



PARISH OF CASHEL NEWSLETTER
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
31st DECEMBER 2017
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Mass Times as follows:

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

Monday & Friday: 8pm. Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am. No Mass on Wednesday.

Masses for the Dead:

Sat 30th Dec 8.00pm Michael Whitton, Forthill, (3rd Anniv).

Sun 31st Dec 10.30am

Mon 1st Jan 8.00pm Tom Rowan, Cormaglove, (Anniv).

Tues 2nd Jan 9.30am Special Intention.

Thurs 4th Jan 9.30am Special Intention.

Fri 5th Jan 8.00pm Johnny, Mary Kate & Mary Liz Skelly & D.F.M. Cleraune.

Sat 6th Jan 10.30am Holy Day - Epiphany.

Sat 6th Jan 8.00pm Gerry Casey, Elfeet, (1st Anniv).

Sun 7th Jan 10.30am

Mon 8th Jan 8.00pm William & Mary Kate Bermingham & D.F.M. Cross.

Also Patrick Dolan & D.F.M. Cross.

Please note: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration wed 27th Dec nor Wed Jan 3rd:-

Recommencing Wed 10th Jan.

Rosary continues on Saturday evening Jan 13th at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Ministers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 6th Jan Nora Nolan & Mary Casey.

10.30am Sun 7th Jan Dermot Healy & Anne Kenny.

Readers' Roster:

8.00pm Sat 6th Jan Lauren Casey.

10.30am Sun 7th Jan Sean Farrell.

A Very Special Thank You To:

You - most *loyal* and *generous* Parishioners for your faithful dedication to Church and your financial and personal support in so many ways;

Pastoral Council, Choirs, Servers, Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Collectors, those involved with flower arranging and displays, the crib, the star, Church laundry, polishing and cleaning of the Church, toilets and Parochial House, gardening, building and maintenance, accounts, secretarial assistance, rotas, safeguarding representatives, Cemetery Committee;

Adoration and Rosary Participants and Committee;

School; Chairperson, Principal, BOM, Teachers/Parents/Parents Association/Young People/

Do This In Memory Programme assistants, The Hill Committee and caretaker;

All who work behind the scenes ensuring everything runs smoothly and especially

Tom, Maureen, Siobhan, Yvonne, Oliver and my sister Marie.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Reflection

Once an unhappy young man came to an old monk and told him that he had a very sad life and asked if there was any hope for him.

The old friar instructed the unhappy young man to put a handful of salt in a glass of water and then to drink it.

"How does it taste?" - the friar asked.

"Terrible," spat the young man.

The monk chuckled and then asked the young man to take another handful of salt and put it in the lake. The two walked in silence to the nearby lake where the young lad swirled his handful of salt into the lake.

The old man said, "Now drink from the lake."

As the water dripped down the young man's chin, the Master asked, "How does it taste?"

"Good!", he remarked.

"Do you taste the salt?" asked the monk.

"No," said the young man.

The friar sat beside this troubled young man, and said, "The pain of life is pure salt; no more, no less. The amount of pain in life remains the same, exactly the same.

But the level of bitterness we taste in the 'pain' depends on the container we put it into. So when you are in pain, the only thing you can do is to enlarge your sense of things. Try to stop being a glass ... Become a lake!"

Moral: The more we focus on our troubles ... the more they engulf us ... And we will never get the better of them. The more we immerse ourselves in something positive, the less painful our troubles seem.

Even Our Lady could not escape trouble - "A sword will pierce your own soul too" - there's a cross for everyone ... no matter how sophisticated the world has become.

The secret is ... as the monk suggests ... to immerse ourselves in the lake of the Lord's Presence and not to be confined to the glass of the cold materialistic world around us.