



PARISH OF CASHIEL NEWSLETTER
 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Jesus does not teach us to avoid our crosses. He teaches us how to bear them.



Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 12 Noon: Lady's Well.
 Monday & Friday: 8pm. Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am. No Mass on Wednesday.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 2nd Sept 8.00pm Mass for the people of the Parish.
 Sun 3rd Sept 12 Noon Lady's Well.

Thomas, Hannah, Sean & Anthony Fagan & D.F.M.

Mon 4th Sept 8.00pm Special Intention.

Tues 5th Sept 9.30am Special Intention.

Thurs 7th Sept 9.30am Special Intention.

Fri 8th Sept 8.00pm Special Intention.

Sat 9th Sept 8.00pm Michael & Cathleen Casserly, Ballinahinch.

Sun 10th Sept 12 Noon

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday from 3pm to 9pm and on Friday from 8.30pm to 9pm.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 9th Sept Nora Nolan & Mary Casey.

12 Noon Sun 10th Sept Dermot Healy & Anne Kenny.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 9th Sept Maura Brehon.

12 Noon Sun 10th Sept Patricia or Emily Farrell.

Lady's Well Celebration is on Sunday 3rd September at 12 Noon. **No Mass at 10.30am.**

Priest's Visit - If your relative, friend or neighbour is ill and would like me to visit, please let me know and I will be delighted to get in touch with them.

Athlone Branch of The Samaritans would like to sincerely thank all who contributed to their church gate collection and a special thank you to those who helped with the collection.

Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage: September 10th 2017 Knock Shrine 2.30pm.
 Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin; Ballina School Choir & Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'.

First Friday visits will take place next Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place this Sunday commencing at 3pm.

Stations: For Station Mass in October, please contact me at 086 0603433.

Best wishes to Cashiel football team on Sunday - that they will make it to the Final.

A troubled man prayed and prayed that God would lift his burden. Day after day he pleaded with God to take this particular cross from him.

He persevered so much that Jesus took pity on him and appeared to the him asking, 'My son, what troubles you?' The man replied that his life was full of turmoil ago on.

Jesus took the man to a room and asked him to open the door. He did so and was astonished to find that the room was filled with crosses: *little crosses, big crosses, giant crosses, in-between crosses*. The man, bewildered, looked at Jesus and asked how this would help him. The Lord explained that the crosses represented a burden that each person must carry - small burdens, big burdens, giant burdens and every burden in-between.

At this point, Jesus offered the man the opportunity to choose his burden. The man, so excited that he was finally able to have some control over his life, looked around the room for just the right cross. He saw a tiny little cross way back in the corner. It was the smallest cross in the room. After a bit of thought, he pointed to the cross and said, 'That one, Lord ... I want that one.' Jesus asked, 'Are you sure, my son?' The man replied without hesitation, 'Oh, yes Lord. Most definitely, yes. I certainly don't want any of the others - they are far too big and heavy.'

Jesus turned to him with a smile and replied, 'My son, do you realise what you have done ... you have chosen the very cross you walked into this room with!'

Moral: "I complained that I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet - Arabic Proverb. God wants each one of us to offer something different and unique to His Creation. His Spirit is at work in everything we go through ... if we allow Him. My particular cross just for me. When I die, then I will know exactly why I had to bear that one and not any other ... In the words of the great saints:

"Our Lord loves you, and loves you tenderly; and if He does not let you feel the sweetness of His love, it is only to make you more humble ... as He abides ... only in the most humble and contrite of hearts" - St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

"The morrow of the day of your death will be eternity; then Jesus will return to you a hundred fold the lovely, rightful joys that you are sacrificing for him now." - St. Therese of Lisieux.

"Your tears were collected by the angels and were placed in a golden chalice, and you will find them as pearls without price when you present yourself before God." - St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

"Every drop of earthly bitterness will be changed into an ocean of heavenly sweetness."
 - Blessed Henry Suso.