



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat 21st Dec 8.00pm Matt & Mary Skelly & son Bernard & D.F.M, Caltramore.
Sun 22nd Dec 10.30am Michael Whittion, Forthhill. (5th Anniv).
Mon 23rd Dec 8.00pm Special Intention.
Tues 24th Dec 8.00pm Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass.
Wed 25th Dec 10.30am Christmas Day.
Thurs 26th Dec 8.00pm St. Stephen's Day: Special Intention
Fri 27th Dec 8.00pm People of the Parish.
Sat 28th Dec 8.00pm Mary Quigley, (née Moughty), Dermacar.
Sun 29th Dec 10.30am Pat & Joe Lane, Derahau.

Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place here in Cashel Church on **Sunday evening 22nd December at 7.30pm**. Fr. Michael Reilly, Lanesboro and Fr. Dusmanta, Ballyleague will also be present.

Rosary continues on Saturday before Mass at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will recommence on Wednesday 8th January.

pray for the happy repose of the soul of Gerry Hopkins, late of Caltramore.

Eucharistic Ministers:

8.00pm Christmas Eve Monica Farrell & Kathleen Clarke.
10.30am Christmas Day John Flood & Carmel Hopkins.
8.00pm Sat 29th Dec Dylan Mulvihill & Helen O'Shea.
10.30am Sun 30th Dec Dermot Healy & Anne Kenny.

Readers:

8.00pm Christmas Eve Brian Kelly.
10.30am Christmas Day Brid Sweeney.
8.00pm Sat 20th Dec Anne Kenny.
10.30am Sun 21st Dec Gerry Farrell.

Meals on Wheels collection amounted to €470. Thank you for your generosity.

Convent Day Care Centre CLG

We wish to thank everyone sincerely who supported us last Sunday 15th December in any way towards our fundraiser which was held in St. Matthews church. A splendid performance was displayed by the Garda Band and soloist Kate Connolly. A special thanks to Emma Kiernan Community Guard for organizing this event, all the staff and volunteers that helped out in any way. All funds raised will go towards the continuous upgrading and maintenance of the centre. New members always welcome, contact details Breda on 09064 38445 or conventhouse1@gmail.com

Collection for Barrettstown on Sunday eve amounted to €1,199. And in Tang €614.

Special word of congratulations to the 3 choirs on the night, especially to Susan, Amanda and Siobhan, our local choir, and kind volunteers behind the scenes including those who provided refreshments afterwards; and finally to the great crowd who turned up and contributed so generously - a wonderful evening of music and singing with a Christmas themed storyline.

Christmas Message 2019

We are all familiar with the story of Christmas - the journey that Mary and Joseph embarked on, their expectancy and anticipation of the imminent arrival of the baby Jesus. But, as we celebrate Christmas 2019 in a world that is troubled and where so many people have to leave home because of war and persecution, we might reflect on the fact that at the very centre of the Christmas story were two people who were a welcome from strangers.

Mary and Joseph were displaced and seeking accommodation at a vulnerable time in their lives. Their immediate concern was to find shelter and safety for the birth of their child. One man took pity on the couple and gave them shelter in a stable.

During our recent listening process, which took place as part of our preparations for next year's Diocesan Assembly, the joys, anxieties and hopes that come with family life were very clearly expressed to me. Receiving help in our times of need is a concern that all families share. Pope Francis recently tweeted 'The true worship of God is always expressed in love of one's neighbour'.

So, this Christmas I would like to remember and pray for two groups of people: those in need of assistance and those who give assistance. Those who need assistance include all who are homeless, our own people and displaced people who come to our shores seeking refuge and the welcome of strangers. Those who give assistance include the many women and men who work with the emergency services who are there when needed, medical personnel, ambulance, fire brigade, Garda Síochána and a great number of volunteers and organisations who make all the difference. As we see the selfless assistance these people give, might we also be inspired to look out for each other through the coming year?

As we remember the birth of Jesus, our Saviour may we be inspired to carry the love of God and the hope of Christmas into the world. And may all of you, your family, and your friends have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

Francis Duffy

Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

7 Deadly Sins

Pride
Anger
Lust
Laziness
Greed
Gluttony
Envy

1. **Kindness** = **cures Envy** by placing the desire to help others above the need to be jealous of them.
2. **Temperance** = **cures Gluttony** by implanting the desire to be healthy, therefore making one fit to give of one's best.
3. **Charity or Love** = **cures Greed** by putting the desire to help others above storing up treasure for one's self.
4. **Self-control** = **cures Lust** by controlling passion and leveraging that energy for the good of others.
5. **Humility** = **cures Pride** by removing one's ego and boastfulness, therefore allowing others to want to hear what I have to say.
6. **Diligence** = **cures Laziness** by placing the best interest of others above the life of ease and relaxation.
7. **Patience** = **cures Anger** by taking time to understand the needs and desires