



## PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER 26th FEBRUARY 2017 Eighth Sunday in ordinary time FR. MERLYN KENNY-043 3325112 Vesterday is history, tomorrow is a mustery.

today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.

Look! Your horsonly Father feeds the birds of the air.

## Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 10.30am. Monday: 8.00pm. No Mass on Tuesday Wednesday is Ash Wednesday; Day of Fast & Abstinence.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at Mass: Times: 7am & 8 pm

Thursday 7.00am. Friday 7.00am.

Masses for the Dead:						
Sat		Feb ember		John Donion & Dermot Donion, Derrahaun & decease	d famil	
Sun	26th	Feb	10.30am	Tom & Mary Ellen Delaney, Carrowbeg.		
Mon	27th	Feb	$8.00 \mathrm{pm}$	Mary K. & Peter Clyne, Caltrabeg, Also Tom Boyce.		
Wed	1st	Mar		Ash Wednesday.		
Thur	s 2nd	Mar	7.00am	Special Intention		
Fri	3rd	Mar	$7.00 \mathrm{am}$	Mass for the People of the Parish.		
Sat	4th	Mar	8.00pm	John Hand, Newpark, Lanesboro.		
Sun	5th	Mar	10.30am	Paddy Hopkins, (Manchester) & Drumnee.		
Mon.	.6th	Mar.	8.00pm	Kathleen McCormack, Cleraune. (Month's Mind)		
Statio	Stations: Fri 3rd Mar 8.00pm Dermot & Vicky Nolan, Portanure					

First Confessions: on Thursday evening for the children preparing for first Communion.

Thur 9th Mar 8.00pm Kate & Anthony Mulvihill, Elfeet. Rosary: recited on Saturday evenings at 7.45pm just before the Vigil Mass.

Pioneers - to make sure we have all the names of jubilarians, I am asking you to put your name or that of someone you know that is eligible on list in the Crying Room: 25: 50 and 65 years. Offertory Collection: €810 Thank you for your generosity.

Irish Catholic - please place your contribution for 2017 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due this year is: €93.60

Pioneer Magazine: please place your contribution for 2017 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due for this year is €18.60 (€1.55 per issue x 12).

My Gift to the Lord for Lent - Please consider signing on for a commitment of 10/20/30 minutes, or even I 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. Eucharistic Adoration: continues on Wednesdays from 3pm - 9pm and Friday 8.30 - 9pm

**Fucharistic Ministers' Roster:** 

8.00pm Sat 4th Mar Anna Costello & Thomas Dennigan. 10.30am Sun 5th Mar Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 4th Mar Conor Skelly.

10.30am Sun 5th Mar Joseph Kenny

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.pionecrassociation.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 some-

one's life. St. Mary's N.S. clothing collection- Friday 3rd March. Donations of clean, dry textiles and

footwear in any condition can be left in bags at the parish hall (The Hill) before 9.30am. Last collection raised €355. Thank you.

Newtowncashel Defibrillator Group will provide a refresher course on Tuesday 28th February

at 7pm and we would like to encourage people to attend. A full training course will be held on Thursday 9th March at 7pm in "The Hill".

Reflection

A university Professor talks of being invited to speak at a military base one December. There he met what he called ... "an unforgettable person named Ralph". Ralph had been sent to meet him at the airport. As they walked along, Ralph kept disappearing. Once ... to help an older woman whose suitcase had fallen open. Another time ... to lift two toddlers up to where they could see Santa (remember it's December). Again, once more ... to give directions to someone who was lost. Each time he came back with a smile on his face. Fascinated, the Professor asked: "Where did you learn to live like that? "Oh!" said Ralph, "It was during the war. It was my job to clear minefields. I watched my friends blow up before my very eyes ... one after the other ... That's when it dawned on me that the only way I could go on was ... TO LIVE BETWEEN THE STEPS.

Why? ... Because, I never knew whether or not the next one would be my last. So, I learned to get everything I could out of the moment between when I picked up my foot ... and when I put it down again. Every step I took was a whole new world ... and I guess I've been that way ever since."

Moral: "Learn to live between the steps";

- . The goodness of our lives is not determined by the quantity, but by the quality;
- It is not how long we live that counts but how well we do so.

God is right here with us in this present moment - you and I are not guaranteed the next ... Don't put it off until tomorrow to open our hearts to Him - otherwise, it may it way be too late. Let's learn to live between the steps. That's the real meaning of Lent.