



2ND APRIL 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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FAITH IS NOT KNOWING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

but knowing who holds the future

**BE
STILL**
AND KNOW THAT
**I AM
GOD.**

Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 10.30am. Monday & Friday: 8.00pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 7.00am.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 1st Apr 8.00pm Patrick & Mary Liz Brennan, Derrygowan.
Sun 2nd Apr 10.30am Mary (Babs) Fagan & D.F.M. Dermacarr.
Mon 3rd Apr 8.00pm Peter & Elizabeth Hopkins & D.F.M. Drumnee.
Tues 4th Apr 7.00am Special Intention.
Wed 5th Apr 7.00am People of the Parish.
Thurs 6th Apr 7.00am Special Intention.
Fri 7th Apr 8.00pm Brian Ganly, Portanure.
Sat 8th Apr 8.00pm Thomas Skelly, Ballagh.
Sun 9th Apr 10.30am Maura Donlon & D.F.M. of the Donlon & Carley families.
Mon 10th Apr 8.00pm Michael Costello & D.F.M., Pollagh.

First Friday Calls: will be made on Thursday and Friday this week.

Eucharistic Adoration: continues on Wednesdays from 3pm - 9pm and on Friday evening between 8.30 - 9pm

Throughout Lent our teenagers will lead us in the Stations of the Cross on Sat. eve. at 7:40 pm.

Daffodil Day: The recent collection raised €1036.65. Thanks to all.

World Meeting of Families 2018: The second national collection to support the planning and preparation for the World Meeting of Families takes place this weekend.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 8th Apr: Anna Costello & Thomas Dennigan.
10.30am Sun 9th Apr: Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 8th Apr: Maureen Sheehy.
10.30am Sun 9th Apr: Yvonne Kenny.

Confessions will be held for Easter on Monday night April 10th @ 8.30pm. here in Cashed Church.

Parish Mission: will take place from Monday 24th - Friday 28th April.

John Pridmore ex-gangster and international bestselling Author of book 'From Gangland to Promise Land' will be sharing his amazing story in our local Church on Monday night 24th April at 8pm.

He has been interviewed on RTE, BBC, ITV, TV3, UTV, American TV, Australian TV and numerous daily newspapers and radio shows. John has worked with people such as St. Teresa of Calcutta and was a friend of St. John Paul II.

Newtowncashel Drama Group in connection with BeezNeez Theatre presents "An Ordinary Man" in the "Hill" on Sat. 8th April. Doors open at 8.30pm. Play begins at 9.00pm. Tickets: €12; Booking: 0862521536

Junior Choir rehearsals for Easter: The Junior Choir will sing on Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday Masses. Rehearsals will be held in the Church after Mass on Sundays - April 2nd, 9th and after the 3pm Ceremony on Good Friday. Everyone welcome.

On the advice of the Gardai, the Parish Council has accepted the recommendation not to publish the amount given in the Sunday collection as it is being used to target presbyteries around the area. Instead, the figures will be read out at Mass from today onwards

Reflection: Three elderly brothers, all very short-sighted, lived in a large house on the outskirts of a city, in China. One day the youngest brother suggested that he should take charge of the finances. "Elder brother's sight is so bad, he cannot see how much money he's receiving or giving," he said, "and people take advantage of his disability." "As if you can see better ...," sneered the second-youngest brother. "If you're saying our finances should be handled by the one who has the best sight, then it is I who should be given charge. I can see better than either of you." "I have my doubts about that," said the eldest brother. "Let's settle this once and for all: I've heard the monastery is putting up a plaque inscribed with a saying about the main doorway tonight. Let's go there tomorrow and test our vision. Whoever can read the inscription with the least strain will get charge of our money. Agreed?" "Agreed," said his brothers in unison. "Good! Now go away and let me get a few winks." As soon as they had gone, the eldest brother sneaked out of the house and went to the monastery where he met a monk. "I've heard you're putting up an inscription over the doorway," he said. "Can you tell me what the inscription says?" "Certainly! It's a quotation from Confucius. It reads:

"Be Honest At All Times." The brother went away chuckling at his cleverness. A little later the second brother arrived there. "Can you tell me what the inscription you are going to put up over the doorway reads?" he said to the monk. "Everybody seems to want to know," said the monk. "It reads: 'Be Honest At All Times.'" "Is there any decoration around it?" "The tablet has a flowery border. The second brother went away very pleased with himself. Hardly had he gone when the third brother arrived there. He too enquired about the inscription and on being told what it was, asked if there was any other writing on it. "Only the donor's name, Wang Lee, at the bottom," said the monk. The next morning the three short-sighted brothers made their way to the monastery. "There's the inscription," said the oldest when they drew near the entrance. "I can clearly make out the writing. It reads: Be Honest At All Times." "Your sight is better than I thought," said the second brother. "But definitely not better than mine. Can you see the decoration around the inscription?" "Decoration? What decoration?" "There's a floral decoration all around the plaque," said the brother, triumphantly. "Very good, very good," applauded the youngest brother. "But can either of you see any other writing on the tablet besides the inscription?" "Other writing?" intoned the second brother, his face falling. "What other writing is there?" "The name of the donor, Wang Lee," said the youngest brother, pointing. "Can't you see it? It's at that corner." The monk they had talked to the previous evening came out of the monastery just then and walked towards the short-sighted brothers. "Oh, you've come to see the inscription," he said. "So sorry. We couldn't put it up yesterday. We were just too busy, but, I assure you, we'll have it up first thing tomorrow morning."

Moral: Honesty is the best policy. It's not easy ... everything in our nature drives us to look after No. 1 - if that means being dishonest - many will be. Some will say I'm an honest person - but you'll find they massage the truth ... manipulate the facts ... exaggerate ... play them down, and in the classic case of omission play dumb all together ... or worse - we do all this with ourselves. Yes - the truth can be all too hard to face - witness all the escapism in our modern world - a myriad of distractions - we find it so hard to be still or silent yet the Lord tells us: "Be still and know that I am God." There is no other way.