



**PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT-28TH FEBRUARY 2016**  
**Fr. Merlyn Kenny 043 3325112**

*Merciful Father, may our acts of penance bring us your forgiveness,  
 open our hearts to your love,  
 and prepare us for the coming feast of the Resurrection.*



**Mass Times as follows:**

Saturday (Vigil): 8pm; Sunday: 10.30am; Friday 8pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday morning Masses: at 7am during Lent  
Mass in Church on Monday at 9.30am because of Station Mass.

**Masses for the Dead**

Sat...27th...February...8.00pm...John & Mary Margaret Skelly & John Junior, Cornaguillagh.  
 Fri... 4th...March .....8.00pm...Teresa Flynn, Curroole.  
 Sat... 5th...March.....8.00pm...Paddy Hopkins, Manchester & Drumnee.  
 Sun...6th...March.....10.30am...John Hand, Newpark.  
 Mon...7th...March... Michael and John Fox (Roscrea).

**The Spring Station Masses:**

Monday 29th: Anne Healy (Pollagh, Claraun, Lismagawley) at 8pm.  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every Wednesday 4pm - 8pm.

**Stations of the Cross** on Friday evening at 7.30pm - led by teenagers from the Parish.

**Trocaire fast boxes** are available at the church doors. Please take one.  
**Offertory Collection:** €925 Thank you very much.

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday March 12th at 11am.  
**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on Sunday May 8th at 12 noon.

**Longford Region of P.T.A.A.** The Longford Region of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association U13 & U16 quiz will be held in the Temperance Hall Longford at 8pm on Friday 4th March. Teams of 4 confined to Pioneers only, who must wear their pins as proof of membership. The age limit is U13 & U16 on January 1st last. If numbers permit, your school may enter a maximum of 2 teams. Winners go forward to Leister Final on March 20th.

**Newtowncashel Drama Group** are delighted to announce that this year's production will be 'The Field', a highly acclaimed masterpiece by playwright John B. Keane. The Play will be staged on Friday 4th, Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th & Friday 11th March. Booking line open at 086 2521536. Admission: ticket only.

**Names for Lourdes:**

Contact: Elizabeth Clyne at 043 3325165 if you know someone who might wish to go. **I.C.A.** monthly meeting takes place on Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm in 'The Hill'. Also, remember the walking group on Saturday mornings leaving 'The Hill' at 10am. All welcome.

**Concern:** A sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Concern fast & church gate collection. A total of €1,105 was collected & forwarded to Concern. Once again, a very sincere thanks to all concerned.

**Nutrition & Health Promotion** sponsored by Longford GAA in association with Southern Gaels GAA for kids of primary school & their parents, will be held in 'The Hill' on Monday 29th February from 6.15pm to 7.30pm. This workshop is designed to help parents & kids lead healthier lifestyles, to recognise good food & drink practices, portion size for kids, balanced diet & lunch options for both school & work. For further information please contact: Des Sweeney 087 2695715 / Peter O'Boyle 087 1256343

**Reflection**

There is an old story of a jester whose job it was to entertain the king at court. One day he said something so foolish that the King, handing him a staff, said to him, "Take this, and keep it till you find a bigger fool than yourself." Some years later, the King was very ill and lay on his deathbed. His courtiers were called; his family and his servants also stood round his bedside. The King, addressing them, said, "I am about to leave you; I am going on a very long journey and I shall not return again to this place, so I have called you all to say 'Goodbye.'" Then his jester stepped forward and, addressing the King, said, "Your Majesty, may I ask a question? When you journeyed abroad visiting your people, staying with your nobles, or paying diplomatic visits to other courts, your heralds and servants always went before you, making preparations for you. May I ask what preparations your Majesty has made for this long journey that you are about to take?" "Alas!" replied the King. "I have made no preparations." "Then," said the jester, "take this staff with you, for now, at last I have found a bigger fool than myself."

**Moral:**

Like the fig tree in the Gospel, we are to bear good fruit. We have been given one more chance this Lent to do just that.