



Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat	30th Nov	8.00pm	Tommy Carberry, (3rd anniv) Derraham.
Sun	1st Dec	10.30am	John Casey & Noreen Gibbons, Derrydarragh & Athlone.
Mon	2nd Dec	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues	3rd Dec	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Wed	4th Dec	No Mass.	
Thurs	5th Dec	9.30am	People of the Parish.
Fri	6th Dec	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Sat	7th Dec	8.00pm	The Kenny, Gallagher & Moughy Families.
Sun	8th Dec	10.30am	Frank Nolan, Portanure.

Rosary continues on Saturday before Mass at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday 3-9pm and Friday 8.30-9pm.

First Friday calls will be made on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Eucharistic Ministers:

8.00pm Sat 7th Dec Liz Hanley & Caroline Murtagh.
 10.30am Sun 8th Dec Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce.

Readers:

8.00pm Sat 7th Dec Dónal Farrell.
 10.30am Sun 8th Dec David Hanley.

Concern Christmas Fast The annual fast and church gate collection takes place on December 7th & 8th. Again your support would be appreciated.

St. Mary's N.S Clothing Recycling Friday 13th December 2019. Bags of unwanted clothes, footwear etc (dry and clean) can be left in staff car park or P.E. shed before 9.30 a.m. This is a valuable fundraiser and we appreciate your continued support.

Knock Vigil There is a bus going to the night vigil in Knock on Sat 7th Dec. Seats available. Contact Bridget on 087-2487883.

Newtowncashel ICA We hope everyone has recovered from our lovely meal out in The Villager Glasson. Our December meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd December 8pm in The Hill. New members always welcome. We will have the ICA 2020 calendar available for sale at the meeting.

Newtowncashel themed Christmas Cards now on sale. Proceeds go to charity. Contact Declan Gilmore.

Cashel GAA 1993 Reunion - Celebrating Silver Jubilee of Intermediate Championship victory in The Local tonight.

Reflection Once **Shivaji Maharaj**, a great king from India, lost his way while going from one fort to another. He looked around from a hilltop but could not see any village nearby. The night was advancing fast. As he started coming down the hill, he saw a dim light twinkling in the distance. Going in that direction, he soon reached a hut. Inside the hut was an old woman who welcomed him, thinking that he was an ordinary soldier from Shivaji's army. Seeing that he was tired and hungry, she gave him warm water to wash his hands and face and also spread a mat for him to

relax upon. After he had sufficient rest, she brought a plateful of hot rice and curry and placed it before him.

Shivaji was so hungry that he ate too quickly ... gulping down big morsels of the hot curry. The piping hot food burned his mouth and tongue and in excruciating pain he knocked the plate over spilling some food on the floor.

The old woman saw what had happened and remarked, "Oh, you are just as bad as your master ... *impatient ... hasty ... impetuous ... imprudent* - He's a *nincompoop* ... that clown will *never amount to anything*."

King Shivaji's pride was mortally wounded and his face flushed red with boiling anger behind the old lady's back. Nevertheless he was humble enough not to let the peasant woman know who he really was. "Why do you think my master Shivaji is impatient and hasty?" he asked, trying his best to suppress the roiling rage in his tone.

The old lady innocently began to explain. "Look here, my dear son. Don't you see, Shivaji is ignoring the *smaller forts* of his enemy and trying to capture only the *big forts*? Just as your impatience to eat burned your tongue and caused the food to spill, Shivaji's impatience to defeat the enemy is causing him to lose every battle he fights. You should have first eaten the cooler food at the *edge of the plate* ... and then the food in the *centre*. So, too, Shivaji should start taking the small forts first and strengthen his position. Then he could take on the bigger forts."

Shocked, humiliated and yet profoundly impressed with this poor peasant's wisdom ... Shivaji was humble enough to take her advice to heart ... he changed his tactics ... learned the virtue of patience and just a few years later was crowned emperor of a huge territory comprising most of modern India in the year 1674.

Moral: The above incident teaches us the virtue of patience. It is similar with **astrophotography** - a process which photographs objects invisible to the human eye such as dim stars, nebulae, and galaxies. This is done by **long time exposure** since cameras can only accumulate light photons over these long periods of time.

Moral: Advent is a time of patiently preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Yet patience is the last thing Advent is about in the modern mad rush. Nevertheless, God listens to our prayers when we **go against the flow** ... putting Him first no matter what ... let's prepare properly this Christmas season for the arrival of the Christ Child by slowing things down even a little bit ... a few minutes adoration here in the Church every Wednesday or Friday evening ... The Rosary on Saturday evenings at 7.40pm or a decade of the Rosary at home before bedtime. Remember these classic mantra prayers are proven by recent scientific research to calm the anxious brain dramatically if practised for 20 minutes a day. And that's without mentioning the spiritual power behind them to bring us into God's Presence.