



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWLETT
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
5TH MAY 2019
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Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows :

Sat 4th May 8.00pm Pat & Christina Skelly, Curroole.
Sun 5th May 10.30am Michael Fallon.
Mon 6th May 8.00pm Special Intention.
Tues 7th May 8.00pm Deceased members of the I.C.A. Newtowncashel.
30 years since founded.

Wed 8th May No Mass.
Thurs 9th May 9.30am Special Intention.
Fri 10th May 8.00pm Special Intention.
Sat 11th May 8.00pm Special Intention.
Sun 12th May 12 Noon First Holy Communion.

Wedding: Congratulations to Eimear Casserly & Caoimhin O' Donnellan who were married on Saturday.

Newtowncashel ICA. This year marks 30 year's of the current guild in Newtowncashel. To mark the occasion we are having mass on Tuesday 7th May at 8pm in the church followed by refreshments in The Hill. Everyone welcome.

Please note Eucharistic Ministers will go down to the seats to bring Holy Communion to anyone who does not wish to come forward. Please raise your hand to let them know.

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

Rosary recommences this Saturday evening.

Eucharistic Ministers:

8.00pm Sat 11th May Mary Casey & Thomas Dennigan.
12 Noon Sun 12th May Yvonne Kenny & Elizabeth Whittin.

Readers:

8.00pm Sat 11th May Laura Dermody.
10.30am Sun 12th May First Holy Communion Children.

Cemetery Sundays: Saints Island 18th August @ 12 noon.
Cashel 25th August @ 12 noon.

Lady's Well - 8th September @ 11am.

Reflection: Among the apostles, the one absolutely stunning success was Judas, and the one thoroughly grovelling failure was Peter. Judas was a success in the ways that most impress us: he was successful both financially and politically. He cleverly arranged to control the money of the apostolic band; he skillfully manipulated the political forces of the day to accomplish his goal. And Peter was a failure in ways that we most dread: he was powerless in a crisis and socially inept. At the arrest of Jesus he collapsed, a hapless, blustering coward; in the most critical situations of his life with Jesus, the confession on the road to Caesarea Philippi and the vision on the Mount of transfiguration, he said the most embarrassingly inappropriate things. He was not the companion we would want with us in time of danger, and he was not the kind of person we would feel comfortable with at a social occasion.

Time, of course, has reversed our judgments on the two men. Judas is now a byword for betrayal, and Peter is one of the most honoured names in the church and in the world. Judas is a villain; Peter is a saint. Yet the world continues to chase after the successes of Judas, financial wealth and political power, and to defend itself against the failures of Peter, powerlessness and ineptness.

As an example of true leadership ... how about this little story ... The Little Sisters of the Poor were going from door to door soliciting alms for poor people. One sister called to the house of a noted atheistic philosopher who, (mocking her) said he would give 1,000 francs if she would have a glass of champagne with him. It was an embarrassing situation for the nun, whose order was known for their vows of poverty and abstemiousness. She hesitated for a moment ... but not for long .. After all, 1,000 francs meant many loaves of bread for the poor. A servant brought the bottle and poured ... and the brave little nun emptied the glass. And then she said, "And now Sir, another glass please ... *at the same price*". *She got it.*

In other words, the world has need of leaders ...

1. who cannot be bought;
2. whose word is their promise;
3. who put character above wealth;
4. who possess opinions and a will;
5. who are larger than their vocations;
6. who do not hesitate to take chances;
7. who will not lose their individuality in a crowd;
8. who will be honest in small things as well as in great things;
9. who will make no compromise with wrong;
10. whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires;
11. who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it";
12. who are true to their friends through good report and
13. evil report, in adversity as well as in prosperity;
14. who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning, and hard headedness are the best qualities for winning success;
15. who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular, who can say no with emphasis, although the rest of the world says yes.

However, most fall into one or more of the ten most used excuses:
I forgot.

2. No one told me to go ahead.
3. I didn't think it was that important.
4. Wait until the boss comes back and ask him.
5. I didn't know you were in a hurry for it.
6. That's the way we've always done it.
7. That's not in my department.
8. How was I to know this was different?
9. I'm waiting for an O.K.
10. That's his job—not mine.

Bits & Pieces, November, 1989, p. 18.

Moral: Peter became a true leader only when he received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Over the next few weeks let us pray for and outpouring of the same Spirit in our own lives so that we can be transformed like the first pope from weakness to strength.