



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

Stay awake
for you know
neither the
day nor the
hour.

Matthew 25:13



Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 10.30am.

Monday & Friday: 8pm. Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am. No Mass on Wednesday.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 11th Nov 8.00pm Beatrice Bawle, Loughawn, (1st anniv).

Sun 12th Nov 10.30am Mary & James Sweeney & Joseph Dunne, Derrygowna.

Mon 13th Nov 8.00pm John Duke, Pollagh.

Tues 14th Nov 9.30am Special Intention.

Thurs 16th Nov 9.30am Mass for the people of the parish.

Fri 17th Nov 8.00pm Tommy & Mary Donnelly & D.F.M. Ballagh.

Sat 18th Nov 8.00pm Annie-Mai Kenny, Derrydarragh.

Sun 19th Nov 10.30am J.P. Skelly, Derrydarragh.

Mon 20th Nov 8.00pm Patrick, Molly & Annie Forde & D.F.M., Forthill.

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

Rosary continues on Saturday evenings at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 18th Nov Monica Farrell & Kathleen Clarke

10.30am Sun 19th Nov Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 18th Nov Donall Farrell.

10.30am Sun 19th Nov Gerry Farrell.

ESB Mass for deceased members of ESB Lanesborough will be held in ESB Sports & Social Club House on Wednesday 22nd November at 8pm.

November Intentions Those who wish to have their deceased remembered in Masses during November, please fill in the form and drop into the box provided in front of the altar.

Newtowncashel Defibrillator Group will hold a general meeting on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in 'The Hill.' We would appreciate your support as this group is a very important resource in our community. A refresher course will be provided after the meeting for anybody interested.

Reflection

A lawyer was questioning a farmer about an accident. The lawyer asked the farmer: "Tell me what happened right after the accident, when you reportedly said, *"I feel fine!"*" The farmer then began to speak. "Me and my cow Bessie were driving down the road," ... At this, the lawyer interrupted saying, "Please answer my question. Didn't you say you *"felt fine"* immediately following the accident?" Turning to the Judge the Lawyer asked that the witness be instructed to answer the question.

The Judge looked at the farmer and said, "Please answer the question."

The farmer began again. "Me and my cow Bessie were driving down the road," ... the lawyer interrupted once again: "Your Honour, please instruct the witness to answer my question."

The wise Judge looked at the lawyer and then at the farmer and back to the lawyer and said: "Let's just allow the witness to tell his story."

The farmer began once again. "Me and my cow Bessie were driving down the road. When we crossed the median line to turn in to my gateway, this big truck hit us broadside. I flew out of the truck in one direction and Bessie flew out in the other. I regained consciousness just as the highway patrol officer arrived. He went over and looked at poor Bessie lying there on the road ... then he came over and told me she was injured and in pretty bad shape. Next thing, he went back to Bessie ... pulled out his gun and ... *shot her dead.*"

He then came back to me and asked me how I felt. I said: *"I ... I ... fee ... fee ... feel fine!"*

Moral: The farmer did not say how he really felt because he was afraid that he would get the same fate as poor old Bessie. Psychological research tells us that most of us are in a similar situation a lot of the time. Most people are never truly themselves. We all tend to fulfil roles - roles expected of us ... or roles which mean we will be accepted/ respected in life. Why? - *Fear of not being accepted.*

The famous Psychologist and Spiritual Director Anthony De Mello says: "You think that you are free, but there probably isn't *a gesture, a thought, an emotion, an attitude in you that isn't coming from someone else.* You may feel strongly about certain things - but is it really coming authentically from yourself? The thing you call *"I"* may be simply a conglomeration of your past experiences, of your conditioning and programming." That's seriously challenging! However, he goes on to say that "Here's where true conversion begins ... if I'm sincere enough".

The Lord alone can take away our fears ... that stop us from being truly free, truly authentic. He has called and chosen every one of you for a special purpose - to make a unique contribution that only you can make. To be free to do so means surrendering your life into His Healing Hands unconditionally. *"Sadly", De Mello says, "Most of us never do so!"*