



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWCASTLE  
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / A 11-10-20



### *Mass Intentions for this week:*

Sat 10th Oct Paddy Greene & D.F.M. Elfeet.  
Sun 11th Oct Funeral Mass for Tommy Hanley at 2pm.  
Mon 12th Oct Brennan & Hanley Families, Fortwilliam.  
Tues 13th Oct Margaret & Pat Gilmore, Fr. Michael Gilmore,  
Corrodger & D.F.M. of the Gilmore & Gannon Families.

Wed 14th Oct  
Thurs 15th Oct Special Intention.  
Fri 16th Oct Della Murray (13th Anniv).  
Also Thomas & Bridget Murray, Tipper.

Sat 17th Oct Special Intention.

Sun 18th Oct Special Intention.

*Eucharistic Adoration* on Wednesday 3-9pm.

Church Collections are now on display on notice boards in the porches.

### ***OCTOBER FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE AGAINST COVID***

I invite you to join with families all over Ireland this October in praying together the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, in your homes each day for God's protection during this time of Coronavirus.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of Coronavirus. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Cashel GAA** is going with the online lotto in addition to the envelopes and annual subscriptions from 26th October. This will provide people who are living away or those who are confined to home an opportunity to do the lotto on a weekly basis. Further details to follow next week.

Lotto draw held on Monday 5th October. No's drawn 6,19,26&27. No jackpot winner. €30 €5 envelopes to Patrick Casserly and Patricia; €30 to Laura and Shane Donlon; €20 each to John Skelly and Rolf Schmid. Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 12th October at 9pm and the jackpot is €4,200. Thanks for your support.

**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.

**We have started** to display Church Collections on notice boards in the porches. This week, collections from September onwards are on display.

**Congratulations** to the First Communion class on the celebration of their special day last Sunday. After a long delay the children tell me they really enjoyed the occasion and it seems like we were very fortunate as things have turned out since.

**Please note** From midnight on Tuesday 6th October - Level Three of the Government's 'Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with Cov19' involves the following implications for Church practice:

1. Public Masses cannot be celebrated from midnight 6th October 2020.
2. All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Three: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance etc.
3. The following exceptions are allowed:  
(a) Funeral Masses with up to 25 mourners.  
(b) Marriages with up to 25 guests.

4. Churches may remain open for private prayer, with adequate sanitising measures.

The public health guidelines mention 25 mourners at funerals and 25 guests at marriages, these figures do not include the priest, sacristan, ushers etc. they are in addition to the twenty five persons allowed.

**Reflection:** When James Harrison was 14 years old, he nearly died. It took a major chest operation to save his life. The surgeons had to remove one of his lungs, allowing 2 litres of blood leave his body in the process. He only survived, Harrison understood, because people he'd never met had donated the blood that now filled his body—and he wanted to do that for someone else. Harrison resolved that, as soon as he was old enough, he would donate blood as often as he could. He went through with it, donating his first pint of blood on his 18th birthday.

Doctors started to realize, though, that Harrison's blood was unusual. It had antibodies that were basically the cure for *rhesus disease*, a blood disorder that can cause babies to be born with crippling brain damage or even die.

They asked Harrison to donate plasma regularly and let them run tests, and he agreed. His blood became the cure. Harrison, now in his seventies, has saved the lives of more than *two million babies*.

He didn't just save stranger's lives, though. When his own daughter, Tracey, became pregnant, she was diagnosed as being at risk for rhesus disease. Harrison's blood donations ensured that her baby was born safely. Because he donated blood when he was 18, James Harrison was able to become a grandfather.

### **Moral:**

**"The measure you give without cost is the measure you will receive in return."** - Lk 6:28. Today's Gospel is the spiritual version of this true story - the amount we give to the Lord is the amount we will be given back when we die. If I am willing to give freely of my time to putting God first in my life - Prayer ... Mass ... Devotion - then He will return the favour when I need it most. Likewise the opposite is also true.