



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7TH FEBRUARY 2016
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Mass Times as follows:

Saturday (Vigil): 8pm; Sunday: 10.30am; Monday 8pm.

Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**; Day of **Fast & Abstinence**.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at Mass: Times: 7.a.m. & 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday morning Masses will be at 7am during Lent

Friday: Station Mass - so no Mass in the Church.

Masses for the Dead

Sat...6th...February...8.00pm...Lena Cunningham, Elfeet & Deceased Family Members.

Sun...7th...February: 10.30am...Teresa Finnegan, Cornmaglava.

Mon...8th February...8.00pm...Rev. Fr. Jerry Macauley, (Anniversary)

Sat...13th...February...8.00pm...Paddy Healy, Ballyrevagh. (Month's Mind).

Sun...14th...February...10.30am...Tom & Mary Delaney, Carrowbeg.

The Spring Station Masses:

Tues 9th February: Mary Healy, Drumnee at 8pm.

Fri 12th February: Liz & Peter Hanley, Loughawn at 8pm.

Ceremony of Light for Confirmation Class takes place on Thursday 11th at 8pm in the Church..

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday 4pm - 8pm.

Recitation of the Rosary on Friday at 7.30pm.

Trocaire fast boxes are available at the church doors. Please take one.

Recent collection totals: Last Sunday €560. Thank you very much.

Benefit Function for Patrick Mc Donagh in 'The Local' on Saturday 27th February at 9pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Weekend of Spiritually Sacred Music & Prayer In aid of St. Joseph & the Helpers Charity, on Sunday, February 14th at 7.30pm, with world renowned Violinist, Melinda Dumitrescu to perform in the glorious surrounds of St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford. The event is free but ticketed. Donations would be welcome on the night. Ten tickets available for this parish. Contact Fr. Merlyn @ 043 3325112.

The I.C.A. are organising a get fit kick by starting a walking group on 13th February leaving 'The Hill' at 10am.

Bereavement Course:

Where: The Family Centre, St. Mel's Road, Longford.

When: Wednesday 10th February at 8pm

Duration: 6 weeks

Booking & further details: contact: 043 3346827 / 087 2843034.

St. Mary's National School 'Cash for Clobber' clothing collection will be held on Friday 12th February at the School. Donations of textiles and footwear can be left inside the school gate or in the rear sheds before 9.30am.

Tidy Towns: The Dept. of the Environment has informed The Tidy Towns committee that they are to receive seven oak trees to commemorate the seven signatures of the 1916 Rising. This is because the Village won The National Award in the 80's. The only stipulation is that the piece of ground must be public. A plaque will be erected with the seven signatures and the name of whoever donates the piece of ground..

Newtowncashel Defibrillator Group will have a meeting on Tuesday 9th February at 8pm in 'The Hill.' Your support would be very much appreciated.

The Lourdes Assisted Pilgrimage Fund Collection takes place on the 13th & 14th February.

Always give your best

Once there was a rich man who wanted to do good. One day he noticed the miserable conditions in which a poor carpenter lived. The rich man called the carpenter in and commissioned him to build a beautiful house. "I want this to be an ideal cottage. Use only the best materials; employ only the best workmen, and spare no expense." He said that he was going on a journey and that he hoped the house would be finished when he returned. The carpenter saw this as his great opportunity. So, he skimmed on materials, hired inferior workers at low wages, covered their mistakes with paint, and cut corners whenever he could. When the rich man returned, the carpenter brought him the key and said, "I have followed your instructions and built your house as you told me to." "I'm glad," said the rich man, and handing the keys back to the builder, he continued, "Here are the keys. They are yours. I had you build this house for yourself. You and your family are to have it as my gift." In the years that followed, the carpenter never ceased to regret the way in which he cheated himself. "Had I only known," he would say to himself, "that I was building this house for myself?..."

Moral of story:

This is precisely the same message that God gives to all of us. He gives us so many years to live on earth and, during our time here, we are to build the quality of home we will have in heaven. Our building material is not blocks and wood but justice, peace, forgiveness, sensitivity, understanding, self-sacrifice and unselfish love. I am sure you heard about the rich man who was very disappointed when he realised that his servant had a much more beautiful home than he had in heaven. However, the saint explained to him, "You must understand that we only build our home up here with material you send ahead while you are on earth." As you begin Lent on Wednesday, make sure your heavenly home will be as beautiful as you would want it to be.