



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWLETTER
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / A 30-08-20



Mass Intentions for this week:

Sat	29th Aug	8.00pm:	Special Intention.
Sun	30th Aug	10.30am:	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Mon	31st Aug	8.00pm:	Jimmy & Margaret (Peg) Skelly. Also Anna-Mai & Johnny Skelly & D.F.M. Carrowbeg.
Tues	1st Sept	8.00pm:	Special Intention.
Wed	2nd Sept	No Mass	
Thurs	3rd Sept	9.30pm:	Special Intention.
Fri	4th Sept	8.00pm:	Johnny Clarke, Claris.
Sat	5th Sept	8.00pm:	Tom & Hannah Fagan. Seán & Anthony Fagan.
Sun	6th Sept	11.00am:	

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

New Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are now being recruited.

If you would like to assist in either of these roles please let me know at 086 060 3433.

Lotto Draw held Monday 24th August. No's 10,12,25 & 29. No jackpot winner. €30 €5 envelopes Fiona Gillen; €30 to Fr. Seán O'Dowd; €20 each to Liz McGann and Sile Delaney. Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 31st August at 9pm and the jackpot is €3,600. Thanks for your support.

Dr. James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family, described an experiment a group psychologists conducted on teenagers.

Ten teens were brought into a room, shown a series of charts containing lines of different lengths, and then asked to raise their hand when the instructor pointed to the longest line. But what one of the teenagers didn't know was that the other nine had been told beforehand to vote for the second longest line. What happened? Time after time, the one teenager in the dark would glance around the room, frown in confusion, and slip his hand up with the others—boldly claiming that the obviously shorter line was the longest.

Dr. Dobson said, "This remarkable conformity occurred in about seventy-five percent of the cases."

Peer pressure is a powerful force.

Moral: It takes the gifts of the Holy Spirit to hold on to our faith in the face of the twin attacks of Satan on the soul: 1) Fear and Stress and

2) Sweet Temptation _ - St. John of the Cross, the great Spanish mystic.

Time to review current practice

Given the high number of infections in recent weeks, the post Galway-event situation, schools about to reopen, and the expressions of some concerns, it is an opportune time to review our Church practice in relation to safety measures and, if necessary, to make adjustments.

The number of people who can gather in any Church is governed by the following 2 criteria:

2 metre distance must be maintained between each individual/household group.

The maximum number of people allowed to gather in an indoor setting is 50.

Many of our Churches cannot accommodate the maximum number of 50 because the size of the Church does not meet the requirement for 'social distancing'. In such cases the requirement for 2 metres determines the maximum number allowed into the Church.

Some Churches, because of their larger size, may find that using the 2 metre distance requirement, they can accommodate a larger number. However, in this case, they are restricted to 50 (the maximum permitted indoors)

The only exception is those Churches that have a very large floor area that allows for the setting out of 2 or more distinct areas which are separated by a 4 metre gap with no crossover and each area having its own entry and exit point. This applies to the Cathedral and Churches of similar size.

Please also note the following:

- Counting for the maximum number must include the priest, sacristan and any ushers/volunteers present
- Household group - individuals must be counted to ensure you are not exceeding the maximum number in an indoor setting (50)
- Many of our Churches have a system whereby only every second seat is in use. Please check that there is a 2 metre distance between seats in use. It may be necessary to use only every third seat.
- Please be aware that some concerns have been expressed about social distancing as people enter and leave churches; this may necessitate staggering movement in and out. Congregating outside the church should be discouraged.

The overall thrust of advice is to stay safe, to stay at a safe distance, to avoid crowds, and wash hands frequently. Wearing face coverings in church is strongly recommended.

28th August 2020