



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
24TH DECEMBER 2017
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Mass Times as follows:

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

Sunday - Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass 8.00pm

Monday - Christmas Day Mass 10.30am

No Mass on Wednesday & Thursday. Friday: 8pm.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 23rd Dec 8.00pm Mary Quigley (nee Moughty), Athlone, late of Dermacar.

Sun 24th Dec 10.30am Mass for the people of the Parish.

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Monday - Christmas Day Mass 10.30am

Tues 26th Dec 8.00pm St. Stephen's Day Mass.

Fri 29th Dec 8.00pm Moira Killian, (Month's mind).

Sat 30th Dec 8.00pm Michael Whitton, Forthill, (3rd anniv) .

Sun 31st Dec 10.30am

Please note: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration wed 27th Dec nor Wed Jan 3rd :-

Recommencing Wed 10th Jan.

Rosary continues on Saturday evenings at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 30th Dec Dylan Mulvihill & Helen O'Shea.

10.30am Sun 31st Dec John Flood & Carmel Hopkins.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 30th Dec Ciara Casey.

10.30am Sun 31st Dec Patricia or Emily Farrell.

A Very Special Thank You To:

Pastoral Council, Choirs, Servers, Eucharistic ministers, Collectors, those involved with flower arranging and displays, the crib, the star, Church laundry, polishing and cleaning of the Church, toilets and Parochial House, gardening, building and maintenance, accounts, secretarial assistance, rotas, safeguarding representatives; Parishioners for their faithful dedication to Church and their financial and personal support. Adoration and Rosary Participants and Committee; School; Chairperson, Principal, BOM, Teachers/Parents/Young People/Do This In Memory Programme assistants. The Hill Committee and caretaker; All who work behind the scenes ensuring everything runs smoothly and especially Tom Denny, Maureen Costello, Siobhan Casey and Yvonne Kenny and my sister Marie.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

White "CHRIST CANDLE": The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God sent to wash away our sins. His birth was for his death. His death was for our birth.

New Roster: The new Eucharistic Rosters commences with immediate effect. We sincerely thank 26 Ministers for their service and dedication to this very special ministry. We welcome 4 new Ministers. Their commissioning service will take place on Sunday 28th January 2018 at the 10.30am Mass. After this service, these 4 new Ministers will take up their duty.

Reflection: Japanese houses normally have a hollow space between the wooden walls. When tearing down the walls to renovate his house, a Japanese man found that there was a lizard stuck on the partition with a nail hammered into one of it's feet.

He feels pity for the poor creature, and at the same time becomes curious ... as the nail was hammered in 5 years previously when the house was first built

How could this be? ... the lizard has survived in such a position - a dark walled partition for 5 years without moving? Surely, this is impossible! Totally fascinated, he took time off work to study this phenomenon.

After quite some time sitting very still, suddenly, he observes another lizard approaching with food in its mouth.

The homeowner was stunned and touched deeply.
A second lizard had been feeding the one stuck by the nail for the past 5 years!

Moral: If a poor humble creature can do this for another, how much more am I, a supposedly superior one, challenged to do likewise for my fellow creatures?

As information and communication techniques advance and social media dominates, research is telling us that the distance between human beings is widening - even in families.

Alex Phillippeno, professor of Astrophysics at Berkeley University, says: "It seems that nature is just too clever for us ... the further we go away from it - the more it confounds us ... and the more damage we do to ourselves."

We can all learn from Our Lady this evening ... "I am the Handmaid of the Lord ... let what you have be done to me!" - Total trust in God the Father and His way ... not Her own - That's the message from the Lord to us this Christmas Season - "Have it your own way ... or ... Follow My guidance." We can do both!