



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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Jesus was driven by the Spirit into the desert, for us!
 There, he did battle with the world, the flesh and the devil, for us!

WHERE THERE
 IS HOPE,
 THERE IS *faith*.
 WHERE THERE
 IS FAITH, *miracles*
 HAPPEN.

Mass Times as follows:

Saturday (Vigil): 8pm; Sunday: 10.30am; Monday 8pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday morning Masses: at 7am during Lent

Also Friday morning mass at 9.30am while stations are ongoing.

Masses for the Dead

Sat...13th...February...8.00pm...Paddy Healy, Ballyrevagh. (Month's Mind).

Sun...14th...February...10.30am...Tom & Mary Delaney, Carrowbeg.

Sat...20th...February...8.00pm...John Donlon & Son Dermot Donlon, Derahawn.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Kelly, (nee Nolan) Carrowbeg.

Reposing at Thomond Lodge Nursing Home on Sunday from 3pm until 6pm.

Removal Sunday evening at 7pm. Funeral Mass on Monday at 12 noon.

The Spring Station Masses:

Wed 17th February: Antoinette Skelly, Cross & Claras at 8pm.

Thurs 18th February: Charmaine O'Shea, Forthill at 8pm.

Friday 19th February: Lucy Casey, Ballagh.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday 4pm - 8pm.

Stations of the Cross on Friday evening at 7.30pm - led by teenagers from the Parish.

Trocaire fast boxes are available at the church doors. Please take one.

Recent collection totals: Last Sunday: Offertory €760; Monthly €990; Heating €350.

Thank you very much.

Benefit Function for Patrick Mc Donogh in 'The Local' on Saturday 27th February at 9pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Weekend of Spiritually Sacred Music & Prayer In aid of St. Joseph & the Helpers Charity, on Sunday, February 14th at 7.30pm, with world renowned Violinist, Melinda Dumitrescu to perform in the glorious surrounds of St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford. The event is free, but ticketed. Donations would be welcome on the night. Ten tickets available for this parish. Contact Fr. Merlyn @ 043 3325112.

Tidy Towns: The Dept. of the Environment has informed The Tidy Towns committee that they are to receive seven oak trees to commemorate the seven signatures of the 1916 Rising. This is because the Village won The National Award in the 80's. The only stipulation is that the piece of ground must be public. A plaque will be erected with the seven signatures and the name of whoever donates the piece of ground..

Candelabra - wonderful that it has been found at last. The electrical part is badly damaged. A representative of the company that worked on it before is calling on Monday to see if it can be repaired.

Newtowncashel Drama Group are delighted to announce that this year's production will be 'The Field', a highly acclaimed masterpiece by playwright John B. Keane. The Play will be staged on Friday 4th, Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th & Friday 11th March. Further information to follow over the coming weeks.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund collection takes place this weekend.

Reflection on the Gospel

There's a story told of an angel sent on a mission impossible. It centres on two shopkeepers situated across the street from each other; and such was the cut throat competition between them that they grew to hate each other. They were constantly peering across the street to see which of them had the more attractive display of goods and who had the more customers. To win one of the rival customers was an occasion for celebration. When their mutual animosity got to the stage where their children were not on speaking terms the Lord decided to step in. He sent one of his most skilled negotiators, the Archangel Raphael, with instructions to sort the sorry situation out. The angel approached one of the antagonists and told him about the Lord's concern. "Look," he said to the shopkeeper, "I've been authorised to tell you that you can have anything you wish, the finest supermarket with the very latest-business technology, a booming trade, security for the rest of your life.....you just name it and it's yours." The man was rubbing his hands gleefully when the angel went on, "there's just one condition attached to the deal: your rival across the way will be given double of whatever you request." The shopkeeper thought it over for a while, looked venomously across the street, and then turning to the angel said, "Go back to the Lord and ask him to make me blind in one eye!"

Moral: *The devil doesn't cause me to commit sin; I'm a sinner by nature. What the devil does best is to prevent me from doing good - through my own discouragement, distractions, despair, jealousy, anger, laziness, greed, folly or through the criticism and cynicism of others (the 7 Deadly Sins).*

All that is needed for evil to succeed is for good people to do nothing!