



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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Second Sunday of Christmas 03-01-21



Mass Intentions:

Sat 2nd Jan 8.00pm: The Browne & Farrell family.
Sun 3rd Jan 10.30am: Margaret & John Muldoon, Greenhall, & brother James Kennedy, Aughnacross.
Mon 4th Jan 8.00pm: Rosie and Mike Healy, Claraune.
Tues 5th Jan 8.00pm: Special Intention.
Wed 6th Jan 10.30am: Feast of the Epiphany: **Special Intention.**
Thurs 7th Jan 9.30am: Special Intention.
Fri 8th Jan 8.00pm: Bridge Mulvihill, Loughfarm (3rd Anniv).
Sat 9th Jan 8.00pm: Paddy Casey, Mullingar & Cornadough (1st Anniv).
Sun 10th Jan 10.30pm: Carmel O' Shea (2nd Anniv).
Mon 11th Jan 8.00pm: Paddy Healy, Ballyreevagh (5th Anniv).

Adoration continues on Wednesday 3-9pm.

Please note: Mass is now on Webcam — Search for Churchtv.ie ... Then Click on Longford ... then Newtowncashel ... and finally Click on the picture of the Church. Younger family members might like to assist seniors.

Please note: the first two rows of seating are on Webcam.

Anointing of the sick may take place *when invited by the family.*

Lotto draw held on Monday 28th December. No's drawn 2,15,25&27. No jackpot winner. €30 €5 envelopes to James and Brid Hanley; €30 to Maria Hanley; €20 each to Karen McArdle and Ciarán Clyne. Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 4th January at 9pm and the jackpot is €1,700. Wishing you a peaceful and healthy New Year. Thanks for your support.

& A Very Special Thank You To:

You - most *loyal* and *generous* Parishioners for your faithful dedication to Church and your financial and personal support in so many ways;

To the: Pastoral Council, Senior and Junior Choirs and Directors, to those who arrange Flower and Artistic Displays throughout the year and especially at Christmas, Servers and Servers' Organiser, Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Collectors, the arrangers of the Crib & Star & Lights;

Adoration and Rosary Participants and Committee, Safeguarding Representative, those who do the Church Laundry, Cleaning and Polishing of the Church and Toilets and Cleaning of the Parochial House, Gardening and mowing of the grass, Building and Maintenance, Accounts, Secretarial Assistance, Those who arrange rotas, Cemetery Committee, Stewards and Gravediggers; The Hill Committee, Secretary and Caretaker; School Chairperson, Principal, BOM, Teachers/Secretary/Accounts, Parents/Parents' Association/Caretakers and Cleaner/Children/Do This In Memory Assistants;

and especially to:

All who support and work behind the scenes ensuring everything runs smoothly especially those who have saved me in emergencies at the drop of a hat - even on Saturdays and Sundays - power failures, plumbing failures, boiler failures and much more ... This past year has been exceptional as we all know - Likewise, your generosity has been equally exceptional - involving so much work by the Chairperson and Secretary of the Parish Council, Stewards, Sanitizers, those organising Rotas for Reading, Eucharistic Ministers, new Speakers, establishing the Webcam and moderating Parish Facebook page, Church Displays, clearing out the garage for Christmas and so ... so much more ...

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Shoes on the Mantelpiece

There was once a very poor orphan who wanted nothing more in the world than to belong to someone. Finally, his opportunity came. He was eight years old and a family wanted to adopt him. Introductions were made, papers were signed, and just 6 days after his eighth birthday he left for his new home. He took with him his hopes and his possessions - the old worn and torn clothes he was wearing and a single soft toy. His new parents were excited to have him with them, and wanted him to feel like one of the family. A special celebration dinner was held, he was given his own room, and he was introduced to the other kids in the street. His new parents took those old clothes, threw them away and bought him beautiful new clothes. They bought him a bike and more toys, and pretty soon he began to feel just like all the other kids in the neighbourhood - loved and part of a family. One thing however was curious. The young boy's old shoes, the ones with the big holes in them, weren't tossed out with the rest of his clothes. His new father placed them on the mantelpiece. It wasn't long before the newly adopted son found out why. Every time that boy did something wrong his father would go and get those shoes and say "Look at all we've done for you. We took you in when you had nothing, but look at how you've behaved". - Anonymous.

Moral:

Unfortunately we can do the same thing all too often in our relationships. We dredge up the past and throw it back in someone's face, never letting them forget how much they're in our debt. Forgiveness means throwing out the shoes as well as the clothes. "The Word was made Flesh and dwelt amongst us" - from the Angelus Prayer and today's Gospel ... means Jesus came to pay the price of our sinfulness - He can only do that for us if we learn from the mistake of the father in the story above. Only Personal Prayer ... loyal and true ... every day and every night can win that grace for us.