



Obedience
to God is an
Expression
of our Love
for God.

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

Sat	5th	May	8.00pm	Michael Fallon, Greenhall, (1st Anniv).
Sun	6th	May	10.30am	The O'Shea Family, Clonmacc.
Mon	7th	May	8.00pm	Mass for the people of the Parish.
Tues	8th	May	8.00pm	Special Intention
Wed	9th	May	No Mass.	
Thurs	10th	May	9.30am	Special Intention.
Fri	11th	May	8.00pm	John Clarke, Claris, (Month's Mind)
Sat	12th	May	8.00pm	Christina & Pat Skelly, Curroole.
Sun	13th	May	12.00pm	First Holy Communion.
Mon	14th	May	8.00pm	
Tues	15th	May	8.00pm	John & Elizabeth McArtie, Forthill.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community Baby Abigail and Baby Lincoln Herraty, who were baptised last Saturday. Congratulations to their parents Mark & Laura.

Rosary continues on Saturday evening at 7.45pm.

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

Eucharistic Roster:

8.00pm	Sat	12th	May	Monica Farrell & Kathleen Clarke.
10.30am	Sun	13th	May	Helen Hassett & Elizabeth Clyne.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm	Sat	12th	May	Conor Skelly.
10.30am	Sun	13th	May	David Hanley.

Nature Walk The annual Tidy Towns Nature Walk takes place this year through a beautiful part of the parish on Monday the 7th of May at 2.30pm from The Hill. We invite all to come and enjoy themselves and they will be helping the Tidy Towns collect some funds to keep improving the village.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Bridget Allen (sister of the late Danny Farrell) native of Inchiceraun, who died in London during the week.

Reflection: Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. He was notorious for criminalising the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze to murder. Capone had a talented lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." In fact, Eddie's skill at legal manoeuvring kept the gangster out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with domestic servants and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire city block in Chicago.

Eddie lived the high life along with the mob and gave little consideration to the atrocities that went on around him.

He did have one soft spot, however, that was for his son whom he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that the boy had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Money was no object. Despite his own involvement with organized crime, Eddie tried to steer his son toward an honest life. He absolutely wanted the lad to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give to his son: he couldn't leave him a *father's good example* and he *couldn't pass on a good name*.

After much agonising, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. It was time to rectify the wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about his misdeeds, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of fatherly integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against the Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago street. Police removed from his pockets a *rosary*, a *crucifix*, a *religious medalion*, evidence of a return to the faith of his first generation Irish parents - P.J. O'Hare and Cecilia Molloy.

There was also a poem clipped from a magazine. The poem read:

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own.
Live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in time.
For the clock may soon be still.

Butch O'Hare

Commander Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. O'Hare had been raised in St. Louis by a non-Catholic mother, but he converted to the Catholic faith through the influence of his fiancée, Rita Wooster, and, after the marriage, they moved to Chicago. One February day, in 1942, as the war raged, O'Hare's entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank, leaving him without enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to the Lexington. He was ordered to pull out and return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese fighters was speeding its way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the naval fleet was all but defenceless. He had no time to reach his squadron and bring them back. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation. Undaunted, he continued the assault without bullets. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply believed, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier.

The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. For his incredible courage and skill Butch became the Navy's first Ace of WW II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honour. A year later Butch was killed when his plane was hit by a Japanese gunner. He was twenty-nine years old. His hometown would not allow his memory to fade, and so today, *O'Hare International Airport* in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this young man. The next time you find yourself at O'Hare, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honour. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2. So what do these two stories have to do with each other?

Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son.

Moral:

In the words of today's gospel: "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends".

Easy Eddie was seen as a crook for most of his life — his son is seen as an all American hero. The only way the father could redeem his name was to lay down his life for his son. That's the great wisdom of the Gospel we have just read - the power of Jesus Christ to transform the most despairing of situations - Easy Eddie released that power through the Rosary ... confession ... and the Mass.