



PARISH OF CASHIEL NEWCASTLE
5TH MARCH 2017
First Sunday of Lent
FR. MERLYN KENNY-043 3325112



Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 10.30am. Monday & Friday 8.00pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7.00am.

Masses for the Dead:

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| Sat | 4th | Mar | 8.00pm | John Hand, Newport, Lanesboro. |
| Sun | 5th | Mar | 10.30am | Paddy Hopkins, Manchester & Drumree. |
| Mon | 6th | Mar | 8.00pm | Kathleen McCormack, Claraune. (Month's Mind) |
| Tues | 7th | Mar | 7.00am | Special Intention |
| Wed | 8th | Mar | 7.00am | The Farrell Family & Deceased Family Members, Streamstown. |
| Thurs | 9th | Mar | 7.00am | Special Intention |
| Fri | 10th | Mar | 8.00pm | Peggy (Margaret) Bermingham, Newtownlanagan, (Month's Mind). |
| Sat | 11th | Mar | 8.00pm | John & Mary Margaret Skelly & John Junior, Cornaguillagh. |
| Sun | 12th | Mar | 10.30am | |
| Mon | 13th | Mar | 8.00pm | Peter Carberry, Derry haun. (1st Anniv) |

Stations: Thur 9th Mar 8.00pm Kate & Anthony Mulvihill, Elfeet.

Rosary: recited on Saturday evenings at 7.45pm just before the Vigil Mass.

Pioneers - to make sure we have all the names of jubilarians, I am asking you to put your name or that of someone you know that is eligible on list in the Crying Room: 25; 50 and 65 years.

Offertory Collection: €490. Thank you for your generosity.

Irish Catholic - please place your contribution for 2017 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due this year is: **€93.60**

Pioneer Magazine: please place your contribution for 2017 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due for this year is **€18.80** (€1.55 per issue x 12).

My Gift to the Lord for Lent - Please consider signing on for a commitment of **10/ 20/ 30 minutes, or even 1 hour** of Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament **for Lent**.

Forms are in the Crying Room and will be placed on the altar during Masses of Lent so that your special intentions may be heard.

Eucharistic Adoration: continues on Wednesdays from **3pm - 9pm** and Friday **8.30 - 9pm**

Troaire Boxes are available at each door, please take one,

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

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| 8.00pm | Sat | 11th | Mar | Teresa Costello & Bernadette Farrell. |
| 10.30am | Sun | 12th | Mar | Sandra Cassidy & Elizabeth Clyne.. |

Readers' Roster:

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| 8.00pm | Sat | 11th | Mar | Ciara Casey |
| 10.30am | Sun | 12th | Mar | Patricia or Emily Farrell. |

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the short term pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life.

Newtowncashel Defibrillator Group will provide training on the use of a Defibrillator and CPR on Thursday 9th March in "The Hill" at 7pm. Please contact 086 8566608 or 087 6190134 if interested.

Concern Christmas Fast A sincere thanks to all who contributed and helped out with the fast.

Monies raised as follows: Church Gate Collection **€657**. Sponsorship Cards **€445**.

Donation **€200**. Total money raised and forwarded to Concern: **€1102**.

We wish to congratulate Martin Skelly on the valiant campaign he fought in his bid to become President of the GAA. He brought much honour to the Club, Parish and to himself / family. Unfortunately it was not to be ... **this time!**

Presentation Social for the successful Cashel / Killashee U-21 team in the Local on this Saturday evening. Admission is **€5**.

Reflection

The little girl was six years of age, but already quite a formidable young lady. She inherited a lot of her mother's stubbornness, and from an early age, there were frequent clashes of personality. One day, things came to a head. The mother grabbed a stool, placed it in a corner, and told the girl to sit there, and wait till her Dad came home. She refused to sit, despite all her mother's threats. Eventually, her mammy, in sheer frustration, lifted her daughter up and plonked her down in a sitting position on the stool. Shortly afterwards Dad arrived home. He noticed his daughter sitting on the stool, with a look on her face that could kill. "Well, what's this all about?" he enquired, trying to be cheery. "What are you doing there in the corner?" The reply was blurted out ... "Dad! On the outside ... I'm sitting down ... but inside I'm still STANDING UP!!!"

Moral: That's the story of Lent. Jesus wants us to soften our iron will. Otherwise, even God Himself cannot reach us ... because He has given us Free Will, while our little stay lasts here. Neuroscientists tell us about a thing called neural pathways in the brain. Effectively, they are behind what we call habits or addictive ways of behaving. We cannot change them by force of will alone. We need the grace of God to do so ... "Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the only ways to open ourselves up enough to receive this special Divine help" ... - St. Teresa of Avila.