



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 18TH DECEMBER 2016
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God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because He loves us.



Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 10.30am. Monday and Friday 8pm. Tuesday 9.30am.

No Mass on Wednesday.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 17th Dec 8.00pm Mary Quigley (nee Moughty), late of Dermacar.
Sun 18th Dec 10.30am Beatrice Bawle, (Month's Mind).
Mon 19th Dec 8.00pm Joseph O'Connor, Carrowdunican.
Tues 20th Dec 9.30am Special Intention.
Thurs 22nd Dec 9.30am Special Intention.
Fri 23rd Dec 8.00pm Mass for the people of the Parish.
Sat 24th Dec 8.00pm Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass.
Sun 25th Dec 10.30am Christmas Day.
Mon 26th Dec 8.00pm St. Stephen's Day - Catherine & Joe Casey, Lanesboro.

Note: Parish Pastoral Council has decided to hold the Celebration of Midnight Mass at 8pm instead of 9pm in order to allow more children to attend.

Reconciliation Service in Cashel Church on Wednesday 21st December at 7pm, **and in Lanesboro' Church** on Friday 23rd December at 7pm.

St. Mary's N.S.: Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th December - Christmas concert commencing at 6pm in "The Hill." Bookings at 086 8517037.

Offertory Collection 10th Dec. €1,120; Propagation of the Faith €385; Heating €1,695.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration: Next Wednesday Adoration commences at 3pm and will conclude at 6.30pm as Confessions begin at 7pm. Similarly, as is usual at Christmas time, there will be no adoration on the following Wednesday December 28th. Adoration will take place after 8pm Mass on Friday evening 21st and recommences on Wednesday January 4th.

Rosary - Note: New Time and Date: - recited on Saturday evenings at 7.40pm just before the Vigil Mass.

Adoration: there has been a number of requests to place the Sacred Host on the main altar as many new adorers prefer to come in at the back door and cannot see the Monstrance so clearly. If adorers are in agreement, we will move the Sacred Host to the central altar in the near future.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Phyllis Dowler whose funeral took place in Rathoven during the week - aunt of Charmaine O'Shea.



Fourth Sunday of Advent:

(Purple) The Angel Candle or The Candle of love.
The Angels announced the good news of a Saviour.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

9.00pm Christmas Eve - Sat 24th Dec Monica Farrell & Kathleen Clarke.
10.30am Christmas Day - Sun 25th Dec Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

Readers' Roster:

9.00pm Christmas Eve - Sat 24th Dec Kathleen Clarke.
10.30am Christmas Day - Sun 25th Dec Deirdre Holton.

Church Parking: Throughout the Christmas season, parking on the Church grounds should be reserved for persons of limited mobility. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Holy Communion: If you are not able to come to the altar for communion, please draw the attention of a Eucharistic Minister to you who will be very happy to bring the Lord to you.

Reflection: A little child on his way home from school looked into a sculptor's yard and saw a huge chunk of marble there. The sculptor was about to start working. The next day, as he passed by, he heard work going on but the doors were closed. Each day he could hear the sculptor chipping away but the doors remained tight shut. Month's later, he was passing by and the front door was open. He popped in for a look, and there on the plinth, where the block of marble had been, was a tiger, perfect and life-like in every way. The little lad tugged on the sleeve of the sculptor, and said - "How did you know there was a tiger in there?" The sculptor laughed heartily and then proceeded to give this sublime answer:

"That's what God sees when he looks at us," my little friend, explained the master. "We are just like that chunk of marble. Our souls and characters have rough edges that need to be knocked off. Jesus alone sees the beautiful person hidden behind our rough exterior. He is the master sculptor of the soul. He, alone, can chisel away the hardened layers that life forces us to cover ourselves with."

Moral: "When I spend time before Jesus in prayer - gentle, unhurried and from the heart ... over a few days ... I find these layers begin to fall away and a nobler, gentler and stronger me emerges. When I'm distracted and my prayer is rushed and clinical - the hard layers start to grow back again." - St. Teresa of Avila (Doctor of the Church and great mystic).

Why not try 5 or 10 minutes on Wednesday here in the Church? - Over 40 parishioners are now doing at least as much between 3pm and 9pm.