



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER  
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The Holy Family B 26-12-20



### Mass Intentions:

Sat 26th Dec 8.00pm: Holy Family - Special Intention.  
Sun 27th Dec 10.30pm: Michael Whithon, Forthill.  
Mon 28th Dec No Mass.  
Tues 29th Dec No Mass.  
Wed 30th Dec No Mass.  
Thurs 31st Dec No Mass.  
Fri 1st Jan 8.00pm Frankie Lane (1st Anniv) & parents Josephine and Pat,  
Derrahaun.

Sat 2nd Jan 8.00pm The Browne and Farrell family.  
Sun 3rd Jan 8.00pm Margaret & John Muldoon, Greenhall, & brother James Kennedy, Agnucross.  
Mon 4th Jan 8.00pm Rosie and Mike Healy, Claraune.  
**Lotto** draw held on Monday 21st December. No's drawn 3,9,15&24. No jackpot winner. The draw included the Christmas bonus and the winners were as follows €30, €5 envelopes; Eoin Bannon and Anne Kenny; €30 each to Anne Kelly and Nuala Rollins; €20 each to Monica Farrell, Packie Feeney, Barbara Martin, Gerard Farrell and Conor Flood. Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 28th December for a jackpot of €1,600. Thanks for your support and a very Happy Christmas to you.

### The Child's Heart

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." -

Catherine Hicks.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller.

"We do not remember days, we remember moments" : Cesare Pavese.

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." - Norman Vincent Peale.

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?" - Mother Teresa.

### The Lesson

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today ...

Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you ...

Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more ...

Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking ...

For all the sad words of tongue and pen, The saddest are these ... "If only" &

"Oh what might have been". - H.Jackson Browne.

"It is never too late to be the person *you might have been*".

George Eliot.

### The Cross

"If there were no night, we would not appreciate the day, nor could we see the stars and the vastness of the heavens.

We must partake of the bitter with the sweet. There is a divine purpose in the adversities we encounter every day.

They prepare, they purge, they purify, and thus they bless": James E. Faust

"He who has a *why* to live can bear almost any *how*": Friedrich Nietzsche

"Every man *dies*. Not every man really *lives*": William Wallace

"Success is not built on success. It's built on failure. It's built on frustration. Sometimes it's built on catastrophe": Sumner Redstone.

"One can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else".

John Burroughs.

### The Necessity of being a Person of Profound Prayer

"God goes to those who have time to hear him - and so on this cloudless night he went to simple shepherds." - Max Lucado.

"Ah! Dearest Jesus, Holy Child, Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled ... Within my heart, that it may be, A quiet chamber kept for thee." M.L. King - *Your heart is the Manger now - is your straw fresh and clean and warm for Him - Only if I am person of daily prayer and devotion.*

A publication once offered a prize for the best definition of a friend. Among the thousands of answers received were the following:

*"One who multiplies joys ... divides grief ... and whose honesty is inviolable."*

*"One who understands our silence."*

*"A watch that beats true for all time ... and never runs down."*

The winning definition read:

*"A friend is the one who comes in ... when the whole world has gone out!"*

This is the best definition of Christmas I have ever heard anywhere - Jesus is the One who *comes in* when all the world withdraws from you - when you are ill ... a burden ... or some misfortune befalls you - The Baby in the Manger came for this very purpose - However ... He gives you and I *free will* - we must freely invite Him into our hearts *faithfully* every day.

### **THREE LEVELS OF GIVING:**

1. You *have* to ... (law);

2. You *ought* to ... (moral obligation);

3. You *want* to ... (grace).

Waldo Weaning...

**Moral:** Research tells us that when we rely on No.1 and 2 of the *Three Levels of Giving to Jesus* above ... our faith dies away slowly but surely. Person *No.3* is the only one who consistently acts in the Spirit of Christmas. "This requires the *Grace* of God ... then we will recognise the Baby in the Manger every time He comes to us in Holy Communion" -

St. Alphonsus

He also said: "Often we recognize the good we *should* do ... but we are *unable* to do it. Through deep prayer including Mass, we arrive at the point of being *able* to carry it out."

Before we took down the tree each year, my mother and father would always say the Rosary *that we might be together to celebrate the next Christmas*. I cling to that prayer, which serves as a reminder that it's important to be *grateful in the present moment* for the people you love because ... well, you never know! The Circle of the Advent Wreath has been completed one more year - May the Good Lord grant us another chance ...