



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER  
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Palm Sunday B 28-03-21



### Mass Intentions:

Sat 27th Mar 8.00pm: Special Intention.  
Sun 28th Mar 10.30am: **Palm Sunday** - Mary Healy, Drumnee. (Month's Mind).  
Mon 29th Mar 8.00pm: Emer Caddow.  
Tues 30th Mar 8.00pm: Special Intention.  
Wed 31st Mar 8.00pm: Special Intention.  
Thurs 1st Apr 8.00pm: **Holy Thursday**.  
Fri 2nd Apr 3.00pm: **Good Friday**.  
Sat 3rd Apr 8.00pm: **Holy Saturday**.  
Sun 4th Apr 1 0.30am: **Easter Sunday** - Maura Donlon, Derryshanogue.

*All Holy Week ceremonies will be streamed on our parish webcam.*

Wednesday: Penance Service after 8.00pm Mass. Obviously no confessions.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8.00pm.

Good Friday: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: 3.00pm.

Stations of the Cross: 8.00pm.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil: 8.00pm:

Easter Sunday: 10.30am.

**Parish Webcam:** Search for Churchtv.ie ... Then Click on Longford ... then Newtowncashel ... and finally Click on the picture of the Church.

Younger family members might like to assist seniors.

**Please note:** *the first two rows of seating are on Webcam.*

**Congratulations and best wishes** to Brendan Donlon and Katie O' Riordan, Derryshanogue, who were married on Saturday.

**Concern Christmas Fast:** A sincere thanks to all who contributed to our annual fundraiser. Once again it was a great success. Church Gate collection €680, Sponsorship cards €360, Donations €220, total €1260. A fantastic response in these difficult times. And a special thanks to David Hanley for all his help.  
**Lotto draw** held on Monday 22nd March. No's drawn 6-10-11-15. No jackpot winner.  
Draw winners: €30, €5 envelopes to Martin Skelly; €30 to Gary Mulvihill; €20 each to Maria Hanley, Loughawn and Steve Ormsby. Next week's draw will be held on Monday 29th March at 9pm and the jackpot is €2,900. Thanks for your support.

### Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

**O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honour and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.**

### Hurray to Marconi:

When the 'Unsinkable Titanic' sank in the abyss of the Atlantic Ocean on April 15, 1912, 1517 people lost their lives. However, 705 people escaped death thanks to the radio communication established between Titanic and Carpathia. When the radio message was received by Carpathia, a transatlantic passenger steamship, it raced at high speeds to pick up the survivors in lifeboats. When Carpathia arrived in New York, Marconi who had invented and introduced radio communication, was at the port to receive the survivors. When the survivors heard that Marconi was there, they sang his praises saying he was their '*saviour*' and they thronged to see him.

**Moral:** On Palm Sunday - we celebrate the fact that ... two thousand years ago people sang the praises of Jesus in Jerusalem and thronged to see him when they realised that He was the *true Saviour* they had been longing for.

He promises to save us from drowning in something far worse than the cold Atlantic ... *the cold waters of spiritual death* ... to bring us to a place even better than New York ... where we will *never see death again*.

**"Either give up Christ or give up your jobs."**

**Constantine** was the first *Christian* Roman emperor. His father was **Constantius I**, who succeeded Diocletian, the great persecutor of Christians, as emperor in 305 AD.

Constantius was a pagan with a soft heart for Christians. It is said that when he ascended the throne, he discovered that many Christians held important jobs in the government and in the court. So he issued an executive order to all those Christians:

**"Either give up Christ or give up your jobs".** The great majority of Christians gave up their jobs rather than disown Christ. Only a few cowards gave up their religion rather than lose their jobs. The emperor, a pagan, was pleased with the majority who showed the courage of their convictions and ***gave their jobs back to them***, while he dismissed those who were willing to give up their allegiance to Christ to keep their jobs, saying to them: **"If you will not be true to your God ... you will not be true to me either."**  
**Prayer ... fasting ... almsgiving** - are the only proofs that our faith is true - they are fruits of the Holy Spirit ... a spiritual vortex into the Divine Realm - ***St. John of the Cross***.

**Moral:** Today we join the Palm Sunday crowd in spirit to declare our loyalty to Christ and our fidelity to His teachings by actively participating in the Palm Sunday liturgy. As, spiritually, we carry the palm in our hands, we are declaring our choice to accept Jesus as the King and ruler of our lives and our families. Let us express our gratitude to Jesus for redeeming us by His suffering and death. We do so best by our active participation in the Holy Week liturgy and our reconciliation with God and His Church, as we repent of our sins and receive God's pardon and forgiveness from Jesus through his Church.