



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSPAPER
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18th Sunday In Ordinary Time / A 02-08-20



Mass Intentions for this week:

Sat	1st	Aug	8.00pm:	
Sun	2nd	Aug	10.30am:	
Mon	3rd	Aug	8.00pm:	Special Intention.
Tues	4th	Aug	8.00pm:	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Wed	5th	Aug	No Mass.	
Thurs	6th	Aug	9.30am:	Special Intention.
Fri	7th	Aug	8.00pm:	Jimmy Murray, Claris.
Sat	8th	Aug	8.00pm:	Special Intention.
Sun	9th	Aug	10.30am:	Special Intention.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Aidan Skelly, Cornadough. May he rest in peace.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian Community Baby Ruairi Gerard Hopkins who was baptised last Saturday. Congratulations to his parents Justin & Michelle.

Eucharistic Adoration has recommenced on Wednesday 3-9pm and Friday 8.30-9pm. A special word of thanks to all the adorers.

First Friday Visits can *only take place* when the parishioner and / or family invites the priest to call.

Stewards: *Thank you so much to the new volunteers*. The more we have, the easier it is on everyone. If you are willing to volunteer please contact me at 086 060 3433.

Confirmation Videos: Three 30 minute Confirmation videos, Come Holy Spirit, have been produced in preparation for Confirmation. They honour and complement the good work already carried out in schools.

Two of the three are now available on www.icatholic.ie. They can also be accessed via our own website www.ardaghdiocese.org. Each video is accompanied by a worksheet. Candidates for Confirmation and their parents may find the videos very positive and useful in their preparations.

Lotto Draw takes place on Monday night at 9pm in the Club-house. Completed envelopes can be left in Drop-in-box or given to any Executive member or player on Monday prior to draw. Protocols will be put in place so that everyone carrying out the Draw will be safe. It is hoped to be set up for on-line draw on Monday 10th August.

Ballymahon Day Care Centre - is awaiting guidelines on when to re-open our service to the community. Our aim is to have all our clients, staff and volunteers back to the centre in a safe environment. We are looking forward to meeting everyone soon again and will keep you informed of any updates. New members are always welcome, please contact Breda Greaves Manager on 086 1097682 re further information.

Marie Fallon retires: We are sad to relate that Marie has decided to retire from her role as Principal of Cashel N.S. We thank her most sincerely for her trojan service to the pupils and parents of the Parish and we wish her all the very best in this new stage of her life. I have always found her so welcoming on my visits to the School and very supportive in all aspects of the spiritual preparation and activities of the pupils. Likewise Marie has shown tremendous attention to detail in all other aspects of the

Children's development including educationally, psychologically and in the sporting arena and much more. We have lost a very talented Principal - however, we respect her decision and hope that this will be the beginning of a new and exciting next chapter in her life.

Reflection: Many of you may recall the popular song 'Cat's in the Cradle' sung by Harry Chapin.

- My child arrived just the other day; he came to the world in the usual way. But there were planes to catch, and bills to pay, he learned to walk while I was away.

And he was talkin' fore I knew it and as he grew he'd say, 'I'm gonna be like you, Dad. You know I'm gonna be like you.'

- And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon, Little Boy Blue and the man in the moon.

"When you comin' home, Dad?" "I don't know when, but we'll get together then; You know we'll have a good time then."

My son turned ten just the other day. He said, "Thanks for the ball, Dad, come on, let's play. Can you teach me to throw?" "I said, 'No, not today, I got a lot to do.'

He said, "That's okay. 'And he walked away but his smile never dimmed. I said, 'I'm gonna be like him, yeah. You know I'm gonna be like him...."

And he came from college just the other day; So much like a man I just had to say, "Son, I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?" He shook his head and he said with a smile, "What I'd really like, Dad, is to borrow the car keys. See you later, can I have them please?"

I've long since retired, my son's moved away. I called him up just the other day. I said, "I'd like to see you, if you don't mind. 'He said, 'I'd love to, Dad, if I can find the time. You see, my new job's a hassle, and the kids have the flu, but it's sure nice talkin' to you, Dad. It's been nice talkin' to you."

And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me, He'd grown up just like me. My boy was just like me.

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon, Little Boy Blue and the man in the moon, "When you comin' home, Son?" "I don't know when, but we'll get together then, Dad. We're gonna have a good time then."

Moral: The melodrama of this song was played out in Chapin's own life almost like a self-fulfilling prophecy. His wife, who wrote the words of the song, asked him one day when he was going to slow down the torrid pace of his life and give some time to their children. His answer was, "At the end of this busy summer, I'll take some time to be with them." That summer, ironically and tragically, Harry Chapin was killed in a car accident.

It is not possible to read that postscript of Chapin's death and miss the larger point; that something was *known, believed, and even 'preached,* but never lived. When we chase manmade crowns and sacrifice the treasured relationships for which God has made us, life loses its meaning.

"Why spend your wages on what fails to satisfy?"

Isaiah: 55:2. The story above is an example of the mystical meaning of this Holy Spirit inspired scripture verse..