



Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat	26th	Jan	8.00pm	James & Margaret Bermingham, Newtownflanagan.
Sun	27th	Jan	10.30am	Special Intention.
Mon	28th	Jan	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues	29th	Jan	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Wed	30th	Jan	No Mass.	
Thu	31st	Jan	9.30am	Special Intention.
Fri	1st	Feb	9.30am	Special Intention. <i>St. Brigid's Day. No evening Mass re: Station.</i>
Sat	2nd	Feb	10.30am	Sr. Catherine Marie (Lucy Flynn), Daughters of Mary & Joseph, Month's Mind. Blessing of candles.

Sun 3rd Feb 10.30am John & Teresa Finnegan & D.F.M. Cormaglove. Throats Blessed.

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

Eucharistic Roster 8.00pm Sat 2nd Feb Liz Hanley & Caroline Murtagh.
10.30am Sun 3rd Feb Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

Readers' Roster 8.00pm Sat 2nd Feb Ciara Cascy.
10.30am Sun 3rd Feb Emily Farrell.

Envelopes for 2019 can be collected in the Children's room. Thank You.

First Friday calls will be made on Thursday & Friday of this week.

Stations commencing in February - Ten already booked. Enquiries: 086 0603433.

Fri	1st Feb:	Laura & Ken Dermody, Loughawn.
Thurs	7th Feb:	Teresa & Sean Farrell, Ballagh.
Fri	8th Feb:	Bernie & Michael Farrell, Tipper.
Fri	15th Feb:	Yvonne & John Kenny, Derrydarragh.
Thurs	21st Feb:	Breda & Eamon Murphy, Claris / Cross.
Fri	22nd Feb:	Anna & Jimmy Costello, Cleraune.
Fri	1st Mar:	Betty Whittion, Forthill.
Thurs	7th Mar:	Martin & Gaye Skelly, Carrowbeg.
Fri	8th Mar:	Bridget Hopkins, Drumnee.
Fri	15th Mar:	Maura & Ray Brehon, Portanure.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers rosters coming soon. New volunteers please contact me at 086 0603433.

Please note Month Mind & Anniversary Masses always take precedence over other booked Masses. Thank you for your kind co-operation.

ICA will return from it's Christmas break on February 5th in The Hill at 8pm.

New members welcome.

Irish Catholic: Please place your contribution for 2019 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. Unfortunately, there is a price increase.

The amount due this year is: €104.00 (€2 per copy, x 52 weeks.)

Pioneer Magazine: Please place your contribution for 2019 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 x 12)

Reflection:

There was a farmer who had a horse and a goat ... One day, the horse became ill. So he called the veterinarian, who said: "Well, your horse has a virus. He must take this medicine for three days. I'll come back on the 3rd day and if he's not better, we're going to have to put him down."

Nearby, the goat listened closely to their conversation. The next day, they gave the horse the medicine and left. The goat approached the horse and said: "Be strong, my friend. Get up or else they're going to put you to sleep!"

On the second day, they again gave the horse the medicine and left. The goat came back and said: "Come on buddy, get up or else you're going to die! Come on, I'll help you get up. Let's go! One, two, three..."

On the third day, they came to give the horse the medicine and the vet said:

"Unfortunately, we're going to have to put him down tomorrow. Otherwise, the virus might spread and infect the other horses".

After they left, the goat approached the horse and said: "Listen pal, it's now or never! Get up, come on! Have courage! Come on! Get up! Get up! That's it, slowly! Great! Come on, one, two, three... Good, good. Now faster, come on ... Fantastic! Run, run more! Yes! Yay! Yes! You did it, you're a champion!"

All of a sudden, the owner came back, saw the horse running in the field and began shouting: "It's a miracle! My horse is cured. We must have a grand party. We must have a feast ... *now where's that goat ... he's just perfect for the pot!*"

At a new project briefing, a Boss observed one of his contractors unusually quiet.

"You good?" he asked as they met at the tea break.

"Life can be brutal," the contractor said sadly, shaking his head.

"My new apprentice was going to lose his job, because he was too slow grasping the mechanics of what the job required of him. All his colleagues and bosses were making fun of him. I felt sorry for him."

"Out of pity, I also began training him in my own free time. And kept this thing under wraps, so he wasn't hassled any more than he already was."

"Sadly, I did it so well, my biggest client ended up giving him part of my job directly, as he was on a lower pay rate. My hours were cut down."

"Cruel economics!" empathized. "You hit a rate ceiling. Then it became cheaper to replace you than to remunerate you."

"Sometimes, bosses just aren't smart enough to know which employees deserve recognition. Sometimes, they just can't see who's actually slogging away behind the scenes to make things happen."

Moral:

The great thing about Jesus is that He is smart enough to know which employees deserve recognition ... He is always looking out for the one who is slogging away behind the scenes as in the case of the widow's mite parable.

"The first shall be last ... and the last shall be first" is a constant refrain of His. So, do not despair of all the sacrifices you make as a Christian ... they are your passport to Heaven with this Saviour we have.