

Castlegar Parish Newsletter

8th Nov 2026 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Columba's Castlegar

Sat 7th	*2.00 pm*	*Marie Pollard, 4th Anniversary*
Sun 8th	*10.00 am*	*Pat Mulroy, Twomileditch, 5th Anniv.*
	——	*Denis O'Neill, Castlegar, 2nd Anniv*
	——	*Donal Leader, Castlegar, 1st Anniv.*
	——	*John & Mary Doyle, Glenanail, Anniv.*
	——	*Martin Heneghan, Killeen, Anniv.*
Sun 15th	*10.00 am*	*Laurence & Margaret Moloney, sons Johnny and Martin, daughter Lucy Boyle Nee Moloney, Kiloughter, Anniv.*
	——	*Nicholas Silke, Ballybrit, 4th Anniv.*
	——	*Bridie Leonard, Castlegar, 6th Anniv.*
	——	*Laurence & Mary Coady, Carrabrowne & decd of family, Anniv.*

St. Peter & St Paul's Church, Coolough

Sun 8th	*9.00 am*	*Sean Connell, Anniv.*
Sun 15th	*9.00 am*	*Kay Power, Anniv.*
		Edmund Power, Birthday remembrance.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel **Matthew 25-1-13**

While the parable has clear end-of-time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you? Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?

We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself? **John Byrne OSA**

Every year brings its own challenges, this year the Lord called home one of your loved ones—a mother, a father, a brother, or a sister. I would like to invite your and your family to a Special Mass for all the people who died in the parishes of Castlegar, Mervue, Ballybane and the Good Shepherd over the past 12 months. The Mass will take place in Mervue Church at 7pm on Wednesday the 18th of November. We will have light refreshments in the room at the back of the church for all afterwards. Looking forward to praying with you all for your loved ones on the night. Fr. Martin

November Altar List of the Dead. The Nine Day Novena of Masses for the parishes of Mervue, Ballybane, Castlegar and Good Shepherd are being held in Holy Family Church, Mervue. The Masses will continue on Sunday 8th of November at 11am Mass, Monday 9th at 9.30 am and ending Tuesday 10th of November at 9.30am. Our Deceased loved ones are also remembered at the First Friday Mass of each month.

Note I will be out of office on Monday 9th Nov and Thursday 12th Nov. Ann

Anniversaries this week from the Book of Remembrance

Julia Molloy Nee Lung, Michael Connolly, Bridie Lohan Nee Sweeney, Gertie Kelly, John Boyle, Sean Connell.

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Please note for emergencies only!!!
Call 087 2527124

Eucharistic Adoration
Castlegar
Tues 8.00pm–9.00pm .
Fri- 6.30pm - 7.20pm

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€1,416.00

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