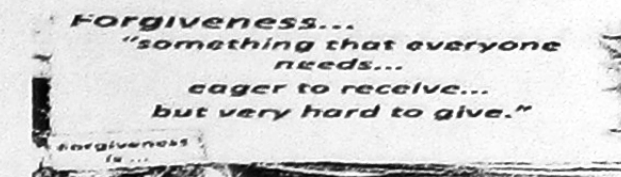




PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time / A 13-09-20



Mass Intentions for this week:

Sat 12th Sept 8.00pm: Special Intention.
Sun 13th Sept 10.30am: Special Intention.
Mon 14th Sept 8.00pm: Special Intention.
Tues 15th Sept 8.00pm: Padraig Madden, Kilgarvin, Ballylongford,
brother of Breda Murphy.

Wed 16th Sept No Mass

Thurs 17th Sept 9.30am: Special Intention.

Fri 18th Sept 8.00pm: Special Intention.

Sat 19th Sept 8.00pm: Special Intention.

Sun 20th Sept 10.30am: Special Intention.

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

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community baby Elsie Shea-Geraghty, who was baptised last Saturday. Congratulations also to Damian & Elizabeth.

The Fountain: Congratulations to all involved with establishing the beautiful Fountain in the Village. A most enjoyable Opening Day was held recently with refreshments and reminiscences afterwards. It is already becoming a focal point in Newtowncashel with many locals and visitors stopping off before continuing on their journey.

New Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are now being recruited. If you would like to assist in either of these roles please let me know at 086 0603433.

Lotto draw held on Monday 7th Sept. Thanks for your support. No's drawn 10,24,26&27. No jackpot winner. €30 €5 envelopes Maureen McCann; €30 to John Flood; €20 each to Liam Connerton and Patricia Farrell. Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 14th September at 9pm and the jackpot is €3,800.

Bertie, Imelda and The Hanly Family of Strokestown, Co. Roscommon would like to express their sincere gratitude and thanks for all the Masses, prayers, words of support and kind actions of so many people following Bertie's accident last December. It is very much appreciated. Holy Mass has been offered as a gesture of our thanks to you all.

The 7km for 7 days challenge raised €15,000 which was recently presented to Longford Hospice. Thank you to all who donated and participated in the event. All support was greatly appreciated.

Vocations: We need to keep praying for vocations and seeking ways to keep promoting vocations within our parishes and communities. If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, or in the consecrated life, speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

A poem by Benton P. Stebbins:

"They say"- Ah, well, suppose they do?
But can they prove the story true?
Suspicion may arise from naught
But malice, envy, want of thought;
Why count yourself among the **"They"**
Who whisper what they dare not say?

"They say"- But why the tale rehearse,
And help to make the matter worse?
No good can possibly accrue
From telling what may be untrue;
And is it not a nobler plan
To speak of all the best you can?

"They say"- Well, if it should be so,
Why need you tell the tale of woe?
Will it the bitter wrong redress,
Or make one pang of sorrow less?
Will it the erring one restore,
Henceforth to go and sin no more?

"They say"- Oh, pause and look within;
See how your heart inclines to sin.
Watch! Lest in dark temptation's hour
You too should sink beneath its power.
Pity the frail! - Weep o'er their fall;
But speak of good or not at all."

Moral:

This poem was inspired by today's First Reading:

"Does a man harbour anger against another,
and yet seek for healing from the Lord?
'Does he have no mercy toward a man like himself,
and yet pray for his own sins?'"

And the **"not 7 but 77 times"** Jesus eludes to in the Gospel refers to the fact that I and You commit sin not just 7 times but continuously over a lifetime. If we want God to forgive us our long list of indiscretions, then we too must do likewise.

Spiritual guidance for us in today's readings: One of the reasons our heartfelt prayers are not answered is because we do not follow the message of the Bible readings we have just heard - St. John of the Cross.

Memorising this poem can change a life for the better - as the Great Greek Philosopher Plato said: **"Poetry is nearer to vital truth than history."**