



# **Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:**

Sat 6th Oct 8.00pm Paddy Greene & D.F.M. Elfeet & remembering Bridie.

Sun 7th Oct 10.30am Matt & Bridgid Smyth, Comadough.

Mon 8th Oct No Mass re: painting of Church.

Tues 9th Oct No Mass re: painting of Church.

We 10th Oct No Mass or Adoration re: painting of Church.

Thur 11th Oct No Mass re: painting of Church.

Fri 12th Oct 8.00pm

Sat 13th Oct 8.00pm Della Murray, Tipper.

Sun 14th Oct 10.30am Cissie Farrell, Carrowbeg.

Also Months Mind for Joe Flood, Culateigle.

**Eucharistic Adoration** continues Friday 8.30pm-9pm

**Eucharistic Roster:** 8.00pm Sat 13th Oct Dylan Mulvihill & Helen O'Shea.

10.30am Sun 14th Oct John Flood & Carmel Hopkins.

**Readers' Roster:** 8.00pm Sat 13th Oct Lisa Dowd.

10.30am Sun 14th Oct Brid Bannion.

**Stations:** For Station Mass please contact me at 086 0603433.

Already booked:

Friday 5th Oct Lorraine & Eddie Kearney, Fortwilliam / Greenhall

Thurs 25th Oct Kathleen & Michael Casey, Derraghan Beg.

Friday 26th Oct Chris and Seamus Casey, Greenhall Upper, Augmacross, Carrickdunican.

Friday 2nd Nov Lorraine and Justin Murtagh, Newpark and Clonmee.

**The Longford Hospice** collection raised €675. Thank you for your generosity.

**Newtowncashel Drama Group:** We are delighted to announce that this year's production will be 'The Beauty Queen of Leenane' by the internationally renowned Oscar winning playwright Martin Mc Donagh. This year marks the centenary of our drama group and this years production will be staged on the 16th, 17th & 18th of November.'

**St. Mary's N.S. clothing recycling:** Friday 19th October. Bags of unwanted clothes, footwear etc (dry and clean) can be left in staff car park or P.E. shed before 9.30am. This is a valuable fundraiser and we appreciate your continued support.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Ballot Papers will be distributed to parishioners in the coming days to elect a new Parish Council. Please return your ballot on or before Sunday 21st October and place it in the Ballot Box in the Children's Room at the back of the Church

**Reflection:** In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it.

Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our present condition. We often fail to see beyond the obstacle. Problems are there in every person's life but the way we look at the problem is what matters.

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

James 1:12.

This perseverance is only possible when we have a great strength behind us as in the following story: A business man was deep in debt and could see no way out. Creditors were chasing him. Suppliers were demanding payment. He sat in a park thinking if anything could save his Company from bankruptcy. Suddenly, an old man appeared before him.

"I can see that something is troubling you", he said. After listening to the business man's difficulties, the old man said, "I believe, I can help you". He asked the man his name, wrote out a cheque, and gave it into his hand saying, "Take this money. Meet me here exactly one year from today, and you can pay me back at that time".

Then he turned and disappeared. The business man saw in his hand a cheque for \$500,000, signed by John D. Rockefeller, one of the richest men in the world.

"Now my money worries are over in an instant", he thought and started smiling. Nevertheless, the business man decided to put the cheque in his safe (in reserve) first. He thought, just knowing it was there, would give him the strength to work out a way to save his business.

With renewed optimism, he negotiated better contracts and got extended terms of payment from his suppliers and started doing big deals. Within a few months, he was out of debt and had started making money once again.

Exactly a year later, he returned to the park with the uncashed Rockefeller's cheque. Sometime later, the business man saw the old man and rushed over to him to hand him the cheque with a few words of thanks.

After a little while, the businessman saw a nurse come running up to catch the old man. "I'm so glad, I caught him", she cried. "I hope he hasn't been bothering you. He escapes from the Old Folks' Home many times and tells everybody that he is Rockefeller" ... and she took the old man with her. The astonished businessman just stood there, shocked! Throughout the year, he had been confidently buying and selling huge stocks and having big deals, convinced he had half a million dollars behind him. Suddenly, he realized that it was not Rockefeller's money, real or imagined, that had

turned his life around. It was his new found self-confidence that gave him the power to achieve so much, and it came from his own efforts: commitment, dedication and hard work.

**Moral:** Jesus offers us much more security than \$500,000 ever could. Every time we come to Mass we receive something infinitely more precious than money can buy. We will not have the strength to persevere otherwise.