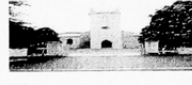


PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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The Parable
of the
Talents

Mass Intentions for this week:

Sat 14th Nov Special Intention.
Sun 15th Nov Tommy Hanley, Leab. (Month's Mind).
Mon 16th Nov Special Intention.
Tues 17th Nov Special Intention.
Wed 18th Nov Special Intention.
Thurs 19th Nov Special Intention.
Fri 20th Nov Paddy Gerety, Derrahaun.
Sat 21st Nov People of Parish.
Sun 22nd Nov Paddy McArdle, also Michael & Annie & DF.M. Estate Road.

Adoration continues on Wednesday 3-9pm.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tomás Rowan, Estate Road, whose funeral took place during the week.

Also please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret Risby (nee Bawle, sister of Mike), late of Portanure who died on Sunday 8th November in England. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date.

Newtowncashel Parish Facebook Page has been established - so we will be able to send out the newsletter and notices regarding Covid updates to parishioners - Special Thanks to Tom Dennigan and David Hanley who manage the page.

Special Thanks to Declan Gilmore who provided live streaming of Sunday Mass for the last 3 weeks.

Anointing of the sick may take place *when invited by the family*.

St. Mary's N.S. Clothing Recycling: Friday 27th November. Bags of unwanted clothes, footwear etc (dry & clean) can be left in staff car park or P.E. shed before 9.30am. This is a valuable fundraiser and we appreciate your support.

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee call on members for ADORATION, PRAYER and FASTING on the four Fridays of November for the renewal of the Catholic Faith, reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the suppression of the pandemic.

Lotto draw held on Monday 9th November. No's drawn 5,13,25&27. No jackpot winner. €30 €5 envelopes to Brid Bannon; €30 to Pat and Geraldine Greene; €20 each to Steve Ormsby and Michael P. Donlon. Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 16th November at 9pm and the jackpot is €4,700. Thanks for your support.

Collection envelopes can be dropped in my letterbox. Thank you for your continuing support.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. We broadcast 24/7. You might particularly like to join us Monday - Friday from 9.15am with live Morning Prayer followed by daily 10am Holy Mass. 11am - Catechesis - with Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, our Spiritual Director - Angelus and Midday Prayer. Live Evening Prayer at 5pm is followed by News and the Rosary prayed from the studio at 5.30pm. You can listen in via Saorview TV Channel 210 Radio Maria Ireland is available to download free by App "Radio Maria Ireland" on mobiles.

Reflection: The meaning of the Parable of the Talents

The Law of Cause and Effect applies to many aspects of the known universe: - A cause has its effect; An effect, its cause.

Ralph Waldo Emerson called this Law - **The Law of Laws** when it comes to the **Spiritual Life**. It's powerful. You get back what you put out. It is like a boomerang. You throw it out and it comes back.

If you put a negative out, you will get a negative back. Also, when your output is positive ... you will get a positive back, maybe not straight away, but it will come and especially in the next life.

Shashi Seth, the senior vice-president of *Oracle Marketing Cloud*, spoke about the concept of **reciprocity** in business. It's simple. If someone does something for you, you will naturally want to do something for them. He then added that this works for human beings who are classified as **"givers,"** but for people classified as **"takers,"** it has little effect. The good news is that the world has many more givers than takers. Can this be proven? Yes!

Here's his research. When the servers at a restaurant brought the bill to their guests and **added a mint**, the tip jumps up 3.3%. **Two mints** and the tip jumps to roughly **20%**.

And, it's much bigger than an after-dinner mint. For example, Spotify and Pandora have created streaming music empires by giving away **free versions** of their product, which is financially supported by advertisers. However, both offer an upgrade to a paid version without advertising. Some of their customers pay, which results in approximately **50%** of their revenue.

As long as it has some value to the customer - and that there are "no strings attached" ... **the more you give, the more you get.**

Moral: If this principle works in the hard-nosed business world ... then it makes even more sense in the Spiritual One.

Jesus in today's Gospel is not talking about our talents in the modern sense of that word. Scripture scholars say that its original meaning refers to the **mercy/love** that God gives to **you and me** throughout our lifetime.

The parable means ... The more love we give to God while still on this earth - the more we'll get ... when we come before Him at the Judgment Day. Likewise - The less we give - the less we'll get! So, while there's still time ... let us make that precious effort to give to Our Maker **that which will be returned to us** with interest when we need it most - **on leaving this earth**. What is this effort God wants?

The Saints tell us ... there are 2 things: 1) Conversion of life through Prayer, Mass and Penance ... and 2) Kindness to others.