



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER  
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Second Sunday of Advent / B 06-12-20



### Mass Intentions:

Sat 5th Dec 8.00pm: Annie, Tommy & John Joe Murray.  
& D.F.M. Caltramore.  
Sun 6th Dec 10.30am: Phyllis Dowler, Forthill.  
Mon 7th Dec 8.00pm: Tomás Rowan, (Month's Mind)  
*Only 50 in Church, we might leave it to family only.*  
Tues 8th Dec 10.30am: Holy Day - Feast of The Immaculate Conception.  
Frank Nolan, Portanure.  
Wed 9th Dec 9.30am: D.F.M. of Newtowncashel Parish.  
Thurs 10th Dec 8.00pm: Jim & Anne Farrell, Clonmee.  
Fri 11th Dec 8.00pm: Gerry Hopkins, Caltramore. (First Anniv).  
*Due to limit of 50 in Church, perhaps people might wish to stay in cars.*  
Sat 12th Dec 8.00pm: The Smyth, Skelly & McDermott Families, Tipper.  
Sun 13th Dec 10.30pm: Bea Mulvihill, Dermeana.  
Mon 14th Dec 8.00pm: Matt & Mary Skelly & son Bernard, Caltramore.  
Tues 15th Dec 8.00pm: Patrick, Molly & Annie Forde & D.F.M. Forthill.  
Also John Duke Pollagh.

*Please pray* for the happy repose of the soul of Irene Pilnick, Birmingham, daughter of the late Bernadette Dunne (nee Kenny) Ballinahinch.

*Adoration* continues on Wednesday 9-9pm.

*Rosary* continues on Saturday before Mass at 7.40pm

*Please note:* Mass is now on Webcam – Search for Churchtv.ie ... Then Click on Longford ... then Newtowncashel ... and finally Click on the picture of the Church. Younger family members might like to assist seniors.

*Also the first two rows of seating are on Webcam* to facilitate viewing the coffin.

*Anointing* of the sick may take place *when invited by the family.*

*Lotto draw* held on Monday 30th November . No's drawn 8,16,17&29. No

jackpot winner. €30 €5 envelopes to Martina O'Brien; €30 to John Flood;

€20 each to Ronan Muldoon and Liam Fallon . Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 7th December November at 9pm and the jackpot is €5,000. Thanks for your support.

*24 Hour Fast* in aid of Concern will take place on the weekend of the 12th and 13th December. Your kind support would be much appreciated. Well done to all involved reminding us of the true spirit of Christmas.

*CHY 4 Forms:* Please return as soon as possible as we can still claim as far back as 2016. Thank you for your very kind support.

**Reflection:** The first-grade class was colouring in a picture of a *duck* carrying an *umbrella*. The teacher told the students to colour the duck yellow and the umbrella blue. Little Tommy, however, insisted on colouring the duck red.

"Have you ever seen a *red* duck?" asked the teacher wryly ... Tommy replied, "No, but I've never seen one *carrying a blue umbrella, either!*"

*Practise what You Preach ... Otherwise your children will practise what you practise.*

Advent is a holy season in which we are challenged to prepare for the coming of the Infant Jesus - so it is important to examine any *inconsistencies* in our attitudes ... and to confess them in His Honour. One of those states of mind is ... *saying one thing and doing the opposite* - as in the above story ... the adult challenging the child about his inconsistency while not noticing her own.

The subtle point of the anecdote is that *the child noticed all too clearly* ... they pick up on and *imitate* every little nuance of our character - especially parents, grandparents and significant others. That is why adults need the Advent season - *to examine more closely the impact we have on the next generation by our words and actions.* Confession is a wonderful way of examining our consciences especially motivated by the impending arrival of the ultimate Child on Christmas Day.

*The first candle*, purple in colour, is sometimes called the "*Prophecy Candle*". It is meant to remind us of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who *foretold* the birth of Christ. It also stands for John the Baptist who was the *last prophet* just before Jesus' Birth, who this very day in the Gospel, is calling us to prayer and penance as the time is nigh ...

A couple purchased a home in upper Maine USA from two elderly sisters. With the severe North American winter approaching, the wife was concerned about the house's lack of insulation.

"If they could live here all those years, so can we!" her husband confidently declared.

One night, the temperature plunged below zero, and they awoke to find interior walls covered with frost. They were almost frozen to death. The husband phoned the sisters to ask how they had kept the house warm. After a rather brief conversation, he hung up.

"For the past 30 years," muttered the husband shamefacedly ... "They holiday in *Florida* for the Winter." - *Alas ... Wisdom too late.*

*Moral:* Roy Keane's favourite quote ... "*Fail to Prepare ... Prepare to Fail*".

*"Christmas panic buying sees queues form outside toy shops," screams headline from Irish Times ...*

In spite of the Covid scare we will not fail to prepare for the material side of Christmas ...

St. John the Baptist delivers a tough prophesy for us today ... we will end up in the same boat, or should I say, *spiritually cold house, on Christmas Day*, as the couple above, if we do not put in the hard preparatory work of prayer and penance.