



### Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows :

Sat	12th Oct	8.00pm	Tom Casey, Cornadough. (Month's Mind).
Sun	13th Oct	10.30am	Enrolment for Confirmation. John & Mary Merrigan, Curroole.
Mon	14th Oct	8.00pm	Matt & Brigid Smyth, Cornadough.
Tues	15th Oct	7.00pm	re: Station.
		8.00pm	Station Mass: Ger & Anne Hand. Newpark/Clonmee.
Wed	16th Oct	No Mass.	
Thurs	17th Oct	9.30am	Special Intention.
Fri	18th Oct	7.00pm	re: Station
		8.00pm	Station Mass: John & Antoinette Flood. Greenhall Lwr/Fortwilliam.
Sat	19th Oct	8.00pm	Della Murray, Tipper. (12th Anniv).
Sun	20th Oct	10.30am	Paddy & Cissy Farrell, Carrowbeg. (1st & 4th Anniv).

Rosary continues on Saturday before Mass at 7.40pm.

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

### Eucharistic Ministers:

8.00pm Sat 19th Oct Ann Kelly & Laura Hanley.

10.30am Sun 20th Oct Helen Hassett & Elizabeth Clyne.

### Readers:

8.00pm Sat 19th Oct Lauren Casey.

10.30am Sun 20th Oct Carmel Donlon.

For Station Mass in October please contact me on 086 0603433.

### Stations already booked as follows:

Fri 11th Oct 8.00pm: Margaret & Pat Brennan, Derrygowna.

Tues 15th Oct 8.00pm: Ger & Anne Hand. Newpark/Clonmee.

Fri 18th Oct 8.00pm: John & Antoinette Flood. Greenhall Lwr/Fortwilliam.

Fri 25th Oct 8.00pm: Paddy Donlon, Derryshannogue & Derrylosh.

Tues 29th Oct 8.00pm: Angela & Frank Carberry, Derrahaun.

### Stations held already:

Margaret & Pat Brennan, Derrygowna.

The AGM of Newtowncashel CG takes place on Thursday the 17th of October in the GAA clubhouse at 8pm. As many parents as possible are invited to attend. The CG Golden Jubilee Gala Awards takes place on Fri the 18th October in the Longford Arms Hotel. Tickets are €25 and are available from any member of the committee. To mark 50 years of CG in Longford Newtowncashel Area committee have nominated the late Mattie Reid as our area recipient. We would love as many people as possible from Cashel to turn up on the night to honour Mattie's achievements in Community Games.

**Ardagh and Clonmacnois Diocesan Assembly 2020** - Call for submissions: Have you views on what are the most important issues facing the church in the coming years and how it should respond? Would you like these views to be considered in the preparation for a diocesan assembly which will take place in Longford on 9 & 10 May, 2020. Some 250 delegates - lay people, religious and clergy - representing the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois will gather then to agree on a direction for the diocese for the coming years.

**Newtowncashel Defibrillator Group** will provide a refresher course on Tues next at 7pm in 'The Hill'.

After an initial meeting this September the delegates are now engaged in a listening and consultation process in their local areas to identify what the priority issues for the Assembly should be. The results of this process will be summarised and presented at the next delegate meeting in November. There a decision will be taken on what priority issues will be brought to the Assembly. Interested individuals and groups, whether part of the church or not, are invited to also forward submissions. Please tell us what issue you think should be a priority for the Diocesan Assembly and why. Please keep your submission to one page and forward before the end of October to [assembly@ardaghdiocese.org](mailto:assembly@ardaghdiocese.org)

**Reflection:** A man worked in a post office. His job was to process all mail that had illegible addresses. One day a letter came to his desk, addressed in shaky handwriting to God. He thought, "I better open this one and see what it's all about." It read: "Dear God, I am a 83 year old widow living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had a hundred dollars in it which was all the money I had until my next Old Age Pension day."

"Next Sunday is Mother's Day, and I had invited my last two friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?"

The postal worker was touched, and went around showing the letter to all his workmates. Each of them dug into their wallets and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected 96 dollars, which they put into an envelope and sent to her.

The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of the nice thing they had done. Mother's Day came and went, and a few days later another letter arrived from the old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened. It read, "Dear God, How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me?" "Because of your generosity, I was able to fix a lovely dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day, and I told my friends of your wonderful gift. By the way, there's 4 dollars missing."

**No doubt it was those thieving scoundrels at the Post Office!!"**

### Nine Reasons They Did Not Return

Why did only one man cleansed from leprosy return to thank Jesus? Someone has made a list of nine suggested reasons why the nine did not return:

One waited to see if the cure was real.

One waited to see if it would last.

One said he would see Jesus later.

One decided that he had never had leprosy in the first place.

One said he would have gotten well anyway.

One gave the glory to the priests.

One said, 'O, well, Jesus didn't really do anything.'

One said, 'Any rabbi could have done it.'

One said, 'I was already much improved.'

That's not surprising, is it? Research tells us that no more than ten percent of us are ever truly grateful for anything. In fact, it often seems that the more we have, the less gratitude we feel.

**Moral:** We find it so hard to be truly grateful .. And even when we are ... We take away from it by nit-picking ... Hence, we are very similar to the 9 ungrateful lepers in the Gospel. And the mystics tell us ... that is often the reason God does not answer our prayer the second time.