



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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GOOD + NEIGHBOUR



Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat	3rd	Nov	8.00pm	Patrick & Margaret Mulvihill & remembering Bridge, Loughfarm.
Sun	4th	Nov	10.30am	P.J. Delaney (25th Anniv.) Carrowbeg.
Mon	5th	Nov	8.00pm	Maria & John McLynn, Ballymahon.
Tues	6th	Nov	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Wed	7th	Nov	No Mass	
Thur	8th	Nov	9.30am	Special Intention.
Fri	9th	Nov	9.30am	No evening Mass re: Station - Adoration continues.
Sat	10th	Nov	8.00pm	Kevin Mulvihill, (14th Anniv) Tipper.
Sun	11th	Nov	10.30am	The Kenny, Gallagher & Moughty D.F.M.
Mon	12th	Nov	8.00pm	John Duke, Pollagh.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Paddy Farrell, Carrowbeg, who's funeral took place on Saturday. May he rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration: continues on Wednesday 3pm-9pm and Friday 8.30pm-9pm.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community baby Shane Matthew Donlon, who was baptised on Saturday last. Congratulations to his parents Andrew and Laura.

Eucharistic Roster: 8.00pm Sat 10th Nov Anna Costello & Thomas Dennigan.

10.30am Sun 11th Nov Yvonne Kenny & Elizabeth Whittton.

Readers' Roster: 8.00pm Sat 10th Nov Brian Kelly.

10.30am Sun 11th Nov Joseph Kenny.

Stations:

Friday 9th Nov Liam Fallon, Ballinahinch.

Friday 30th Nov Paddy and Nuala Casey, Estate Road.

The annual Pioneer Mass for past and present members will take place on Friday 16th November at 8pm. Refreshments will be provided in the GAA club house after Mass.

Mass for deceased members of staff of ESB Lanesborough will be held in the ESB sports and social club house on Wednesday 14th November at 8pm

Ballymahon Day Care Centre wish to thank you for your generous support of their recent fund-raiser.

To mark the centenary of our group, Newtowncashel Drama Group presents 'The Beauty Queen of Leenane' by internationally renowned Oscar winning playwright Martin McDonagh on Fri 16th, Sat 17th & Sun 18th of November in 'The Hill'. Admission €10 & Secondary school students €5. (Please note, not suitable for Primary school children). Doors open at 8pm. Curtain at 8.30 p.m. Admission by ticket only. Call (086) 2521536. Book early.

Congratulations to the John Paul II award winners from the Parish: Lisa Dowd; Daniel Farrell; Conor Skelly; Caoimhe Flood; Liam Martin and Abbie O'Shea who were presented with their medals and certificates in St. Mel's Cathedral recently. Well done everyone and especially to their mentors Kate Bohan and Tom Dennigan.

The Newtowncashel monthly ICA meeting takes place on Tuesday 6th November at 8pm in 'The Hill.' New members welcome.

World Meeting of Families Appeal: In order to help defray an outstanding debt of €4 million. I am asking you once again for your support in our fifth national collection which will take place in Churches North and South, over the weekend of 10th and 11th November. + Francis.

Reflection: The civil war was raging ruthlessly across Spain: Churches desecrated, villages in flames, corpses marked the path of the armies. When one troop of National soldiers had taken a village from their opponents, they found in a corner of a wall a badly wounded communist soldier, his chest pierced by a splinter from a grenade. With glazed eyes, the wounded man watched the approaching patrol.

Then he feebly raised a hand and stammered: "A priest! Fetch me priest." "Go to hell, Red rabble!" cursed one of the Nationals. But one of his comrades had pity: "I will see if I can find a priest." And indeed he did return with a priest who bent compassionately over the wounded man, a youngster in the prime of life. "You want to confess?" he asked him. "Yes I want to confess," gasped the soldier. "But tell me, are you the priest of this place?" "Yes I am" "My God!" stammered the boy.

It was a long time before the priest left the dying man. His hair was soaked in sweat and his face white as the wall when he returned to the waiting patrol. "Brothers," he told them, "take the wounded man into the nearby house so that he does not die in the street."

When the soldiers approached the young man he raised himself a little and signed to them. "He forgave me! He gave me absolution," he gasped, struggling for breath. "Why shouldn't he forgive? That's his business," said one of the Nationals. "You don't know what I have done," groaned the dying man. "On my own I have killed thirty-two priests: I stabbed, shot, struck down, throttled. In every village I forced my way first to the priest's house. I did it here too. The priest was not in, but I found his father and two brothers. I asked them where the priest was. They refused to betray him. So I shot all three. Do you understand? The priest who heard my confession: I killed his father and his brothers ... And yet he forgave me."

Moral: "To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbour as yourself is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice" - Matthew 12: 32. This is why confession is so important - It is the greatest expression of this Gospel ... The priest must forgive the penitent (when truly sorry) even in the circumstances above and *never ever* tell anyone what he has heard even under penalty of death ... as happened many times during the Spanish Civil War.