



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER  
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**Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows :**

Sat 14th	April	8.00pm	Bridie Green & D.F.M. Elfeet.
Sun 15th	April	10.30am	Pete Carberry, Derrahau. (2nd Anniv).
Mon 16th	April	8.00pm	Gretta, Bill & Raymond Keen, London & Ballyrevagh.
Tues 17th	April	8.00pm	Bernard & Bridget Dowd & D.F.M. Fortwilliam.
Wed 18th	April	No Mass.	
Thurs 19th	April	9.30am	Special Intention.
Fri 20th	April	8.00pm	James, Brigid & Joe Cunningham & D.F.M. Loughawn.
Sat 21st	April	8.00pm	Michael, Lena & James Casey, Greenhall.
Sun 22nd	April	10.30am	Gerry Collins & D.F.M. of the Fayne Family, Cullentra.
Mon 23rd	April	8.00pm	Deceased members of the Farrell Family, Streamstown.

**Please pray** for the happy repose of the soul of Bridget (Beesie) Mulvihill, The Village, whose funeral took place during the week. We also pray for Carmel Casey and Brigid Mullen who died recently.

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

**Rosary** continues on Saturday evening at 7.45pm.

**Eucharistic Roster:**

8.00pm	Sat 21st	April	Liz Hanley & Caroline Murtagh.
10.30am	Sun 22nd	April	Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

**Readers' Roster:**

8.00pm	Sat 21st	April	Liadhan Farrell.
10.30am	Sun 22nd	April	Sean Farrell.

**Reflection:**

The 26-year-old mother stared down at her son who was dying of terminal leukaemia. Although her heart was filled with sadness, she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent she wanted her son to grow up and fulfil all his dreams. Now that was no longer possible. The leukaemia would see to that.

But she still wanted her son's dreams to come true. She took her son's hand and asked, "Billy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up? Did you ever dream and wish what you would do with your life?" "Mommy, I always wanted to be a fireman when I grew up." Mom smiled back and said, "Let's see if we can make your wish come true." Later that day she went to her local fire department in Phoenix, Arizona, where she met Fireman Bob, who had a heart, as big as Phoenix. She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her six-year-old a spin around the block on a fire engine.

Fireman Bob said, "Look, we can do better than that. If you'll have your son ready at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll make him an honorary fireman for the whole day. He can come down to the fire station, eat with us, go out on all the fire calls, the whole nine yards! And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniform for him, with a real fire hat - not a toy one - with the emblem of the Phoenix Fire Department on it, a yellow slicker like wear and rubber boots. They're all manufactured right here in Phoenix, so we can get them fast."

Three days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his fire uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck. Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station. He was in heaven. There were three fire calls in Phoenix that day and Billy got to go out on all three calls. He rode in the different fire engines, the paramedic's van and even the fire chief's car. He was also videotaped for the local news program.

Having his dream come true, with all the love and attention that was lavished upon him, touched Billy so deeply that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible. One night, all of his vital signs began to drop dramatically, and the head nurse began to call the family members to the hospital. Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a fireman, so she called the fire chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition.

The chief replied, "We can do better than that. We'll be there in five minutes. Will you please do me a favour? When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system that there is not a fire?" It's just the fire department coming to see one of its finest members one more time. And will you open the window to his room? Thanks."

About five minutes later a hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital, extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window and 16 fire-fighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room. With his mother's permission, they hugged him and held him and told him how much they loved him. With his dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, "Chief, am I really a fireman now?" "Billy, you are," the chief said. With those words, Billy smiled and closed his eyes one last time.

**Moral:** "Billy" is actually 7 year old Frank Salazar and was the first child to be helped by the Make a Wish Foundation, an organisation that fulfils the wishes of children with life threatening illness.

The ultimate "Make a Wish Foundation" is Jesus Christ and His promise in today's Gospel: There is no sin that cannot be forgiven ... if we repent in His Name. Then, if we continue to follow Him steadfastly, we will rise from the dead.