



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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GOD WILL TURN: A Mess into a Message
A Trial into a Triumph
& A Victim into a Victory IF YOU LET HIM



Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 10.30am. Monday and Friday 8pm.
Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am. No Mass on Wednesday.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat	26th Nov	8.00pm	Annie May Kenny, Derrydarragh
Sun	27th Nov	10.30am	
Mon	28th Nov	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues	29th Nov	10.30am	Special Intention.
Thurs	1st Nov	9.30am	Special Intention.
Fri	2nd Nov	8.00pm	Mass for the people of the parish.
Sat	3rd Nov	8.00pm	
Sun	4th Nov	10.30am	

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Paddy McArdle, Cormaglava, who died during the week. We pray also for Beatrice Bawle, John Joe Murray and Jimmy Donegan who died recently.

Concern Christmas Fast: Church Gate Collection takes place on Dec. 10th & 11th.

Offertory Collection 20th Nov. €585. Thank you for your generosity.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community baby Rhys Mulvihill who was baptized on Saturday last. Congratulations to his parents Damien & Nicola.

St. Mary's N.S. Clothing Collection - Friday 2nd December. Bags of unwanted clothes, footwear etc...(dry & clean) can be left at the school gates before 9.30am or in the girls shed at the back of the school (village side). We ask that you make a special effort this year for the School Building Fund - €5 per 10kg bag will be generated. Please Support.

Introduction of Ministry of Parish Catechist and of Permanent Deacons

Further information on the Ministry of Parish Catechist is available from Fr. Nigel Charles, Boherquill, Lismacaffrey, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. 043 6685847 / email: nigelcharles2003@yahoo.co.uk

Further information on the Order of Deacon is available from Fr. Aidan Ryan, Ballinahown, Athlone. Co. Westmeath. 09064 30124 / email: aidanryan@eircom.net
Also at the following website: www.vocations.ie

The Church will be warm - from 3pm to 9pm - The Lord is awaiting you - Can you spare 5 minutes as you are passing: Adoration every Wednesday.

1st CANDLE - (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE
We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us.
2nd CANDLE - (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION
God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem.
Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD!
3rd CANDLE - (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY
The Angels sang a message of joy!
4th CANDLE - (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE
The Angels announced the good news of a Saviour. God sent his only Son to earth to save us.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 3rd Dec Ann Kelly & Marsha Carberry.
10.30am Sun 4th Dec Yvonne Kenny & Elizabeth Whitton.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 3rd Dec Gerard Brennan.
10.30am Sun 4th Dec Kate Bohan.

November Dues - to be finalised by next weekend. Thank you.

Reflection

There was a group of women in a Bible study on the book of Malachi: As they were studying Chapter Three, they came across Verse Three which says: 'He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.' This verse puzzled the women and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study. That week, this woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest in silver beyond her curiosity concerning the process of refining silver. As she watched the master at work, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest so as to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot then she thought again about verse, that says, 'He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver.' She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the entire time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver without losing concentration. For if the silver was left even a moment long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, 'Oh, that's the easy part - I see my image reflected in it.' If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep His hand on you and watch over you until He sees His image in you.