



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWLETTER  
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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26-07-20



### Mass Intentions for this week:

Sat	25th July	8.00pm:	Peter & Bridget Carley, Paddy Joe, Eamonn & Michael & D.F.M. Portanure.
Sun	26th July	10.30am:	Special Intention.
Mon	27th July	8.00pm:	Bridie & John Rowan, Derrygowna.
Tues	28th July	8.00pm:	Lena Kilduff & D.F.M. Derrygowna.
Wed	29th July	No Mass.	
Thurs	30th July	9.30am:	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Fri	31st July	8.00pm:	Seamus Farrell, Streamstown. (Month's Mind).

Sat 1st Aug 8.00pm:  
Sun 2nd Aug 10.30am:

**Stewards: needed to make the roster work better - a few more volunteers** in this role would establish a bigger roster and make the commitment lighter over the coming weeks. The more we have, the easier it is on everyone. If you are willing to volunteer please contact me at 086 060 3433.

**St. Mary's N.S. Clothing Recycling:** Friday 31st July. Bags of unwanted clothes, footwear etc (dry & clean) can be left in staff car park or P.E. shed before 9.30am. This is a valuable fundraiser and we appreciate your continued support.

**Cashel GAA:** Lotto draw results from Monday 20th July- No Jackpot winner of €3,000, numbers drawn 5,18,24,29. €30 winner of €5 envelopes Bernard Casey, €30 Pat/Geraldine Greene, €20 each to Enda Healy and Niall Dowler, Ballymahon. Jackpot this week is €3,100 and Draw takes place in the Clubhouse at 9pm. Completed envelopes can be given to any member of the Executive or left in the Drop-in box at the Clubhouse prior to Draw. Protocols will be put in place so that everyone carrying out the Draw will be safe. It is hoped that we will be set up for on-line lotto starting on Monday 10th August, further details can be viewed on Facebook and will be announced later. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

### First Friday Visits resume in August

- (a) All First Friday Visits must follow public health guidelines.
- (b) First Friday Visits can **only take place** when the parishioner and / or family invites the priest to call.

**First Communion:** We hope to celebrate the Sacrament on Sunday 4th October at 12Noon.

**Confirmation:** We hope to celebrate the Sacrament on 2 separate days to facilitate social distancing:

- 1) 6th Class on Saturday 15th August at 12 Noon.
- 2) 5th Class on Saturday 22nd August also at 12 Noon.

**Note from Bishop Francis:** Consideration needs to be given to where the sponsor would sit especially if they are not part of the household. It might be best if the sponsor is from the **same household** as those to be confirmed or perhaps a member of the household acting as a **proxy**.

Additional family members may like to remain outside or in their cars - as we have newly improved speakers outside.

**We are sorry once again that only** parents, the candidate and sponsor can be present in the Church when the 2 metre distance is applied. That means that many will be disappointed and this we regret greatly. So once again, we appeal to your customary generous spirit and patient understanding.

**We pray** for the happy repose of the soul of Aidan Skelly, Cornadough who died suddenly on 25th July. Funeral arrangements later.

**Marriage ceremonies** may be rescheduled, with agreement, up to 6 months from the original date.

The following conditions apply:

The number present is determined by the social distancing measure of 2 metres and the size of the church. From 20th July, in all churches, the number present should not exceed 50. Members of the same household may sit together but 2 metres from other people;

The area of the church used for the wedding must be cleaned / sanitised before and after the ceremony.

**Funerals:** The number present is determined by the social distancing measure of 2 metres. The total number present should not exceed 50. The area of the church used for the funeral must be cleaned / sanitised before and after the funeral.

**Reflection: on the 2nd reading:** The following story is an example of God causing all things to work together for the good of all who love Him - In the French Academy of Science there is a rather plain, old shoemaker's awl on display. The story behind the awl is quite extraordinary. To look at it, one would never suspect that this simple tool could be responsible for anything of consequence. In fact, it caused tremendous pain. This was the awl that one day fell from the shoemaker's table and put out the eye of the shoemaker's 9-year-old son. The injury was so severe that the boy lost vision in both eyes and was enrolled in a special school for children who were blind. The boy learned to read by handling large, carved-wood blocks of letters. When the shoemaker's son became an adult, he thought of a new way to read. It involved learning a system of dots translated into the letters of the alphabet that could be read from a piece of paper on any flat surface. Louis Braille actually used the awl which had blinded him as a boy to form the dots into a whole new reading system for the blind-known today as Braille. A devout Catholic, Braille held the position of organist in Paris at the Church of Saint-Nicolas-des-Champs from 1834 to 1839, and later at the Church of Saint-Vincent-de-Paul.

### Moral:

Out of what seems to be a catastrophe God can bring us to a better place - *if we continue to place our trust in Him.*

Romans 8:28.