



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER - 24TH APRIL 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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O my God I love you with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength. Lord, increase our love, help us to love one another.



Mass Times as follows:

Saturday (Vigil): 8pm; Sunday: 10.30am; Monday & Friday: 8pm.

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am. **No Mass on Wednesday.**

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 23rd April 8.00pm Daniel Farrell, Elfeet & Inchcleraun.

Sun 24th April 10.30am Gerard Collins & deceased members
of the Fayne family, Greenhall.

Tues 26th April 9.30am Special Intention

Thursday 28th April 9.30am Br. Mel Donlon

Sat 30th April 8.00pm Michael & Bridget Mahedy, Caltramore.

Sun 1st May 10.30am Lily Devaney

Tues 3rd May 9.30am Madeline Hegarty,

Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday night next at 8.30pm in the "Hill".

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday May 8th at 12 noon.

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

Recitation of the Rosary continues Friday evening at 7.30pm.

Recent Collection: 17th April Offertory €605 Thank you for your generosity.

Lourdes Trip: Anyone wishing to go on the annual pilgrimage, please contact Elizabeth Clyne at 043 3325165.

The Walking Group continues on Saturday mornings leaving 'The Hill' at 10am

Pope Francis Collection for The Ukraine takes place next weekend.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Bridie Greene, Elfeet, who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Conference will take place on Wednesday 27th April at 8pm in St. Mel's College, Longford. Pat McKenna from Childwatch will make a presentation on Internet Safety. Local Safeguarding Representatives, Clergy, Representatives of Parish Pastoral Councils and parents are invited to attend.

Local Safeguarding Representatives are asked to attend at 7pm on April 27th in St. Mel's College before the conference, for an update on (1) The Revised standards and Policy and (2) Vetting and E-vetting.

Playground: The community playground is in the final stages of construction. The contractors have now sown grass seeds which require 3 weeks to grow. During this time, please take note that no one is allowed on site as this would destroy the grass.

Reflection: Everyone has heard of Jesse Owens. He won four gold medals in the Berlin Olympics in 1936. Not many have heard of Lutz Long. Lutz was one of Germany's top athletes at the time. He was also one of Hitler's favourites! In the long-jump trial he broke the Olympic record. Only one person could possibly beat him - Jesse Owens. Just before Jesse's attempt to qualify, Hitler left his box and walked out. It was viewed as a snub to the black athlete who challenged Hitler's theory of supremacy for his race. Jesse was so unnerved, he failed his first try. On his second, he didn't jump far enough to qualify. One try left, Jesse was in a state of panic. Then he felt a hand on his shoulder and looked around. It was Lutz Long. He suggested Jesse draw a line a few inches short of the take-off board and jump from there. It worked and Jesse qualified by a foot. That moment marked the beginning of a brief but close friendship between the two men. The next couple of nights they sat up together talking about the world situation and their young lives. In the days that followed Jesse won three gold medals, the 100 metres, 200 metres and the Relay race. Then came the long jump finals, Jesse against Lutz. Jesse won! He recalls what happened. "While Hitler glared, Lutz held up my hand and shouted to the huge crowd - Jesse Owens! Jesse Owens! The stadium picked it up until my name rang round the whole area. My hair stood on end".

Moral: Lutz Long threw away an Olympic Gold medal out of pure respect for his friend. *Love one another as I have loved you*, says the Lord. If Lutz could do it, why not I ... you?