



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
11th March 2018
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Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat 10th Mar	8.00pm	Paddy Hopkins, Manchester & Drumnee.
Sun 11th Mar	10.30am	
Mon 12th Mar	8.00pm	Station Mass. No Mass in Church
Tues 13th Mar	7.00am	Special Intention.
Wed 14th Mar	7.00am	Special Intention.
Thurs 15th Mar	7.00am	Special Intention.
Fri 16th Mar	8.00pm	Eve of St. Patrick's Day.
Sat 17th Mar	10.30am	St. Patrick's Day - David & Michael Dowd & D.F.M. Aughna-cross.
Sat 17th Mar	8.00pm	Kate, John & Mary Shanley, Derrygowna. Also Kathleen Gibney, Navan & D.F.M.
Sun 18th Mar	10.30am	

First Confession: Tuesday March 13th at 7pm.

Eucharistic Adoration continues on Wednesday 3pm-9pm and Friday 8.30pm-9pm.

Stations of the Cross continue on Saturday evening at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Roster:

8.00pm Sat 17th March	Anna Costello & Thomas Dennigan.
10.30am Sun 18th March	Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 17th March	Ann Kenny.
10.30am Sun 18th March	Carmel Donlon.

Stations to come:

Monday 12th March 8.00pm:	Pat & Geraldine Green. Elfeet & Loughfarm.
Friday 6th April 8.00pm:	Nora Nolan, Portanure.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Conference will take place on Wednesday, March 14th @ 8pm in St. Mel's College Assembly Hall, Longford. Tea/Coffee @ 7.30pm. Wayne Denner, an expert in online engagement, will address the topic of **Online Safety** and will advise on how young people and adults can protect their well-being online. All are welcome.

Confirmation: The new date for Confirmation is Friday March 23rd at 12 Noon.

Ardagh & Clonmacnois Youth Gathering will take place in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on Saturday 24th March. Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap and Fr Chris O'Donnell will attend this gathering

Pope Francis has chosen Ireland for the World Meeting of Families 2018. All are welcome to this historic event in Dublin from 21-26 August. Visit our website worldmeeting2018.ie

Reflection: The essentials of leading with vision are beautifully captured in "The Bridge Builder", by the acclaimed poet, Will Allen Dromgoole.

In doing so, a true leader both leads the way and builds bridges - from current reality to new vision - ensuring others can follow.

The key elements of leadership are the ability to create a vision, then to lead people towards its fulfillment.

Good leaders also look for differences and opportunities, rather than necessarily taking the most obvious or popular route.

Leading with Vision: The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,

Came, at the evening, cold and gray,

To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,

Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;

The sullen stream had no fear for him;

But he turned, when safe on the other side,

And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,

"You are wasting strength with building here;

Your journey will end with the ending day;

You never again will pass this way;

You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide-

Why build you this bridge at the evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old grey head:

"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,

"There followeth after me today,

A youth, whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm, that has been naught to me,

To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.

He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;

Good friend, I am building this bridge for him." - Will Allen Dromgoole

Moral: Setting out in a new direction requires leaders who can not only lead the way, but who can help others to follow. This is what Jesus is doing for us on this Lenten journey. The Cross of Good Friday is the ultimate bridge - it is the one between this short mortal life and Heaven. This gospel tells us that if we follow Him faithfully, then He Himself will be the bridge for us over the chasm of Death ... to Eternal Life ... Only 3 weeks left of this Lenten Season!