



Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat 14th Dec 8.00pm Joe Mulvihill, Cross. (Month's Mind).
Sun 15th Dec 10.30am Nellie Browne, Streamstown. (3rd Anniv)
Mon 16th Dec 8.00pm James & Elizabeth Casey, Cornadough.
Also Elizabeth Casey, Carrowstrawley & D.F.M.
Tues 17th Dec 8.00pm Special Intention.
Wed 18th Dec No Mass.
Thurs 19th Dec 9.30am Special Intention.
Fri 20th Dec 8.00pm Special Intention.
Sat 21st Dec 8.00pm Matt & Mary Skelly, son Bernard & D.F.M, Caltramore.
Sun 22nd Dec 10.30am Michael Whitton, Forthhill. (5th Anniv).
Rosary continues on Saturday before Mass at 7.40pm.

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

Baptism We welcome baby Ryan Martin Brehon into our Christian community.
Congratulations to his parents Rory & Maura.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rosaleen Casey, late of Elfect.

Eucharistic Ministers:

8.00pm Sat 20th Dec Teresa Costello & Bernadette Farrell.
10.30am Sun 21st Dec Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

Readers:

8.00pm Sat 20th Dec Patrick Farrell.
10.30am Sun 21st Dec Nora Nolan.

"This is Me", a celebration of life concert in aid of Barrettstown Children's Camps, presented by Newtowncashel, Scramogue and Tang choirs, will be held in Newtowncashel Church on Sunday 15th December at 7pm. All welcome. Donations on the door. Your support will be appreciated.

Reflection: It's not easy to conquer the darker side of our human nature ... As expressed in this piece of humour:

A man goes to the doctor and says, "Doctor, I've become a *compulsive thief*."
The doctor prescribes him a course of tablets and says, "If you're not cured in a couple of weeks ... *would you ever get me a widescreen television?*"

"There's a Spanish story of a father and son who had become estranged. The son ran away, and the father set off to find him. He searched for months to no avail. Finally, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read: *"Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday."*

All is forgiven. I love you, Your Father.

On Saturday 800 Pacos showed up, looking for their fathers.

Not long before she died in 1988, in a moment of surprising candour in television, Margherita Laski, BBC presenter and one of the best-known of the secular humanist novelists, said, "What I envy most about you Christians is your *forgiveness*, I have *nobody* to forgive *me*."

We take Jesus offer to forgive us far too casually.

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a *Saviour*.

7 dangers to human virtue

Wealth Without Work
Pleasure Without Conscience
Knowledge Without Character
Business Without Ethics
Science Without Humanity
Religion Without Sacrifice
Politics Without Principle

- Gandhi

Examination of conscience

1. I am The Lord your God: you shall not have false gods before me. Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of obligation.
4. Honour your father and your mother. Do I show my parents due respect? Do I respect the elderly?
5. You shall not kill. Have I harmed another, including through gossip or manipulation?
6. You shall not commit adultery. Have I respected the dignity due to the Temple of the Holy Spirit - *my body and that of others?*
7. You shall not steal. Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. Have I told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's spouse. Have I honoured my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods. Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily? - Jealousy.

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7 DEADLY SINS

Pride
Anger
Lust
Laziness
Greed
Gluttony

Reconciliation Service in Cashel Church on Sunday evening 22nd December at 7.30pm and in Lanesboro on Friday evening 20th December at 7.30pm.