



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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*A smile is a light in the window of the soul
indicating that the heart is at home*



Mass Times as follows: Saturday (vigil) 8pm; Sunday 10.30am;
Wednesday 6th is the

Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord, a Holy Day of obligation: Mass at 10.30am & 8pm.
Thursday 9.30am; Monday & Friday 8pm; No Mass on Tuesday.

Masses for the Dead

Sat 2nd January 8.00pm Frank Farrell, Derrygowna.
Sun 3rd January 10.30am Frank Nolan, Portanure.
Mon 4th January 8.00pm Tom Rowan, Carmaglove.
Sat 9th January 8.00pm Margaret & John Muldoon, Aughavadden
and Jimmy Kennedy Aughnacross.
Sun 10th January 10.30am Anna May Hopkins (1st Anniversary)
and remember Thomas Hopkins, Newpark.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament returns on Wednesday January 13th, 4pm to 8pm.

Recitation of the Rosary resumes on Friday 8th at 7.30pm.

The Spring Station Masses:

Those who would like to host a Station Mass in February can arrange to do so now. It is a real privilege to have such a blessing in one's home.

Eight Station Masses have been booked already.

The Prayer

I asked God to take away my pride. And God said no.
He said it was not for him to take away, but for me to give up.
I asked God to grant me patience. And God said no.
He said that patience is a by-product of tribulation. It isn't granted. It's earned.
I asked God to give me happiness. And God said no.
He said he gives blessings. Happiness is up to me.
I asked God to take away my sorrows. And God said no.
He said suffering draws you apart from worldly care and brings you closer to Him.
I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me.
God said "Ah, at last. Finally you have the idea."

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Clarke whose funeral took place during the week.

Recent collection totals:

Christmas Eve/Day & Sunday 27th €2480.00
Christmas Dues €4980.00
Monthly Collection 650.00
Heating 330.00

Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity.

Reflection on Today's Gospel

Two young friends in Germany, Albrecht Durer and Franz Knigstein, were struggling to become artists. Since they had meagre funds for attending university, they decided one of them should find employment and support the other until he completed school. Then he could sell his paintings and finance the other's education. To decide which of them should attend university first, they drew lots. Durer went to school and Knigstein went to work. Durer turned out to be a genius. After he had made a good deal of money from the sale of his paintings, he returned home to uphold his part of the bargain. Only then did he painfully realise the great price his friend had paid. Knigstein's delicate and sensitive fingers had been ruined by his years of rugged manual labour. Although he had to abandon his artistic dream, he had no regrets but rejoiced in his friend's success. One day Albrecht saw Franz kneeling with his gnarled hands intertwined in prayer. The artist quickly sketched the "Praying Hands." Today's galleries feature many works of the famous Albrecht Durer, but the people's favourite is the "Praying Hands." The painting has been copied millions of times the world over, telling its tender, eloquent story of love, sacrifice, labour and gratitude.

The things of greatest value in life are those that multiply when divided.

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us":

The Lord is the ultimate "Praying Hands", born to sacrifice Himself for our salvation.