



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 18th February 2018
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Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 10.30am. Monday: 8pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 7am. Friday: no Mass in Church re: Station Mass.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 17th Feb 8.00pm John Donlon, his Son Dermot & extended Donlon family.

Sun 18th Feb 10.30am First Sunday of Lent. Mass for the people of the parish.

Mon 19th Feb 8.00pm Special Intention.

Tues 20th Feb 7.00am Special Intention.

Wed 21st Feb 7.00am Special Intention.

Thurs 22nd Feb 7.00am Special Intention.

Fri 23rd Feb 8.00pm Station Mass.

Sat 24th Feb 8.00pm John & Mary Margaret Skelly & John Junior, Cornaguillagh.

Sun 25th Feb 10.30am Teresa Flynn, Curroole.

Trocaire Boxes are available at the church porches. Please take one home.

My Gift to the Lord for Lent - Please consider signing on for a commitment of **10/20/30**

minutes, or even 1 hour of Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament **for Lent**.
 Forms are in the Crying Room and will be placed on the altar during Masses of Lent so that
 your special intentions may be heard.

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

Rosary continues on Saturday evening at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Roster:

8.00pm Sat 24th Feb Nora Nolan & Mary Casey.

10.30am Sun 25th Feb Helen Hassett & Elizabeth Clyne.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 24th Feb Donall Farrell.

10.30am Sun 25th Feb Margaret Boyce.

Reminder: Any outstanding monies for the Irish Catholic (€93.60) / Pioneer Magazine (€17)
 please place in an envelope with your name and drop it in my letterbox. Thank you.

Stations as follows: Enquiries: 086 0603433.

Thurs 22nd Feb 8.00pm: Yvonne & Jack Healy, Claris & Cross.

Friday 23rd Feb 8.00pm: Gabriel & Michael Flanagan, Curroole, Loughawn & Dermeanagh.

Friday 2nd March 8.00pm: Nora Nolan, Portanure.

Friday 9th March 8.00pm: Mary & Gerry Skelly, Derrydarragh.

Monday 12th March 8.00pm: Pat & Geraldine Green. Elfect & Loughfarm.

Dates for your Diary:

First Confession - Thursday March 1st at 7pm.

Confirmation - Saturday March 3rd at 3pm.

First Communion - Sunday May 13th at 12 noon.

Pope Francis has chosen Ireland for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Join us. Be a volunteer. Celebrate the joy of love with families from across the world. All are welcome to this historic event in Dublin from 21-26 August. Visit our website at worldmeeting2018.ie <<http://worldmeeting2018.ie>>.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the short term pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life.

Reflection:

A number of years ago in California, a 14yr old girl called Donna Ashlok developed a life threatening heart ailment and needed a heart transplant urgently to survive. Her 15 year old neighbour Felipe Gorza had a deep crush on her but she had never shown any interest in him.

One day Felipe said to his mother, with great joy and cheerfulness, "When I die ... I want to give her my heart."
 No-one understood or paid any heed to what he said.

Apparently, he had a premonition of his death, for less than a week later, a blood vessel burst in his brain and he died. Felipe's heart was transplanted immediately to the girl he loved from a distance and knew he would never have.

"Today, we have a concrete example of a heart being left behind," the Rev. Thomas Cargo said in his sermon for Felipe Garza Jr. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Patterson, California. - (New York Times).

"In 1986, shortly after Felipe's death, the Patterson City Council renamed by resolution Walnut Acres Park to Felipe A. Garza Jr. Memorial Park." The named the park in the boy's honour.

Moral: Her whole life was changed ... for, like most people, she thought she knew what love was about; attraction to someone because they are good looking or tall or successful etc. Felipe had none of these things. There were those who had often said, "I love you" or "I'll give you my heart" when she was well ... Felipe did so when she needed it most.

Every time we come to Holy Communion, Jesus offers to do likewise for us. Only He offers a Heart that will never stop again ... eternally. Similarly, I must be prepared to let go of the old damaged one. Lent is one more chance on the short circle of time to take Him up on that. But we must remember that the old one has to go - Pride, Anger, Lust, Laziness, Greed, Gluttony, Envy/Jalousy, Cowardice and Folly. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the only ways to do that - St. John of the Cross.

How about going to Mass during the weekdays ... 10 minutes Adoration on Wednesday or Friday ... or even a decade of the Rosary every day ... there's only 40 days left!