



Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows :

Sat	16th	Nov	8.00pm	Kevin Mulvihill (15th Anniv).
Sun	17th	Nov	10.30am	Deceased Members of Gerry & Kate Bohan's Family.
Mon	18th	Nov	8.00pm	Patrick, Molly & Nanny Forde & D.F.M. Forthill.
Tues	19th	Nov	8.00pm	John, James & Annie Ganly, Portanure.
Wed	20th	Nov	No Mass.	
Thurs	21st	Nov	9.30am	People of Parish.
Fri	22nd	Nov	8.00pm	John & Bridie Rowan, Derrygowina.
Sat	23rd	Nov	8.00pm	Paddy McArdle (3rd Anniv)

Also Michael & Annie, Estate Rd.

Sun	24th	Nov	10.30am	Peter Nolan (4th Anniv) Carrickmorran.
Mos	25th	Nov	8.00pm	Beatrice & Brendan Bawle, Loughawn.

Rosary continues on Saturday before Mass at 7.40pm.

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

<i>Eucharistic Ministers:</i>	8.00pm	Sat	23rd	Nov	Dylan Mulvihill & Helen O'Shea.
	10.30am	Sun	24th	Nov	Dermot Healy & Anne Kenny.
<i>Readers:</i>	8.00pm	Sat	23rd	Nov	Thomas Denningan.
	10.30am	Sun	24th	Nov	Tara Farrell.

Longford Pro-Life meeting at the Family Centre, behind St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford town on Thursday, 21th of November at 7.30pm. For enquiries call Edward on 087 4634558. Please get involved, we need your help.

Mass for Deceased Members of staff of ESB Lanesborough will be held in ESB sports and Social Club house on Wednesday 20th November at 8pm.

Lanesboro Community College will hold their open day for 5th & 6th class pupils on Wednesday 20th November. Students will have the opportunity to attend classes, meet students and teachers and experience secondary school for a day. All parents are welcome to visit the school on the evening of the 20th November between 7pm and 9pm to find out more about the school. Principal's address will begin at 7pm followed by a tour of the school where you will meet our students and teachers.

Please contact the school for more details on 043 3321139.

Cashel GAA development Fund Launch Night in conjunction with Southern Gaels will be held on Monday evening 6.30pm in 'The Hill'. Mayo senior footballer Keith Higgins and Longford county players Andrew and Conor Farrell (Cashel) and Pat Farrell (Killashee) will be in attendance on the evening. Lots of photo opportunities. Peter McKenna, Croke Park stadium director will also be in attendance.

The Irish Heart Foundation wishes to acknowledge the sum of 385.00Euros for their recent church gate collections. Thanks to all concerned.

Prayer for the happy repose of the souls of JP Casey, Drummec, who died during the week and also Michael Carley, Portanure, as well as Des Eustace - funeral arrangements later.

Reflection The world's strongest man was touring with his show. For his finale, he could take an orange and squeeze the juice out of it. Then he would offer \$1,000 to anyone in the audience who could get another drop out of it. Many came forward, but as they might ... all failed. Then one evening a skinny old man came forward to meet the challenge. The crowd laughed at the impertinence of the old fellow attempting to succeed where so many had failed. He calmly took the orange, put it between his palms and to the crowds amazement ... out came a single drop of juice. Handing over the \$1,000, the stunned strongman couldn't resist asking the old man what he did for a living.

"I'm the treasurer at the local parish church," was his reply.

Anyone involved in raising funds for whatever purpose will appreciate how much the

gift of perseverance is needed in that line of work. That's the message of the Gospel today - only those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will enter the Kingdom of Heaven ... as explained in the following mystical story:

A man was sleeping at night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might.

So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sun-up to sun-down, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all of his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain. Since the man was showing discouragement, the *dark side* of his nature decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the weary mind:

"You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't moved. The task is impossible ... God is making a fool of you. Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving the minimum effort; and, anyway ... Who cares what you do?" *Certainly not God ...*

That's what the weary man planned to do, but decided to make it a matter of prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to the Lord.

"Lord," he said, "I have laboured long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimetre. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded compassionately. "My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to *move it*. Your task was to *push*.

And now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your body is strong and powerful ... Likewise, your heart and lungs ... you are the fittest man in the land. And more importantly, you are *mentally tough* and *your spirit is unbreakable*. You now have the gift of *perseverance* (fortitude) - one of the *elite gifts of the Holy Spirit*. True, you haven't moved the rock. That was never My intention ... Your calling was to be *obedient* and to *trust in My wisdom* - My purpose was to make you *indominably strong in mind and spirit*. Now, *I, my friend, will move the rock.*"

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just a *simple obedience and faith* in Him.

When everything seems to go wrong ... just P.U.S.H.!

When the job gets you down ... just P.U.S.H.!

When people don't react the way you think they should ... just P.U.S.H.!

When your money is "gone" and the bills are due ... just P.U.S.H.!

When people just don't understand you, just P.U.S.H.

P= Pray

U= Until

S= Something

H= Happens

Moral: The Rock in the story stands for devotion to Mass, our daily prayers and the challenges God puts before us that seem too difficult or unnecessary at the time.