



Mass Times &

PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
28TH APRIL 2019  
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**Masses for the dead as follows:**

Sat	27th	April	8.00pm	Bridie Greene and DFM, Elfeet. (3rd Anniv.)
Sun	28th	April	10.30am	Thomas Skelly, Ballagh. (12th Anniv.)
Mon	29th	April	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues	30th	April	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Wed	1st	May	No Mass.	
Thurs	2nd	May	9.30am	Special Intention.
Fri	3rd	May	8.00pm	people of Parish.
Sat	4th	May	8.00pm	Pat & Christina Skelly, Curroole.
Sun	5th	May	10.30am	Michael Fallon.

*Please note* Eucharistic Ministers will go down to the seats to bring Holy Communion to anyone who does not wish to come forward. Please raise your hand to let them know.

*Eucharistic Adoration* continues on Wednesday 3pm-9pm and Friday 8.30pm-9pm.

*Rosary recommences next Saturday evening.*

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

8.00pm Sat 4th May Liz Hanley & Caroline Murtagh.

10.30am Sun 5th May Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce.

**Readers:**

8.00pm Sat 4th May Liadhan Farrell.

10.30am Sun 5th May Dermot Healy.

**Cemetery Sundays:** Saints Island 18th August @ 12 n

Cashel 25th August @ 12 noon.

**Lady's Well** - 8th September @ 11am.

**Cake Sale & Raffle** in "The Hill" after Mass on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April.

Proceeds in aid of Ballyboro Astro Pitch. Please support.

**Longford Multiple Sclerosis** wishes to thank all who contributed so generously to the church gate collection recently. Amount collected: €536.10.

**Congratulations** to Cashel u-11 Mixed Basketball team who were crowned Leinster champions today and will now represent Leinster in the All Ireland Finals in Limerick in May. Great credit due to Joe Mulvihill and John Morrissey.

**A story by Ken Davis on how to speak to youth:** In college I was asked to prepare a lesson to teach my speech class. We were to be graded on our creativity and ability to drive home a point in a memorable way. The title of my talk was, "The Law of the Pendulum." I spent 20 minutes carefully teaching the physical principle that governs a swinging pendulum. The law of the pendulum is: A pendulum can never return to a point higher than the point from which it was released.

Because of friction and gravity, when the pendulum returns, it will fall short of its original release point. Each time it swings it makes less and less of an arc, until finally it is at rest. This point of rest is called the state of equilibrium, where all forces acting on the pendulum are equal. I attached a 3-foot string to a child's toy top and secured it to the top of the blackboard with a thumbtack. I pulled the top to one side and made a mark on the blackboard where I let it go. Each time it swung back I made a new mark. It took less than a minute for the top to complete its swinging and come to rest. When I finished the demonstration, the markings on the blackboard proved my thesis.

I then asked how many people in the room **BELIEVED** the law of the pendulum was true. All of my classmates raised their hands, so did the teacher. He started to walk to the front of the room thinking the class was over. In reality it had just begun. Hanging from the steel ceiling beams in the middle of the room was a large, crude but functional pendulum (250 pounds of metal weights tied to four strands of 500-pound test parachute cord.). I invited the instructor to climb up on a table and sit in a chair with the back of his head against a cement wall. Then I brought the 250 pounds of metal up to his nose. Holding the huge pendulum just a fraction of an inch from his face, I once again explained the law of the pendulum he had applauded only moments before, "If the law of the pendulum is true, then when I release this mass of metal, it will swing across the room and return short of the release point. Your nose will be in no danger."

After that final restatement of this law, I looked him in the eye and asked, "Sir, do you believe this law is true?" There was a long pause. Huge beads of sweat formed on his upper lip and then weakly he nodded and whispered, "Yes." I released the pendulum. It made a swishing sound as it arced across the room. At the far end of its swing, it paused momentarily and started back. I never saw a man move so fast in my life. He literally dived from the table. Deftly stepping around the still-swinging pendulum, I asked the class, "Does he believe in the law of the pendulum?" The students unanimously answered, **"NO!"**

The captain of the Titanic refused to believe the ship was in trouble till water was ankle deep in the mail room. Only then was it apparent the multi-layered hull had been pierced and the unsinkable ship was going to sink. Ships that could have arrived before the great ocean liner went down weren't summoned until it was too late.

**Moral:** Saint Thomas doubted the Saviour. Many times we may do so too. *Do we really Believe? We say yes now but the truth is ... our faith is only truly known when life puts us to the test with the "Law of the Pendulum" ... or the Cross as Jesus calls it.*