



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSTREET  
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / A 08-11-20



### Mass Intentions for this week:

Sat 7th Nov Special Intention.  
Sun 8th Nov Petru Codreanu, Daniela Skelly's father, Carrowbeg.  
Mon 9th Nov Brendan & Beatrice Bawle, Loughawn  
Tues 10th Nov J.P Casey, Drumnice. (1st Anniv).  
Wed 11th Nov Special Intention.  
Thurs 12th Nov Maria & John McGlynn, Ballymahon.  
Fri 13th Nov Special Intention.  
Sat 14th Nov Special Intention.  
Sun 15th Nov Tommy Hanley, Leab. (Month's Mind)

Adoration continues on Wednesday 3-9pm.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tomas Rowan, Estate Road, Funeral Arrangements later. Also for John Gallagher, brother of Larry, whose funeral took place in Lanesboro during the week.

Newtowncashel Parish Facebook Page has been established - so we will be able to send out the newsletter and notices regarding Covid updates to parishioners - Special Thanks to Tom Dennigan and David Hanley who manage the page.

First Friday Calls cannot take place until further notice.

Anointing of the sick may take place *when invited by the family* and taking all the necessary precautions of hand sanitising, social distancing, face covering and anointing with a cotton bud.

St. Mary's N.S. Clothing Recycling: Friday 27th November. Bags of unwanted clothes, footwear etc (dry & clean) can be left in staff car park or P.E. shed before 9.30am. This is a valuable fundraiser and we appreciate your support.

This year would be the 30th Year for the Annual Christmas Day Run in aid of Longford branch of Multiple Sclerosis. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 it cannot now take place in the same way as the previous 29 years. However, this year we're inviting you to join with us in our first "MS Christmas Day Virtual Run". Over the past 29 years we have raised over €149,000 for Longford MS. This will give people who took part at any stage over the previous 29 years the chance to join with us for the 30th anniversary wherever they are.

Simply go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/longford-ms-christmas-day-run> to sponsor us or join with us with your own 11km over Christmas (24th, 25th or 26th) and submit your own sponsorship to the same link. For updates see MS Longford Christmas Day Run on facebook or contact Michael Flood at 0860880855.

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee call on members for ADORATION, PRAYER and FASTING on the four Fridays of November for the renewal of the Catholic Faith, reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the suppression of the pandemic.

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### Reflection:

The underlying message of Jesus is always the same:

1) Love God with all your heart and 2) Love others as yourself.

If we want God to answer our heartfelt prayers we must *act upon* and not just listen to Jesus message for us in the parable of the foolish bridesmaids.

Procrastination is my sin

It brings me naught but sorrow.

I know that I should stop it

In fact, I will ... *tomorrow*. - Gloria Pitzer.

This is a simple but beautiful way of explaining the parable we have just heard. It is not *oil for a physical lamp* the Lord is referring to here - but doing the work that God has *called us* to do ... before that Great Day when we are summoned to the Heavenly Banquet.

There is an old proverb that goes like this:

"Hard work is often the *easy work* you do *not do at the proper time*."

In other words - it is not too difficult to pray earnestly every day or to worship God Sunday by Sunday at Mass ... but it is very difficult to make up for this when I have come to the end of life. Similarly, with love of neighbour.

Advice from an old carpenter: "*Measure twice, and saw once*".

The more I live up to the two great commandments now - the more of a welcome Jesus will have for me when the Day of Days comes. The opportunities I have to obey this Gospel are passing away very quickly and will all too soon be gone.

"*The nice thing about apathy is ... you don't have to exert yourself to show you're sincere about it.*" - Proverb.

### Moral: So what is Jesus asking of me in Today's Gospel?

Simply put it is this - To love God with *all* my heart and others with *all* my heart too. One without the other is to be like the foolish bridesmaids. We know exactly what loving others as myself means - It is basically to live an unselfish life. But loving God with all my heart is the one we fall down on most - It means giving Him His due by 1) being a person of deep prayer in my daily life and 2) by entering into the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus every time we come to worship Him at Mass on Sunday.

"*It is not what men eat but what they digest that makes them strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned; not what we preach but what we practice that makes us Christians.*" - St Thomas a Kempis.