



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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Second Sunday of Lent
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CHRIST BESIDE ME—CHRIST BEFORE ME
CHRIST BEHIND ME—CHRIST WITHIN ME
CHRIST BENEATH ME—CHRIST ABOVE ME



Lent IS A TIME TO
CLOSER TO JESUS

Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 10.30am. Monday 8.00pm. No Friday evening Mass.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7.00am—Friday is St. Patrick's Day—Mass at 10.30am

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 11th Mar	8.00pm	John & Mary Margaret Skelly & John Junior, Cornaguillagh.
Sun 12th Mar	10.30am	People of the Parish.
Mon 13th Mar	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues 14th Mar	7.00am	Special Intention
Wed 15th Mar	7.00am	
Thurs 16th Mar	7.00am	Special Intention
Fri 17th Mar	10.30am	St. Patrick's Day: Teresa Flynn, Curroole-Fox (Dermeana).
Sat 18th Mar	8.00pm	Maura Casey, Cornadough.
Sun 19th Mar	10.30am	Vincent O'Reilly, Wren's Cottage, Loughawn, (1st Anniv)

Congratulations to Katie Flanagan and Fergal Smith who celebrated their wedding on Saturday in Cashel Church.

My Gift to the Lord for Lent - Please consider signing on for a commitment of 10/20/30 minutes, or even 1 hour of Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for Lent.

Forms are in the Crying Room and will be placed on the altar during Masses of Lent so that your special intentions may be heard.

Rosary: recited on Saturday evenings at 7.45pm just before the Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: continues on Wednesdays from 3pm - 9pm. No Adoration on Friday evening between 8.30 - 9pm, as it is St. Patrick's Day.

Pioneers - to make sure we have all the names of jubilarians, I am asking you to put your name or that of someone you know that is eligible on list in the Crying Room: 25; 50 and 65 years.

Offerory Collection: €1,095. Thank you for your generosity.

Stations of the Cross: Throughout Lent the teenagers in our parish will lead us in the Stations of the Cross each Saturday evening at 7.40 pm. You are encouraged to make a special effort to participate in this tradition. Any teenagers interested in leading the Stations are asked to leave their names in the crying room. The Rosary will resume again after Easter.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the short term pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local pioneer centre representative. Help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifices as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Newtowncashel Tractor Run and attended the function in the Local on Saturday 25th of February. A special word of thanks to all our sponsors and the people who helped out in many ways. The total sum raised was €4,050 which will be presented to Longford hospice and Palliative Care Unit next week. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and support of so many people - Kathleen and Shane.

Trocaire Boxes are available at each door, please take one.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

10.30am Fri 17th Mar: St. Patrick's Day:
Monica Farrell & Kathleen Clarke or Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.
8.00pm Sat 18th Mar: Dylan Mulvihill & Helen O'Shea.
10.30am Sun 19th Mar: John Flood & Carmel Hopkins.

Readers' Roster:

10.30am Fri 17th Mar: St. Patrick's Day:
Lauren Casey or Sean Farrell.
8.00pm Sat 18th Mar: Mary Casey.
10.30am Sun 19th Mar: Tara Farrell.

St. Mary's N.S. will celebrate the last 50 years and the opening of the new extension with a reunion weekend and Fundraiser on the 11th, 12th, 13th August 2017. Invitations and details will be sent to the 'home' house of all past pupils in the Parish. We request your assistance in forwarding invitations/notes to people who no longer live in the Parish. Alternatively, you may send their addresses/e-mail addresses to the following e-mail: sgmarcelcain.35years@gmail.com or contact the school secretary at 043-3325433.

Reflection

Many years ago in a small Indian village, a farmer had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to a moneylender. The moneylender, who was old and ugly, fancied the farmer's beautiful daughter. So he proposed a bargain. He said he would forego the farmer's debt if he could marry his daughter. Both the farmer and his daughter were horrified by the proposal. So the cunning moneylender suggested that they let providence decide the matter. He told them that he would put a **black** pebble and a **white** pebble into an empty money bag. Then the girl would have to pick one pebble from the bag. If she picked the black pebble, she would become his wife and her father's debt would be forgiven. If she picked the white pebble she need not marry him and her father's debt would still be forgiven. If she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into jail. They were standing on a pebble-strewn path in the farmer's field. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. As he picked them up, the sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles and put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick a pebble from the bag. Now, imagine that you were standing in the field. What would you have done if you were the girl? If you had to advise her, what would you have told her? Take a moment to ponder this. The girl put her hand into the moneybag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles.

"Oh, how clumsy of me!" she said. "But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked." The moneylender dared not admit his dishonesty. The girl changed what seemed like an impossible situation into an extremely advantageous one.

By Edward de Bono.

Moral: Most problems do have a solution - sometimes we just need to think in a different way. Never despair when faced with what seems like overwhelming odds. The darkest hour is just before the dawn. Jesus' darkest hour was the one just before He died and then rose again. Those who follow Jesus will always be put to the test - "Nevertheless, stay faithful to Him, even when all seems lost, and you will share in His Easter victory too." - St. John of the Cross.