



Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 12 Noon: Cemetery Sunday.
Monday & Friday: 8pm. Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am. No Mass on Wednesday.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 26th Aug 8.00pm Mass for the people of the Parish.
Sun 27th Aug 12 Noon Cemetery Sunday: Cashel.
Mon 28th Aug 8.00pm Special Intention.
Tues 29th Aug 9.30am Special Intention.
Thurs 31st Aug 9.30am Special Intention.
Fri 1st Sept 8.00pm
Sat 2nd Sept 8.00pm
Sun 3rd Sept 12 Noon Lady's Well.

Thomas, Hannah, Sean & Anthony Fagan & D.F.M.

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday from 3pm to 9pm and on Friday from 8.30pm to 9pm.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 2nd Sept Dylan Mulvihill & Helen O'Shea.
12 Noon Sun 3rd Sept John Flood & Carmel Hopkins.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 2nd Sept Barbara Martin.
12 Noon Sun 3rd Sept Carmel Donlon.

Priest's Visit - If your relative, friend or neighbour is ill and would like me to visit, please let me know and I will be delighted to get in touch with them.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community baby Aiden James Hopkins who was baptised last Saturday. Congratulations to his parents Sean & Yvonne Hopkins.

Lady's Well Celebration is on Sunday 3rd September at 12 Noon. **No Mass at 10.30am.**

Grandparents Annual Pilgrimage: September 10th 2017 Knock Shrine 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin, Ballina School Choir & Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'.

Reflection: Once, there was a very poor man whose sole means of survival was to beg along a road in his little village. Every day, he would set out his little mat by the side of the road, with two bowls on it - one for the alms that people would give him, and one that held the rice that he would purchase with the alms.

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But one day, the entire village was filled with excitement by a rumour that the generous, rich King of the entire realm would be passing through their little town. And it was known that this King would sometimes give alms to the poorest person he would chance to meet. So the man, along with the entire village, was hugging the side of the road in breathless anticipation.

And sure enough, at about mid-day, the King's impressive entourage was seen approaching the village. And the beggar man knew this was his chance. As the King passed by, he shouted and jumped and called on the King to have mercy on him:

"ALMS FOR THE POOR! ALMS FOR THE POOR! HAVE MERCY ON A POOR, UN-FORTUNATE BEGGAR!"

To the surprise of the entire village, the King stopped and walked over to the beggar. Even more surprising was what the King said: "Has your life been one of only misery, and no joy? Surely you have something you can give me to bless my day." And he looked down at the beggar's bowl with rice in it and said: "How about giving me some rice? I've travelled far today and I'm quite hungry right now."

This was not what the beggar had anticipated.

"Give you my rice? GIVE YOU MY RICE? ... I'm a poor beggar! You're the great King - you should be giving ME something!" But the King continued to hold out his hand ... refusing to relent until the beggar gave him some thing.

The beggar hesitatingly reached down and took **five grains of rice** and put them into the King's hand. The King looked down at his hand ... then into the beggar's eyes ... and said, "Alright then!"

He returned to his entourage and off they went, with a very puzzled beggar watching them fade into the sunset, along with his dreams for wealth and happiness. When the King was out of earshot he yelled after him, *"MISER! TYRANT!"*

But then he happened to glance down - and to his great surprise, there in his alms bowl were five gold coins ... one for every grain of rice he had just given the King. And then he looked over at the bowl of rice, which had **countless** grains of rice in it - and the horrible realization finally dawned on him: If he had been generous with his rice, he would now have a fortune. But because of his own miserliness, he had got what he deserved - very little.

Moral: Peter didn't hold back in today's Gospel - "You are the Christ ... the Son of the living God," he said. He got the ultimate reward - Jesus made him the rock on which He built his Church. The great King of kings comes to us in the Mass today too - What will my response be ... like that of the miserly beggar or that of Peter. He always asks us for something - Will I give Him a few miserly grains or the whole bowl?