



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
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"Catholic Schools: Called to Serve".

During the week we invite you to take time to reflect on the service that Catholic schools give to children, parents, families and communities. You are also asked to consider how best you can offer support to the service that our children's Catholic school provides in so many different ways.

A key area of support in the current climate is allegiance to the Catholic ethos of the school.

Mass Times as follows: Saturday (vigil) 8pm; Sunday 10.30am;
 Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am; Monday & Friday at 8pm;
 No Mass on Thursday.

Masses for the Dead

Sat 23rd January 8.00pm Special Intention.
 Sun...24th...January...10.30am...Cissie Farrell
 Mon 25th January 8.00pm Peter & Mary Kate Clyne, Caltrabeg.
 Tues 26th January...9.30am Cissie Farrell
 Sat...30th...January...8.00pm...Kathleen Clyne (Month's Mind).
 Sun...31st January...10.30am...John Clarke, Saint's Island. (Month's Mind)

The Spring Station Masses:

Those who would like to host a Station Mass in February can arrange to do so now.
 It is a real privilege to have such a blessing in one's home.

Eight Station Masses have already been booked. already at this time.

Bord na Móna will be holding information sessions regarding its proposed Derryadd Wind Farm development. Times and venues as follows:

Wednesday 27th January 3pm to 9pm—Kenagh Community Centre.
 Thursday 28th January 3pm to 9pm—St. Brigid's GAA Centre, Killashee.
 Friday 29th January 3pm to 9pm—The 'Hill', Newtowncashel.
 Saturday 30th January 10.00am to 4pm—St. Mary's Parish Hall, Lanesborough.

Bord na Móna invites you to attend one of these Public Information sessions.
 Admission is free. Staff will be on hand to discuss the project.

Recent collection totals:

Last Sunday € 700 Thank you very much.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday 4pm — 8pm.

Recitation of the Rosary on Friday's at 7.30pm.

St. Mary's National School enrolment for September 2016 takes place from 1st February to 5th February. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school and relevant forms returned during this period.

Reflection on Today's Gospel

On the first Saturday of every month, a missionary drove his jeep out into the bush to round up those who needed the services of the flying doctors who came to his clinic once a month.

Each month, the doctors tried to concentrate on some particular kind of ailment. On this particular Saturday, he collected those with hair-lips and cleft palates. As was usual, especially when a child was involved, several family members came along as well. As the morning progressed, those whose surgery was completed began to emerge from the clinic. The priest was particularly struck by a young boy coming out of the clinic. He had a hair-lip and the transformation effected by the surgeon was nothing short of miraculous. It was a really beautiful job, and except for close examination, there was no evidence of the malformation that had been there all his life. The priest brought the young lad over to his father, who was seated under a tree. The boy bowed to his father and as is the custom, the father placed his hand on the boy's head by way of blessing. That was it! Not a word passed between them and the father did not seem to notice the transformation in the boy's appearance. The priest then brought the boy over to his mother and to other members of the family, and here the reception was totally different. They went wild with excitement. The boy was brought out into the full light, his upper lip was examined in great detail, and he was hugged by all his family, amidst tears, and cries of gladness. Meanwhile, the father remained seated under the tree. This puzzled, and slightly annoyed the priest. He approached the father and asked: "Are you not pleased with the job the doctor did on your son?" The father replied, "Oh, I am indeed." "Well," said the priest, "you certainly didn't show any great sign of being pleased, when I brought him out to you a short while ago." The father looked at the priest, and replied with sincerity, and quiet conviction, "I love my son. If I showed any great excitement when I saw the vast improvement in his appearance, that might cause him to think that I hadn't really loved him when he had a hair-lip. I don't love him any more now than I loved him before he had the surgery."

Moral of story: Exactly the same image today's Gospel presents us with of God.