



Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows :

Sat 15th June	8.00pm	Thomas & Bridget Farrell, Clonmee. Also Sr. Columba Farrell, Trim.
Sun 16th June	10.30am	
Mon 17th June	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues 18th June	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Wed 19th June	11.30am	School Mass.
Thurs 20th June	9.30am	Special Intention.
Fri 21st June	8.00pm	60th Birthday Mass for Antoinette Skelly.
Sat 22nd June	8.00pm	Elizabeth Bawle & D.F.M. Portanure.
Sun 23rd June	10.30am	Corpus Christi - Bridgie Killian, (née Murtagh).

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rita Ganly (née Healy). Portanure, whose funeral took place during the week.

Please note Eucharistic Ministers will go down to the seats to bring Holy Communion to anyone who does not wish to come forward. Please raise your hand for them.

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday 3pm-9pm. **Friday cancelled till next week.**

Rosary continues on Saturday evening at 7.30pm.

Eucharistic Ministers:

8.00pm	Sat 22nd June	Mary Casey & Thomas Dennigan.
10.30am	Sun 23rd June	Yvonne Kenny & Elizabeth Whittion.

Readers:

8.00pm	Sat 22nd June	Kathleen Clarke.
10.30am	Sun 23rd June	Oliver Costello.

Eddie Stones will attend St. Mary's Church, Newtownforbes on Fri June 21st at 7pm.

Newtowncashel Tidy Towns Church Gate Collection: Please support this weekend.

Irish Cancer Society recent Church Gate Collection amounted to €512. Thank You.

Reflection: On January 27, 2009, Democratic Congressman Paul Kanjorski of Pennsylvania, the Chair of the Capital Markets Subcommittee, was interviewed on C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" programme. He said he was there in September 2008 when the financial crisis hit, and explained what was going on from the government's point of view — why they wanted to pump money into the system. He said, "We were having an electronic run on the banks...their estimation was that by two o'clock that afternoon, five-and-a-half trillion dollars would have been drawn out of the money market system of the United States, would have collapsed the entire economy of the United States, and within 24 hours the world economy would have collapsed ... It would have been the *end of our economic system and our political system as we know it.*"

Kanjorski said our world was just hours away from ruin: *"Is America really that fragile? ... Without God ... We are."* In that case ... what chance has the rest? ...

By 1916 Albert Einstein's theory of General Relativity had predicted that the universe was expanding. Why was this a *big deal*? Because an expanding universe meant a universe that had a beginning point. This would be obvious if the expansion of the universe had been videotaped: you could rewind the tape, and you would see the universe shrinking back in on itself to its beginning point and to nothing. There was as of yet no evidence for an expanding universe; Einstein's theory just *predicted* it. But he wasn't happy about the idea! In fact, he later called it "irritating." Why? Because he knew that a beginning point meant a Beginner - a Creator. Up to this point Einstein was a believer in the Steady State theory of the universe, which held that the natural universe itself was eternal ... (*had always existed, no one made it*). And here ... his own theory was predicting that he was wrong.

(In fact, the idea bothered him so much that he made what he later called "the greatest blunder of my life." He introduced a *cosmological constant* into his equations, which later came to be called Einstein's "fudge factor," and which was soon revealed as an algebraic error. *This was how badly he wanted to avoid the idea of a beginning.*)

But then in 1927 Edwin Hubble, looking thru the 100 - inch telescope at California's Mount Wilson Observatory, saw visible evidence of an expanding universe. He discovered a "red shift" in the light coming from the other galaxies. A *red shift* is what occurs in the light spectrum if the source of the light is *moving away* from you. It was conclusive, visible evidence of an expanding universe.

Two years later, in 1929, Einstein made his own pilgrimage to Mount Wilson to look through Hubble's telescope - and he could no longer deny that the universe was indeed expanding, and therefore *did have a beginning*. From that point on he sought to understand the Beginner (the Creator). He subsequently said that he wanted to "know how God created the world. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. *I want to know His thoughts, the rest are details.*"

So, possibly the most intelligent mind of all time spent the rest of his life trying to get to know the thoughts of God.

Moral: "When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will lead you to the complete truth". - Jesus - in today's Gospel. Einstein was not a Christian, so he did not know about The Holy Spirit. But we do from our Baptism and Confirmation. That Spirit within us can bring us to know God in a way Einstein could only dream about. However, His Presence becomes weak because of our sins - Yet, we can allow Him "to become strong again in us through a profound prayer life" - St. Thomas a Kempis - from "The Imitation of Christ" ... 2nd only to the Bible as the most read spiritual book of all time.