



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER  
The 2nd Sunday / A 19.01.20  
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### Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows :

Sat	18th	Jan	8.00pm	Gerry Hopkins, Clougher (Month's Mind).
Sun	19th	Jan	10.30am	Carmel Skelly, Derrydarragh (1st Anniv).
Mon	20th	Jan	8.00pm	Fr. Jerry McCauley.
Tues	21st	Jan	7.00pm	Re: Station Mass.
Wed	22nd	Jan	No Mass.	
Thurs	23rd	Jan	9.30am	The Kenny Family, Derrynagran.
Fri	24th	Jan	8.00pm	James & Margaret Bermingham, Newtownflanagan.
Sat	25th	Jan	8.00pm	Phyllis Dowler, Forthill (3rd Anniv).
Sun	26th	Jan	10.30am	Frank Farrell, Derrygowan.

**Stations commencing:** Four already booked. Enquiries: 086 0603433.

**Station Mass:** Tuesday 21st Jan 8.00pm Anne Costello, Pollagh, Claraune & Lisnagawley.

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

**Rosary** continues on Saturday before Mass at 7.40pm.

### Eucharistic Ministers:

8.00pm Sat 25th Jan Teresa Costello & Bernadette Farrell.

10.30am Sun 26th Jan Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

### Readers:

8.00pm Sat 25th Jan Martin Skelly.

10.30am Sun 26th Jan Carmel Donlon.

**Irish Catholic:** Please place your contribution for 2020 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due is: €104.00. (€2 per copy, x 52 weeks).

**Pioneer Magazine:** Please place your contribution for 2020 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due is: €18.60.  
**Longford Pro-Life meeting** at the Family Centre, behind St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford town on Thursday, 23th of January at 7.30pm. For enquiries call Edward on 089 4634558. A General Election is coming up, please get involved, we need your help.

**Newtowncashel themed Christmas Cards sales** amounted to €360 kindly donated to the Parish by Declan Gilmore.. A big thank you.

**Lanesboro Community College** enrolment for September 2020 closes on Friday 31st January at 1pm. All enrolment forms must be returned to the school on or before this date. Copy of Birth Certificate also required. Enquires to admin.lcc@lweth.ie

### Reflection: "The half-wit"

A man owned a small ranch near Sheridan, Wyoming. The Wyoming Labor Department got a tip from an enemy of his that he was not paying proper wages to his workers and sent an investigator out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the investigator.

"Well," replied the rancher, "there's my ranch hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$1200 a week plus free room and board.

The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$1000 per week plus free room and board.

"Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day, with no days off, and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week and pays his own room and board.

But, I buy him a bottle of whiskey every Saturday night, *I know... I know...* Clearly I haven't much respect for him."

*"That's the guy I want to talk to... the half-wit,"* says the investigator ...

*... "You're talking to him!!" replied the rancher.*

**Moral:** At least he was one man who knew his true worth. Do I? Do You?

### The man in the glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,  
And the world makes you king for a day,  
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself  
And see what THAT man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife  
Who ... judgement upon you must pass,  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you a straight-shootin' chum,  
And call you a wonderful guy,  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear up to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test  
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of life,  
And get pats on your back as you pass,  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

— Anonymous

**Moral:** We are fragile creatures ... the evolutionary biologists tell us ... our genes are only 1.6% different to the those of the chimpanzee. So, what do we really know about anything? Maybe that's why we have destroyed so much of the planet ... *too much trust in that little puny brain of ours.* We need the Lamb of God more than ever to save us and guide us as John the Baptist reminds us in today's Gospel.