



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER  
19th FEBRUARY 2017  
Seventh Sunday in ordinary time  
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*It won't mean you're weak if you turn the other*

**FORGIVE  
FORGET**

**Mass Times as follows:**

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am No Mass Monday or Friday.

**Masses for the Dead:**

Sat 18th Feb 8.00pm Mary Kelly, Carrowbeg. (1st anniv) & deceased family members.  
Sun 19th Feb 10.30am Gerry Casey (Month's mind).  
Tues 21st Feb 9.30am Special Intention.  
Wed 22nd Feb 9.30am Mass for the people of the parish.  
Thurs 23rd Feb 9.30am Fr. Jeremiah Macauley, former PP of Parish.  
Sat 25th Feb 8.00pm John Donlon & Dermot Donlon, also deceased family members.  
Sun 26th Feb 10.30am Tom & Mary Ellen Delaney, Carrowbeg.  
Mon 27th Feb 8.00pm Mary K. & Peter Clyne, Caltrabeg, Also Tom Boyce.

**Please pray** for the happy repose of the soul of Sr. Paula (Margaret) Brennan, Lismagrawley.

Mercy Sister who died during the week in Navan.

**Stations:** Mon 20th Feb 8pm Margaret and Danny Ganly, Claraune & Pollagh.

Fri 24th Feb 8pm Dave Gamblod, Derrydarragh.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Christian community baby Sean Christopher Gilmore who was baptized recently, also congratulation to his parents Shane & Katharina.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** continues on Wednesdays from 3pm until 9pm and Friday 8.30 - 9pm.

**Rosary:** recited on Saturday evenings at 7.45pm just before the Vigil Mass.

**Offertory Collection:** €890. Thank you for your generosity.

**Irish Hospice foundation fundraiser** in "The Local" on Saturday 25th February at 4.30pm with Tractor Run followed by light refreshments in "The Local" and music later by 'The Casey's'.

**Lourdes Collection** last weekend amounted to €665. Thanks to everyone for their support.

**Irish Catholic** - please place your contribution for 2017 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due this year is: **€93.60**

(€1.80 per copy x 52 weeks).

**Pioneer Magazine:** please place your contribution for 2017 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due for this year is **€18.60**

(€1.55 per issue x 12).

**Best wishes to Martin Skelly** and best of luck in his campaign to become President of the GAA from all in the Parish community and the Club.

**Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:**

8.00pm Sat 25th Feb Ann Kelly & Marsha Carberry.  
10.30am Sun 26th Feb Yvonne Kenny & Elizabeth Whitton.

**Readers' Roster:**

8.00pm Sat 25th Feb Gerard Brennan.  
10.30am Sun 26th Feb Anne Marie Nolan.

**Pioneers** - to make sure we have all the names of jubilarians, I am asking you to put your name or that of someone you know that is eligible on list in the Crying Room. - 25; 50 and 65 years.

**Reflection:** Very large crowds attended the church services of the famous Rev. Martin L. King. One Sunday, the Reverend King's sermon was based on the topic of forgiveness. He urged the congregation not to harbour grudges against those who had offended them. Reverend King asked everyone to stand. He then said: "Those of you who *forgive past grievances* - please be seated." About *half* of those in the church sat down. The preacher quoted many Biblical verses that urge forgiveness, and repeated his question to those still standing. At this point *most* sat down. He pleaded further for them to follow the Christian way and *one by one* they sat down. Just one old lady remained standing. "Madam," Reverend King asked - "Why can't you forgive your enemies, being the good Christian that you are?"

"*Because I have none!*", she replied.

Reverend King was taken aback and exclaimed: "That is remarkable - *at your age* - to have *no* enemies ... truly amazing ... truly astonishing! To what do you attribute this unheard of achievement?" Not a whisper could be heard in the auditorium ... All ears strained to hear the old lady's explanation for her amazing ability to forgive her enemies ... She gave the Reverend her best wry smile, chuckled to herself, and replied: -

***"The old biddies have all died!!"***

**Moral:** It is virtually impossible to forgive our enemies by *human strength alone*. Only the grace of God can give us the power to do so. That grace comes to us only through profound prayer and the grace Jesus gives us in Holy Communion.

However, if we don't try to forgive, psychological research tells us again and again that resentment will fester and do us *more harm* than our enemy. Here's how the great African American Civil Rights leader, Rev. Martin L. King Jr. explains it: "Now there is a final reason I think that Jesus says, 'Love your enemies.' It is this: that love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals. Just keep being friendly to that person. Just keep loving them, and they can't stand it too long. Oh, they react in many ways in the beginning. They react with guilt, and sometimes they'll hate you a little more at that transition period, but just keep loving them. And by the power of your love they will break down under the load. That's love, you see. It is redemptive, and this is why Jesus says love. There's something about love that builds up and is creative. There is something about hate that tears down and is destructive. So love your enemies. (from 'Loving Your Enemies')."