

PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—31ST JANUARY 2016
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The people of Nazareth felt that Jesus should look after them first. What they failed to understand was that the gospel Jesus brought was not a gospel of privilege; insisting on preferential treatment, they failed to see that with God charity begins wherever human need is found and wherever people have faith enough to receive it. Those who must hear the world of God are those with *ears to hear*.



Mass Times as follows:

Saturday (vigil) 8pm; Sunday 10.30am.

Monday: **The Feast of St. Brigid** - Mass at 8pm.

Tuesday: **The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord - Candlemas Day.** Mass at 9.30am.

Place candles at foot of Altar for blessing.

No Mass on Wednesday:

Thursday Mass at 9.30am.

Friday Station Mass so no Mass in the Church.

Masses for the Dead

Sat...30th...January...8.00pm...Kathleen Clyne (nee Cunningham) formerly of Loughawn & Perth, Australia. (Month's Mind).

Sun...31st January...10.30am...John Clarke, Saint's Island. (Month's Mind)

Sat...6th...February...8.00pm...Lena Cunningham, Elfeet & Deceased Family Members.

Sun...7th...February. 10.30am...Teresa Finnegan, Cormaglava.

The Spring Station Masses:

Fri 5th February Carmel Skelly, Derrydarragh at 8pm.

Tues 9th February Mary Healy, Drumnee at 8pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Adoration Committee of Ardagh & Clonmacnois is developing its Diocesan Team. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in The Family Centre, in the Cathedral grounds, Longford, on Saturday 6th February 2016 at 11am (finishing at 12.30). Refreshments served.

Mary's National School enrolment for September 2016 takes place from 1st February to 5th February. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school and relevant forms returned during this period.

Recent collection totals:

Last Sunday €710. Thank you very much.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday 4pm — 8pm.

Recitation of the Rosary on Friday's at 7.30pm.

Bereavement Course:

Where: The Family Centre, St. Mel's Road, Longford.

When: Wednesday 10th February at 8pm.

Duration: 6 weeks

Booking & further details: contact: 043 3346827 / 087 2843034.

Benefit Function for Patrick Mc Donagh in 'The Local' on Saturday 27th February at 9pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Weekend of Spiritually Sacred Music & Prayer:

In aid of St. Joseph & the Helpers Charity, on Sunday, February 14th at 7.30pm, with world renowned Violinist Melinda Dumitrescu to perform in the glorious surrounds of St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford. The event is free but ticketed. Donations would be welcome on the night. Ten tickets available for this parish.

The I.C.A. will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday 2nd February at 8pm in 'The Hill' Newtowncashel. New members welcome.

Gospel Reflection

A father and a son set out for the local market with their donkey. At the beginning of the journey, the man sat on the animal and the boy walked beside him. Before very long, people along the way began to complain to each other: "What a terrible thing! A big strong man sitting on the donkey, while the poor little boy has to walk." So the father, being a sensitive sort, decided to dismount and let his son take his place. But in a short while, more onlookers remarked: "What a disgraceful sight that is! The poor old man walking and that young lazy brat on the donkey." At that, they both sat on the donkey's back, only to hear others say: "How cruel can you get? Do you see those lazy clowns sitting on that little donkey?" So off both jumped and walked. Other bystanders commented: "we've seen it all now! Those two fools must have bought that donkey just to look at him."

Moral of story:

No matter what you do in life, you will always have someone to criticise you. No matter what you lay your hands to, you will never get it fully right. Just look at Jesus in today's gospel. His number one critics were his very own people.