



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
25th February 2018
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Mass Times as follows & Masses for the Dead:

Sat	24th Feb	8.00pm	John & Mary Margaret Skelly & John Junior, Cornaguillagh.
Sun	25th Feb	10.30am	Teresa Flynn, Curroole.
Mon	26th Feb	8.00pm	Mass for the people of the Parish.
Tues	27th Feb	7.00am	Special Intention.
Wed	28th Feb	7.00am	Special Intention
Thurs	1st Mar	7.00am	Special Intention.
Fri	2nd Mar	8.00pm	Station Mass. No Mass in Church.
Sat	3rd Mar	8.00pm	Jimmy Costello, Cleraune.
Sun	4th Mar	10.30am	John Hand, New Park, Lanesboro. (3rd Anniv).

The Ceremony of Light for the Children preparing for Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 27th at 7.30pm.

A practice for Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 28th at 1.30pm.

First Confession takes place on Thursday March 1st at 7pm.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community Baby Katie Murray who was baptized on Saturday. Congratulations to her parents Niall & Dearbhla.

Eucharistic Adoration continues on Wednesday 3pm-9pm and Friday 8.30pm-9pm.

Rosary continues on Saturday evening at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Roster:

8.00pm	Sat	3rd Mar	Ann Kelly & Laura Hanley.
10.30am	Sun	4th Mar	Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm	Sat	3rd Mar	Emma Casey.
10.30am	Sun	4th Mar	Oliver Costello.

Stations already held: Enquiries:086 0603433.

Friday 2nd Feb: Philomena & Patricia Hopkins, Pollagh / Cleraune / Lismagawley.

Friday 9th Feb: Michael & Annie Donnelly, Ballagh.

Friday 16th Feb: Kathleen Delaney, Carrowbeg.

Thurs 22nd Feb: Yvonne & Jack Healy, Claris & Cross.

Friday 23rd Feb: Gabriel & Michael Flanagan, Curroole, Loughawn/Dermeanagh.

Stations to come:

Friday 2nd March 8.00pm: Nora Nolan, Portanure.

Thursday 8th March 8.00pm: J.P. & Pauline Casey, Drumnee

Friday 9th March 8.00pm: Mary & Gerry Skelly, Derrydarragh.

Monday 12th March 8.00pm: Pat & Geraldine Green. Ellect & Loughfarm.

Dates for your Diary:

Ceremony of Light: Tuesday 27th Feb at 7.30pm

First Confession: Thursday March 1st at 7pm.

Confirmation: Saturday March 3rd at 3pm.

First Communion: Sunday May 13th at 12 noon.

Ardagh & Clonmacnois Youth Gathering will take place in the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Saturday 24th March. Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap and Fr Chris O'Donnell will attend this gathering.

Pope Francis has chosen Ireland for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Join us. Be a volunteer. Celebrate the joy of love with families from across the world. All are welcome to this historic event in Dublin from 21-26 August. Visit our website at worldmeeting2018.ie <<http://worldmeeting2018.ie>>.

My Gift to the Lord for Lent - Please consider signing on for a commitment of **10/20/30 minutes, or even 1 hour** of Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for Lent.

Forms are in the Crying Room and will be placed on the altar during Masses of Lent so that your special intentions may be heard. **Pioneer Lenten Challenge:** Many people abstain from alcohol and take the short term pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life.

Reflection:

The Master chided a disciple who was forever landing himself in trouble because of his compulsion to tell the truth. "But mustn't we always tell the truth?" "Ah no! The truth is sometimes best withheld." When challenged to give an instance of this the Master told of a mother-in-law who had come for a week and stayed for a month. The young couple finally hit upon a plan to rid themselves of the woman. "I'll serve soup tonight," said the wife to her husband, "and we'll start arguing." You claim it has too much salt, and I'll say it doesn't have enough. If mother agrees with you I'll get mad and order her out and if she agrees with me you get furious and order her to leave." Soup was served. The fight became vicious when the wife said, "Mother, how about it, is the soup too salty or not?" The crusty old lady dipped her spoon into the soup, lifted it to her lips, tasted it carefully, paused for a moment's thought and said, "suits me fine!"

Moral: Jesus only reveals Himself to those who truly open their hearts to Him. Peter, James and John were specially chosen because they were prepared to follow Him no matter what He asked of them. It is in the nature of Jesus to hide things from the elite and to reveal them to babes. "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the learned and the clever and revealed them to little children." God contradicts what human merit might dictate. He hides from the self-sufficient wise and reveals to the most helpless and unaccomplished. That's what Lent is all about ... Making our hearts simpler and humbler ... softer and more open i.e. more childlike The only way to do that is by increasing my prayer, fasting and penance. It is still not too late to start! "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

-Ven. Fulton Sheen