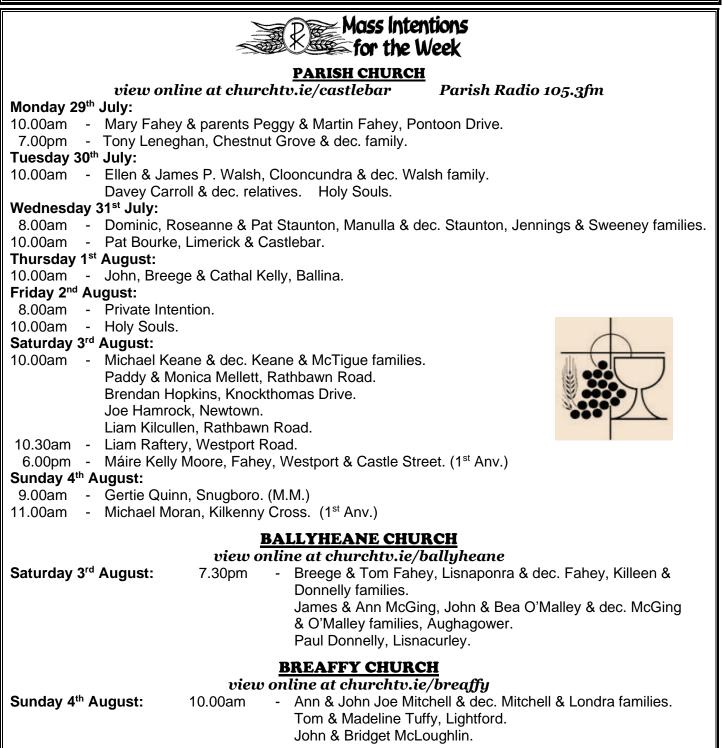
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Sunday Mass Times

Parish Church: 6pm (Sat), 9am, 11am Ballyheane Church: 7.30pm (Sat.) Breaffy Church: 10am Priests: Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. Jose Raju CC. Tel. 094 9021844

Diocesan Child Safeguarding: More information available at www.tuamarchdiocese.org Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.



Rest in Peace



Bernie Durkan, Ballyglass, mother of Tony Durkan, Tullycommons. John Brett, California & late of Davitt's Terrace. Phil O' Connor, Irishtown, mother of Tony O' Connor, Balloor. Mary Conway, Raheenbar, Glenisland.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6:1-15

The Jewish festival of Passover was near, the festival which remembers the liberation of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt, the festival associated with unleavened bread and manna that fell from heaven to feed the people in the wilderness (Exodus 16:19).

Here, we find many overtones of Eucharistic symbolism as Jesus, 'having given thanks' distributes the food to the crowds himself. Jesus asks the disciples, 'Where are we going to buy bread for these people to eat?' Andrew does not have the full answer yet, but he is on the right track as he notices the young boy with the loaves and fish. He may have perceived that with those gifts, Jesus could do something. The result is abundant grace, blessings and nourishment. Imagine the young boy looking at what resulted from his small gesture.

We might recall those teachers or leaders who have fed us. Someone who asked just the question at the right time in our lives and waited patiently for us to discover the answer for ourselves. They may have led us on a journey we did not dream possible. Or perhaps we were the ones asking the question, a question we thought was insignificant but that planted many seeds in another's heart. With these gifts and seeds and loaves and fishes, God can do great things.

After this 'sign', the people want to crown Jesus as king, assuming him to be the one who would liberate them from the Roman Empire. But Jesus is not that sort of king. He has come to serve the people. He withdraws to the mountain to pray. He puts his relationship with God and his mission over any earthy kingdom.

(The Deep End)

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, 28th July

Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen, but it will never part.

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, The founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, The keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart. (*Intercom*)

<u>Holy Hour</u>	- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Church.
Adoration of the Eucharist	- Every Friday from 11am in the Parish Church.
<u>Lectio Divina</u>	- Resumes on the first Tuesday in September.

Masses in the Cemeteries

New Cemetery- 2nd August at 7pmBreaffy Cemetery- 2nd August at 7pm

Visitation to the Sick

The priests visit the sick on the First Fridays. Please let us know if a member of your family or neighbour would like a visit. Tel. the Parish Office at 094 9021844.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival takes place from August 15th-18th in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. A weekend of festivities: talks, testimonies praise & worship and workshops. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie for more information.

Third World Support Group

Meeting on Tuesday 30th July at 7.30pm in the Monastery, Chapel Street. New members welcome.

Car Boot Sale

Today Sunday, in Main Street Car Park from 8am-3pm. In aid of Castlebar Scouts.

