



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER  
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The Baptism of the Lord 10-01-21



### Mass Intentions:

Sat 9th Jan 8.00pm: Paddy Casey, Mullingar & Cornadough (1st Anniv).  
Sun 10th Jan 10.30pm: Carmel Skelly, Derrydarragh. (2nd Anniv).  
Mon 11th Jan 8.00pm: Paddy Healy, Ballyreevagh. (5th Anniv).  
Tues 12th Jan 8.00pm: Martin Bryce, (1st Anniv).  
Wed 13th Jan 8.00pm: Special Intention.  
Thurs 14th Jan 9.30am: Special Intention.  
Fri 15th Jan 8.00pm: Gerry Casey, Elfect. (4th Anniv).  
Sat 16th Jan 8.00pm: Special Intention.  
Sun 17th Jan 10.30am: Peter & Mary Kate Clyne, also Tom Boyce, Caltrabeg.  
Mon 18th Jan 8.00pm: Kathleen McCormack, Cleraun.  
Tues 19th Jan 8.00pm: Mary (Babs) Fagan & D.F.M. Dermacar.  
*Please pray* for the happy repose of the soul of Vera Donlon (née Carley) Aughallowan, Lanesborough, whose funeral took place during the week.  
*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.  
*Please note: the first two rows of seating are on Webcam.*  
*Anointing* of the sick may take place *when invited by the family.*  
*Lotto draw* held on Monday 4th January. No's drawn 3,5,18&21. No jackpot winner. €30  
€5 envelopes to Micheál Bannon; €30 to Donal Connolly; €20 each to Peadar McGovern and Paddy Walsh. Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 11th January at 9pm and the jackpot is €1,800. Thanks for your support.

### & A Very Special Thank You To:

You - most loyal and generous Parishioners for your faithful dedication to Church and your financial and personal support in so many ways;  
To the: Pastoral Council, Senior and Junior Choirs and Directors, to those who arrange Flower and Artistic Displays throughout the year and especially at Christmas, Servers and Servers' Organiser, Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Collectors, the arrangers of the Crib & Star & Lights;  
Adoration and Rosary Participants and Committee, Safeguarding Representative, those who do the Church Laundry, Cleaning and Polishing of the Church and Toilets and Cleaning of the Parochial House, Gardening and mowing of the grass, Building and Maintenance, Accounts, Secretarial Assistance, Those who arrange rotas, Cemetery Committee, Stewards and Gravediggers; The Hill Committee, Secretary and Caretaker; School Chairperson, Principal, BOM, Teachers/Secretary/Accounts, Parents/Parents'

Association/Caretakers and Cleaner/Children/Do This In Memory Assistants;

### and especially to:

All who support and work behind the scenes ensuring everything runs smoothly especially those who have saved me in emergencies at the drop of a hat - even on Saturdays and Sundays - power failures, plumbing failures, boiler failures and much more ... This past year has been exceptional as we all know - Likewise, your generosity has been equally exceptional - involving so much work by the Chairperson and Secretary of the Parish Council, Stewards, Sanitizers, those organising Rotas for Reading, Eucharistic Ministers, new Speakers, establishing the Webcam and moderating Parish Facebook page, Church Displays, clearing out the garage for Christmas and so ... so much more ...

### Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

#### Take off Your Shoes

**Reflection:** One Sunday morning a children's program leader noticed a little girl standing outside the room, looking in with great eagerness at the fun the other children were having. The leader went outside and invited the little girl inside.

"They'll all laugh at me."

"Why do you think that my little friend?"

"Because I don't have any shoes."

Heartbroken at this little girl's poverty, and knowing that she really wanted to join in, the leader tried to convince the little girl that the other kids would not laugh at her. But despite her assurances the leader could not persuade the little girl to join in with the other kids. Another leader came over. He took the little girl aside and spoke with her.

The second leader then left the little girl and rejoined the group to lead the next activity. Before he started he said, "OK everyone, before we go any further I want you all to take your shoes and socks off and place them by the wall. For the rest of the day we're going to operate with bare-feet." The little girl who had no shoes beamed, ran over and joined in with the rest of the group.

**Moral:** We could all do with taking off our shoes metaphorically speaking - if we want the Lord to give us the gift of the Holy Spirit. This means becoming less dependent on the material comforts that clog up our lives so that there is no room for this great gift. In Lough Derg, the first thing you do is to take off your shoes - rich or poor ... all are alike - a sign of humility in God's Presence. The message of the Baptism of Jesus today is about ... the humility of the Lord to allow John the Baptist to baptise Him even though He had no sin ... The God of Heaven and Earth ... "took off His Shoes" ... so to speak ... to come down to the same level as mere human beings to show you and me the need to do the same when we come to receive Him in the Holy Mass.