



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 05-07-20



Mass Intentions for this week:

Sat	14th July	8.00pm: Special Intention.
Sun	5th July	10.30am: Special Intention.
Mon	6th July	8.00pm: Special Intention.
Tues	7th July	8.00pm: Special Intention.
Wed	8th July	8.00pm: Andrew Rowan, Cornuaglove. (3rd Anniv).
Thurs	9th July	9.30pm Special Intention.
Fri	10th July	8.00pm Special Intention.
Sat	11th July	8.00pm Special Intention.
Sun	12th July	8.00pm Special Intention.

Please pray for the happy repose of the Soul of Seamus Farrell, Streamstown, whose funeral took place during the week.

Return of Public Celebration of Mass

A special word of thanks to the Parish Council and volunteers for the tremendous work they have done in regards to preparing the Church for the return of Masses. The people involved are giving of their time and energy freely and I ask all to give them your full support and cooperation.

Only 36 people can be present in the Church when the 2 metre distance is applied. That means that in the event of an overflow some will be disappointed and this we regret greatly. So once again, we appeal to your customary generous spirit and patient understanding. And hopefully, this will change very soon.

Offertory Envelopes can be placed in the box on exiting the Church at end of Mass. For those of you in cars - you can drop the envelope in my letterbox anytime you wish. Thank you for your cooperation.

Because of the limited numbers permitted to attend Church at any one time, the weekend Masses will have to be kept free of bookings - those who wish to book Mass may avail of the weekday Masses.

If you cannot get into the Church, we would ask you kindly to remain in your car and we will bring Holy Communion to all who would like to receive. We will have *two extra speakers* which can be heard as far as the Hill Car Park and the Bird Fountain parking area.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Francis Duffy, 28th June 2020

This weekend most of our churches will open for public worship for the first time since early March. Thank God and thanks to the care taken by the Irish people that we are this far. I ask for understanding and patience in these early weeks because of the very restricted numbers that can attend Mass, depending on social distancing and the size of churches. As we return, safe practices such as the distribution of Holy Communion on the hand only, and avoidance of a handshake as a sign of peace, will continue in addition to social distancing.

The Sunday obligation continues to be lifted because the threat endures and there is the danger of resurgence. Many people would like to attend Mass but are rightly cautious about returning and will wait for a few weeks or attend on weekdays. I know you have been following Mass on social media, on webcams, on TV and on local radio. Although our communication is virtual, our personal communication with God and his with us, is real.

I know that many have felt the very heavy cross of illness and of bereavement. The immediate support that is a natural response has had to be measured and so the grieving experience has lacked that valuable community dimension.

Young people who are looking forward to Confirmation will have an opportunity to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. It will be different than normal, administered by your priest at a date to be decided locally. First Holy Communion will also take place, later than expected.

I thank all who will assist in keeping our churches open and safe for the time to come. Such selfless and generous work is a service to the community. We look forward to a careful, albeit restricted and gradual, but welcome return to some degree of normality.

We are at this hopeful stage because of the excellent and at times heroic work of our front line personnel and the vigilance of people in our country. We thank God for his continuing presence with us in these times and we thank Him for the hope and help created by the generosity, good neighbourliness and community spirit of so many.