



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B
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Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat 29th Sept 8.00pm

Sun 30th Sept 10.30am

Mon 1st Oct No Mass re: painting of Church.

Tues 2nd Oct No Mass re: painting of Church.

Wed 3rd Oct No Mass or Adoration re: painting of Church.

Thurs 4th Oct No Mass re: painting of Church.

Fri 5th Oct 9.30am Special Intention. Station at 8pm. Adoration Friday 8.30pm-9pm.

Sat 6th Oct 8.00pm

Sun 7th Oct 10.30am

Eucharistic Adoration continues Friday 8.30pm-9pm

Eucharistic Roster: 8.00pm Sat 6th Oct Monica Farrell & Kathleen Clarke.

10.30am Sun 7th Oct Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

Readers' Roster: 8.00pm Sat 6th Oct Maureen Sheedy.

10.30am Sun 7th Oct Oliver Costello.

Stations: For Station Mass please contact me at 086 0603433.

Already booked:

Friday 5th Oct Lorraine & Eddie Kearney, Fortwilliam / Greenhall

Thurs 25th Oct Kathleen & Michael Casey, Derragh Beg.

Friday 26th Oct Chris and Seamus Casey, Greenhall Upper, Aughnacross, Carrickdunican.

Friday 2nd Nov Lorraine and Justin Murtagh, Newpark and Clonmee.

St. Mary's N.S. clothing recycling: Friday 19th October. Bags of unwanted clothes, footwear etc (dry and clean) can be left in staff car park or P.E. shed before 9.30am. This is a valuable fundraiser and we appreciate your continued support.

Newtowncashel Defibrillator Group will hold their AGM on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in 'The Hill.' We would really appreciate the support of the people of the parish in continuing this important voluntary service. Training will continue throughout the coming months. Everybody is welcome.

The Longford Branch of the Alzheimer Society wish to thank all those who contributed to Newtowncashel church gate collection, which amounted to €357.75.

Reflection:

In the middle of the Great Depression, New York City mayor, Fiorello LaGuardia, strived to live with the people. It was not unusual for him to travel with the firefighters, raid gambling dens with the police, or take a whole orphanage to the cinema.

An obscure statute empowered New York's mayors to sit as judges; none of them had ever paid the slightest attention to it. But at 8.30 one morning, La Guardia walked into the West 100th Street Police Station, told the dumbstruck magistrate to go find a seat in the courtroom, and himself sat down to preside at the bar of justice that served the poorest ward of the city. Within a few minutes, a tattered old woman was brought before him, charged with stealing a loaf of bread. She told the mayor that her daughter's husband had left, her daughter was sick, and her two grandchildren were starving.

However, the shopkeeper, from whom the bread was stolen, refused to drop the charges.

"It's a real bad neighbourhood, your Honour," the man told the mayor. "She's got to be punished to teach other people around here a lesson."

LaGuardia sighed. He turned to the woman and said, "I've got to punish you. The law makes no exceptions. Ten dollars or ten days in jail." But even as he pronounced sentence, the mayor was already reaching into his pocket. He extracted a bill and tossed it into his famous hat, saying, "Here is the ten dollar fine which I now remit; and furthermore I am going to fine everyone in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a town where a person has to steal bread so that her grandchildren can eat. Mr. Bailiff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant."

The following day, New York City newspapers reported that \$47.50 was turned over to a bewildered woman who had stolen a loaf of bread to feed her starving grandchildren. Fifty cents of that amount was contributed by the grocery store owner himself, while some seventy petty criminals, people with traffic violations, and New York City policemen - each of whom had just paid fifty cents for the privilege of doing so - gave the mayor a standing ovation.

Moral: God's wisdom means that what we consider justice may not be so in His eyes. Even the great Joshua in the First Reading and the even greater John the Evangelist in today's Gospel got it wrong. La Guardia got it right - Can you and I learn from him in our daily lives with our loved ones, our neighbour, at work and with the stranger?

The Message of Fatima of 1917 has been ignored for a century now - but God's wisdom ... as seen in the readings today ... is beyond ours. I was asked to print the summary of the message of Our Lady from last week's newsletter ... as a growing number of people throughout the catholic world are trying to live it. So here it is again.

"That the Church and the world are going to enter a period of darkness never seen or experienced before ..."

This certainly seems to have happened. To mitigate (lessen) the evil involved and to hasten its end ... God has granted Our Lady a special grace to intercede for us. Two of the children involved were made saints a couple of years ago. This is what they tell us Our Lady requires of us for the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart promised by God at Fatima:

1) Say the Rosary daily; 2) Go to Confession regularly; 3) Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion. And for those who are able ... to fast on Friday on Bread and Water ... even to give up meat on Friday has a value in this regard. Otherwise, giving up something like desert on Friday still counts as a little fast.

As Jesus said: "Certain evils can only be conquered by prayer and fasting."

Buddhists do it ... Hindus do it ... Muslims do it ... and they don't even believe in Jesus as God's Son!

Little saints Jacinta (8 years old) and Francesco (9 years old) told us ... before Our Lady brought them to Heaven: "It's the only way to heal the wounds caused by sinners in the Church and in the world ... and to pass on the faith to our children."