



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 20th AUGUST 2017
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WHERE THERE
 IS HOPE,
 THERE IS *faith*.
 WHERE THERE
 IS FAITH, *miracles*
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Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 12 Noon. Cemetery Sunday.
 Monday: 8pm. Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am. No Mass on Wednesday. Friday: 9.30am.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 19th Aug 8.00pm Paddy Joe Farrell. (Months Mind).
 Sun 20th Aug 12 Noon Cemetery Sunday Saints Island.
 Peter Murtagh, Newpark & Sean Murtagh, Newpark & Fermoyle.
 Mon 21st Aug 8.00pm Paddy Hopkins (4th anniv.) & D.F.M. of the Hopkins Family, Pollagh.
 Tues 22nd Aug 9.30am Special Intention.
 Thurs 24th Aug 9.30am Special Intention.
 Fri 25th Aug 9.30am Mass for the people of the Parish. No Mass at 8pm. Adoration at 8.30pm.
 Sat 26th Aug 8.00pm
 Sun 27th Aug 12 Noon Cemetery Sunday Cashel.

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday from 3pm to 9pm and on Friday from 8.30pm to 9pm.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 26th Aug Monica Farrell & Kathleen Clarke.
 12 Noon Sun 27th Aug Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 26th Aug Ann Kenny.
 12 Noon Sun 27th Aug Laura Dermody.

Priest's Visit - If your relative, friend or neighbour is ill and would like me to visit, please let me know and I will be delighted to get in touch with them.

St. Mary's N.S. Congratulations & well done to all involved with last weekend's celebrations.

St. Mary's Fundraising Committee wish to express their sincere thanks to all who helped to make the weekend an outstanding success. Thank you to all past and present pupils, parents and the people from the community who supported the school so generously in their fundraising endeavours. A special mention to our very generous sponsors who donated cash and prizes for our Raffle. We hope that those who visited the school enjoyed the trip down memory lane. We thank the Lord for the fine weather bestowed on us for the entire weekend. A great evening at Kilbeggan Races was enjoyed by all!

Cemetery Sunday Saints Island - 20th August & Cashel Cemetery - 27th August - both at 12 noon.
 No Mass at 10.30am on either Sunday.

Lady's Well Celebration is on Sunday 3rd September at 12 Noon. No Mass at 10.30am.

Congratulations to Monica Healy on winning the "Flower Garden" category in County Longford competition run by the I.C.A. For her beautiful garden - a deserved reward for all her hard work.

Reflection.

The Gold Wrapping Paper

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he gave out to his little five-year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper.

As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox. Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!"

As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had criticised her.

But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. 'Don't you know, young lady,' he said harshly, 'when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!'

The little girl looked up at him with tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: 'Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full.'

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

Moral: The lady in today's Gospel had no money, no status ... as a pagan, she would have been looked down on ... Yet Jesus answered her prayer. Why? ... Because like the little child in the story her heart was full of what really counted ... Great faith and love for the Lord. How about mine and yours?