduff Drive.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

15th August

MASS TIMES

Parish Church

7.00pm (Friday)

10.00am (Saturday)





Sacrament of Confirmation

We remember in our prayers all our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish.

We ask God's Blessing for them and their families.



That Sinking Feeling

Have you ever used the expression 'My heart sank'? It is usually used to describe an experience of extreme disappointment or anxiety; a moment when our courage or hope fails and we feel that things are about to turn out very badly indeed. We might be going along just fine, confidently navigating life's twists and turns, when something knocks us off balance. It could be an illness, a financial blow, falling out with a family member or friend, worry about a son or daughter. Especially when we lose someone close to us, grief can make us feel as though we are sinking.

What strikes me about today's gospel is that Peter doesn't hesitate about taking that first step out of the boat. Once he sees who is calling him, out he gets and begins to walk towards Jesus. But then, as soon as he feels the force of the wind, as soon as he realises that the conditions around him are challenging and frightening, he loses courage and starts to sink.

Wind and storm are metaphors for situations we face. Sometimes it is a single thing that knocks us back. Sometimes it is a build-up. A few months ago, at the early stages of 'lockdown,' we thought it wouldn't be so bad to take a break and stay at home for a few weeks. But as the weeks turned into months, many people were overwhelmed by increasing feelings of loneliness, fears for health and anxiety about the future. It can feel like sinking.

The good news of today's gospel centres around the line, 'Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.' As soon as Peter starts to falter and sink, Jesus reaches out to steady him and pull him to himself. When we are in trouble, sometimes all we can do is trust in God. When our faith and hope are shaken, and we are sinking, he will reach out and hold us close.

Triona Doherty, Intercom.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

The annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival is Ireland's largest Catholic Youth event, but this year, for the first time, it will be streamed live on the 14th-16th August. Hear talks and workshops from some of the best Catholic speakers including Fr. John Harris OP, Dr. Scott Hahn, John Pridmore, Petroc Willey (University of Steubenville), Katie Ascough, Sr. Colleen Mattingly, Sr. Mary Hanrahan, Bill Keimig (University of Steubenville), Beth Davis (Blessed is She) and others from Ireland and around the world.

Youth 2000 Ireland's motto is 'Youth leading Youth to the Heart of the Church' and we do this by leading Eucharistic-centred festivals, retreats and prayer meetings throughout the country. Register FREE at www.youth2000.ie/summerfestival2020