



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday in ordinary time

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Don't worry. God is never blind to your tears.
never deaf to your prayers and never silent to your pains.
He sees. He hears and He will deliver.



Sermon on the Mount

Mass Times as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 8pm. Sunday: 10.30am. Monday: 8pm.

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am. Wednesday St. Brigid's Day Mass at 8pm

Friday is St. Blaise's Day - no Mass in Church due to Station Mass.

Blessing of Throats will take place after Vigil Mass on Saturday.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat	28th	Jan	8.00pm	Phyllis Dowler, Jonestown, Rathowen & Forthill.
Sun	29th	Jan	10.30am	Nellie Browne (month's mind) Streamstown.
Mon	30th	Jan	8.00pm	Mary, Dan & Pat Kenny, Derrynagran.
Tues	31st	Jan	9.30am	John & Pat Smith & D.F.M. , Newport.
Wed	1st	Feb	8.00p	St. Brigid's Day
Thurs	2nd	Feb	9.30am	Candlemas Day - Blessing of candles.
Fri	3rd	Feb	8.00pm	Station Mass.
Sat	4th	Feb	8.00pm	Patricia & John Tom Smyth, Curroole.
Sun	5th	Feb	10.30am	Johnny & Teresa Finnegan, (2nd anniv) Cornaglava.
Mon	6th	Feb	8.00pm	Johnny, Mary Kate & Mary Liz Skelly & D.F.M. , Cleraune.
Tues	7th	Feb	9.30am	Harry Farrell, Clounnee and also remembering his wife Nan.

Stations:

Fri 3rd Feb 8pm Kathleen Clarke, Curroole / Dermeara.

Rosary: recited on Saturday evenings at 7.45pm just before the Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: continues on Wednesdays from 3pm until 9pm

Also on Friday evening for a half hour after Mass from 8.30pm to 9.00pm.

Irish Catholic - please place your contribution for 2017 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due this year is: **€93.60**
(€1.80 per copy x 52 weeks).

Pioneer Magazine: please place your contribution for 2017 in an envelope with your name and address and drop it in my letterbox. The amount due for this year is **€18.60**
(€1.55 per issue x 12).

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Kathleen McCormack, Cleraune and Peggy Bermingham, Newtownlanagan who died during the week.

Offertory Collection: €745.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 4th Feb Monica Farrell & Kathleen Clarke.
10.30am Sun 5th Feb Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 4th Feb Ann Kenny.
10.30am Sun 5th Feb Laura Dermody..

Sean Nos Dancing Classes will resume on Tues 31st Jan at the usual times:

4.30pm - 5pm for under 6yrs / 5pm - 5.30pm for under 10yrs

A beginners class can be arranged should there be sufficient interest.

For further information — contact Mairead 086-8546433

Reflection

A lady used to cycle up to the Brazilian frontier on her scooter on a fairly regular basis - she always had a little sack on the back of it. The customs officer was quite convinced she was smuggling something, but no matter how she was searched - nothing was found. The sack always contained the most mundane things, - sand or pieces of firewood and so on. Nevertheless, till the day he retired, the customs man found nothing on her person except the sweetest smile.

A long time afterwards, well into his retirement, when she was a very old lady, the officer visited her. She was near to death. After a friendly chat, he couldn't resist asking her: "You know, I always believed you were a bit of a rogue - I know you were smuggling all those years ago, but I could never catch you. Please tell me the truth ... now that I can no longer do anything about it. I'm retired and you're retiring to a better place. Tell me now, what were you smuggling." A twinkle came into the old lady's eye and she smiled her sweetest smile one more time and said very simply: **"Scooters"**

Moral: - We like to think that we are fairly sharp observers, but we can be easily coddled, one and all! Like the customs officer, we can be focusing so strongly on the wrong thing ... that we miss the truth staring us in the face. The modern world is in a frenzied search for happiness. Today's Gospel shows us that our focus is on the wrong things. The true pathway to happiness is staring us in the face ... "Happy are the ...".
However, we will be able to live in this way only if our prayer life is really profound - St. Martin de Porres.

Introduction of Ministry of Parish Catechist and of Permanent Deacons

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