



## PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER

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### *Ascension of the Lord*



#### **Mass Times as follows:**

Saturday (Vigil): 8pm;

**Sunday: First Holy Communion 12 Noon;**

Monday & Friday: 8pm.

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am. **No Mass on Wednesday.**

#### **Masses for the Dead:**

Sat 7th May 8.00pm Joseph and John and Francey Farrell (Ballina).

Sun 8th May 12 Noon **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Mon 9th May 8.00pm Special Intention

Tues 10th May 9.30am Special Intention

Thurs 12th May 9.30am Special Intention

Fri 13th May 8.00pm Special Intention

Sat 14th May 8.00pm Thomas and Bridget Farrell and Sr. Columba Farrell, Clonmee.

Sun 15th May 10.30am Deceased Members of the Farrell Family, Streamstown.

**Congratulations** to all the girls and boys who will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday.

**Cemetery Sunday Mass** time may be changed to 12 noon from 6pm in both cemeteries, to facilitate relatives coming from a distance. If any parishioners have any opinion on this, they may contact their pastoral council member.

**Please note:** As agreed at last Pastoral Council Meeting - On Saturday May 28th the Vigil Mass will be celebrated down at the GAA Pitch for "La na gclub." **Also on Saturday June 18th** the Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6pm in the Church to facilitate Tidy Towns Special Event.

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

**Recitation of the Rosary** continues Friday evening at 7.30pm

**Recent Collection:** 1st May: Oflertory € 665. Pope's Collection €585. Thank you very much.

**Readers** are reminded to please check Roster.

**A trip to the Fr. Patrick Peyton Memorial Centre, Attymass, Co. Mayo** will take place

On Tuesday 26th July 2016. The cost is €30.00, including refreshments, lunch and entertainment. Coach departs Kenagh at 9am, returning at 6pm approx. To secure a place, contact Rose Egan, Kenagh by post including contact details and payment.

**The Club** are celebrating La Na gClubanna on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Included in Itinerary is Mass for deceased Club members and Parishioners, Under-age and Adult Gaelic Games, plus music and entertainment. The night will also feature Launch of Fundraiser "Night at the Dogs" at Mullingar Race Track on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July plus launch and release of book "125 years of Cashel G.A.A." by local Author Jimmy Casey, N.T. Further details of events and timetable to follow.

**Reflection:** There is a delightful story about a mother who bought a ticket to a concert by Ignace Paderewski, the great Polish pianist. She took her five year old son with her, hoping the experience would encourage him in his own young efforts at music. She was delighted to see how close to the stage their seats were. Then she met an old friend and got so involved talking to her that she failed to notice that her son had slipped away to do some exploring. When eight o'clock arrived, the lights were dimmed, the audience hushed to a whisper, and the spotlight came on. Only then did the woman see her five year old son on the stage, sitting on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." She gasped in disbelief, but before she could retrieve her son, Paderewski walked onto the stage. Walking over to the piano, he whispered to the boy, "Don't stop! Keep playing!" Then leaning over the boy Paderewski reached out his left hand and began to fill in the bass. A few seconds later, he reached around the other side of the boy, encircling him, and added a running obbligato. Together the great maestro and the tiny five year old mesmerized the audience with their playing. When they finished, the audience broke into thunderous applause. Years later almost all those present forgot the classical pieces that Paderewski played that night, but not one forgot "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." The image of the great maestro and the tiny five year old at the piano makes a beautiful image of how the Holy Spirit can work in our lives if we invite Him.

**Moral:** Just before the Lord ascended into Heaven, He told his disciples to go to the Upper Room and pray for the Holy Spirit to come. This is the origin of the Novena prayers - nine days of prayer to ask for something special, matching the nine days from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday. We are in that period now, so let us redouble our effort in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit next Sunday. Then our little "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" may be transformed into something special too.