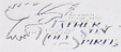




"YOU ARE MY SON"



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWPARK  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD / C  
13TH JANUARY 2019  
FR. MERLYN KENNY-086 0603433



Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat 12th Jan 8.00pm The Greally Family, Carrickmoran. The Ward Family, Clonmee.

Also Matt Concannon, Carrickmoran.

Sun 13th Jan 10.30am Gerry Casey, Ellect. (2nd Anniv.)

Mon 14th Jan 8.00pm Paddy Healy, Ballyrevagh. (3rd Anniv.)

Tues 15th Jan 8.00pm Special Intention.

Wed 16th Jan No Mass.

Thru 17th Jan 9.30am Special Intention.

Fri 18th Jan 8.00pm John & Pat Smyth & D.F.M. Newpark.

Sat 19th Jan 8.00pm Frank Farrell, Derrygowna. (9th Anniv.)

Sun 20th Jan 10.30am John Tom & Patricia Smyth, Curroole.

Mon 21st Jan 8.00pm Kathleen McCormack, Cleraune. (2nd Anniv.)

Tues 22nd Jan 8.00pm Peter & Mary Kate Clyne. Also Tom Boyce, Caltrabeg.

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

*Eucharistic Roster* 8.00pm Sat 19th Jan Nora Nolan & Mary Casey.

10.30am Sun 20th Jan Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce.

*Readers' Roster* 8.00pm Sat 19th Jan Siobhan Casey.

10.30am Sun 20th Jan Brid Bannon.

*Please pray* for the happy repose of the soul of Carmel Skelly, Derrydarragh, whose funeral

took place on Saturday.

*Envelopes for 2019* can be collected in the Children's room. Thank You.

*Lanesboro Community College Enrolment:* The closing date for application forms for enrolment in 1st year in September 2019 is Friday 1st February at 1pm. All students interested in attending Lanesboro Community College in September should send in their enrolment forms before that date. Please contact 043 3321139 for more details or a copy of the enrolment form.

*Irish Catholic:* Please place your contribution for 2019 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. Unfortunately, there is a price increase.

The amount due this year is: €104.00 (€2 per copy, x 52 weeks.)

*Pioneer Magazine:* Please place your contribution for 2019 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due for this year is €18.60 (€1.55 x 12).

*Reflection: Anonymous*  
On my way home, I found a tattered notice attached to an electric pole, with a small note on it. I was curious to know what was written on it, hence I stopped to read it. It said: 'I lost a €5 note somewhere on the road. If anyone finds it, please return it to me at this address. I am old now, my vision isn't great and I haven't much to live on ... I needed that money for my groceries, so if you find it ... This old lady would be so grateful to you. Thank you.'

I felt so sorry for this poor lady and resolved to follow the directions on the notice and found an old dilapidated shack down a rough laneway and an old woman answered my knock. She was frail and asked who I was. I told her I came by this way, found €5 on the road ... I saw your notice and wanted to return it to you.

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She began crying on hearing this. She said: 'My dear, I have had at least 10 people come over and give me €5 saying they found it on the road. I didn't write that note; I cannot even see properly, nor do I know to read and write'.

I said it's OK mam ... you keep it. She asked me to tear off that note on my way back.

She would have asked everyone to tear down that note but no one did.

I walked back wondering in amazement as to who could have written that note? I mentally thanked that person who clearly knew that old lady and wanted to help her ... "We can do no great things, only small things with great Love"...

-Mother Teresa.

There were reportedly three ships which were nearby when the Titanic sunk.

One of them was said to be known as the Sampson. It was 7 miles away from the Titanic and they saw the white flares signalling danger, but because the crew had been hunting seals illegally and didn't want to be caught, they turned and went the opposite direction away from the Titanic. This ship represents us if we allow selfishness to so rule our lives that we can't recognize when someone else is in need...

The next ship was the *SS Californian* - a British Leyland Line steamship was only 14 miles away from the Titanic was surrounded by ice fields and the captain looked out and saw the white flares, but because the conditions weren't favourable and it was dark, he decided to go back to bed and wait until morning. The crew tried to convince themselves that nothing was happening. The United States Senate inquiry and British Wreck Commissioner's inquiry into the sinking both concluded that the *Californian* could have saved many or all of the lives that were lost, had a prompt response been mounted to the Titanic's distress rockets. *Californian* was later sunk herself, on 9 November 1915, by the German submarine *U-35*. This ship represents those of us who say I can't do anything now. The conditions aren't right for it and so we wait until conditions are perfect before going out.

The last ship was the *Carpathia*. This ship was actually headed in a southern direction 58 miles away from the Titanic when they heard the distress cries over the radio. The captain of this ship knelt down, prayed to God for direction and then turned the ship around and went full steam ahead through the ice fields. This was the ship that saved the 705 survivors of the Titanic.

When the captain looked back at the ice fields they had come through, he said Someone else hands must have been at the helm of this ship! This ship represents those who would pray to God for direction and then go without hesitation.

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"You are my Son/Daughter the Beloved; My favour rests on you". These words of today's Gospel are addressed to you and me this evening too. But there's another darker voice whispering too ...

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