



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat 4th Aug 8.00pm Bridget & Johnny Kenny, Ballinahinch.
Sun 5th Aug 10.30am Mass for the people of the parish.
Mon 6th Aug 8.00pm
Tues 7th Aug 8.00pm Special Intention
Wed 8th Aug No Mass. *Adoration as usual*.
Thurs 9th Aug 9.30am Special Intention.
Fri 10th Aug 8.00pm
Sat 11th Aug 8.00pm
Sun 12th Aug 12 Noon *Saint's Island Cemetery Sunday*.

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

Eucharistic Roster: 8.00pm Sat 11th Aug Teresa Costello & Bernadette Farrell.
10.30am Sun 12th Aug Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce.

Readers' Roster: 8.00pm Sat 11th Aug Maura Brehon.
10.30am Sun 12th Aug Sean Farrell.

A Bus to Phoenix Park for the Pope's visit will be organised if there are enough people willing to travel. Please put your name on the list in the children's room at the back of the Church.

ST. MARY'S N.S. Part Time Cleaner Required commencing 1st September. Applications in writing to Chairperson B.O.M, St. Mary's N.S., Newtowncashel, or e-mail newtownc1@gmail.com on or before 22nd August.

'Le Ceile le Christ' Solemn evening prayer to open the World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place in St. Mel's Cathedral Longford on Tuesday 21st August @ 7.30pm. Families from every Parish in the Diocese are warmly welcome. Bishop Francis Duffy presiding.

O'Haire's Bus Company is running a bus to Knock for the Pope's visit. Parishioners with tickets can book a seat. Tel: 087-9004876.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place this year on Sunday 2nd September.

Radio Maria Ireland How to listen in: download the app "Radio Maria Ireland" - listen live on www.radiomaria.ie - landline Radio feed on 01-4373277.

Tidy Towns: This is our 40th year in the Village. It all started with Fr. O'Rourke. Many people will remember the rusty fencing along each side of the road. Today it is a beautiful little village to which many have retired and younger people have returned to make it their home. It takes € 6,000 each year to make the scheme function. Without this finance the F.A.S scheme will automatically finish too. Please do remember us.

Reflection: Philosophers throughout the ages have disagreed on many things, but many are in unanimous agreement on one point: "We become what we think about." Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "We are what *we think about* all day long." The Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius put it this way: "Our life is what *our thoughts* make of it." In the Bible we find: "As a man thinks in his heart ... *so is he.*"

One Sunday afternoon, a cranky grandfather was visiting his family. As he lay down to take a nap, his grandson decided to have a little fun by putting Limburger cheese on Grandfather's moustache. Soon, grandpa awoke with a snort and charged out of the bedroom saying, "This room stinks." Through the house he went, finding every room smelling the same. "This whole house stinks," he bellowed. Desperately he made his way outside only to find that "The whole darn world stinks!"

So it is when we fill our minds with negativism. Everything we experience and everybody we encounter will carry the scent we hold in our mind as St. Paul tells us in the Second reading.

Three stonecutters were building London's magnificent St Paul's Cathedral, designed by the great architect and designer, Christopher Wren.

One day, after work on his cathedral had begun, Wren unrecognised by the workforce, walked among the artisans and stonecutters.

He asked one of the workmen:

"What are you doing?" "I am cutting a piece of stone", the workman replied.

He asked the same question of the second stonecutter. "I am earning five shillings two pence a day", the second workman replied.

He asked a third workman the same question, and the man answered, "**I am building a Cathedral.**"

It is all about seeing the bigger picture. All three stonecutters were *doing* the same thing, but each gave a very different answer. Each knew *how* to do his job but what was it that set the third stonecutter apart? Perhaps:

- Knowing not just how and what to do, but knowing why.
- Viewing the whole and not just its parts.
- Seeing a vision, a sense of the bigger picture.
- Having the ability to see significance, beyond the obvious.
- Understanding that our legacy will live on, whether in the stone of a cathedral, or in the impact we make on other people.

There is also considerable evidence that being a rounded, more complex person can make us happier, both at work and in our personal lives.

Moral: The people in today's Gospel were only interested in Jesus because the miracle of loaves and fishes satisfied their physical hunger. Jesus wanted them to see the bigger picture. But they failed to do so. He wants us to do likewise this evening too. Every time we come to Mass, He is inviting us to see the significance beyond the obvious. Will we, like the crowd, see just bread and wine ... or have we the spiritual grace to see the great God of Heaven and Earth behind the physical reality?