

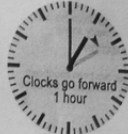


## PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER

27TH MARCH 2016

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*I am the Resurrection and the Life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.*



### ♦ Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil 8.00pm; Sunday: 10.30am; Monday & Friday 8pm.

### No Mass on Tuesday & Wednesday.

Mass resumes on Thursday 9.30am.

### ♦ Masses for the Dead

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am J.P. Killian, Forthill.

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April 8.00pm Michael Costello, Pollough. Also D.F.M.

Sat 2nd April 8.00pm James, Brigid & Joe Cunningham, also D.F.M. Loughawn.

Sun 3rd April 10.30am Mary Kelly, (Month's Mind).

Tues 4th April 9.30am Special Intention

Fri 8th April 8.00pm Michael, Lena & James Casey, Greenhall.

Sat 9th April 8.00pm John & Elizabeth McArdle, Forthill.

Sun 10th April 10.30pm Maura Donlon, Derryshannogue,  
also D.F.M. of Donlon & Carley families.

♦ Friday is the **First Friday** of April. Calls will be made on Thursday & Friday.

♦ **Easter Holy Water** is now available.

♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Adoration will continue on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

♦ **The Newsletter** will not be published on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April.

♦ **Southern Gaels:** Cashel GAA Minor Registration Day is on Sunday 27th at 12 noon in GAA clubhouse for all children aged from U6 To U18. All children must be registered with Southern Gaels before any training or games are played.

♦ **Missing:** A black smokey coloured cat, bushy tail. If seen or caught please ring 087 1913335 or 085 1556240. Beloved pet, missing since Tuesday.

♦ **An Easter Thank You:** To those who attended daily Mass, particularly the early morning Mass, during Lent; to those who came to Confession, Adoration and the Stations of the Cross; all of you for your attendance at the Holy Week ceremonies; those who cleaned, decorated and prepared inside and outside; to the Altar Servers, the Senior and Children's Choir and their directors; to all the participants in the "Do This In Memory" programme. All who took part in the Liturgy by ministry and word. And finally, a very Happy Easter to You all.

### Reflection

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that at any moment the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and stunted wings. It was never able to fly. What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

**Moral:** Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through life without any obstacles, we would end up like the butterfly - drastically stunted. We would not be as strong as we could have been. This is the meaning of the Cross of Jesus:

Only through the Cross is the Resurrection possible.