

**“DIRECTIONS” – September 2020**

**CASHEL UNION OF PARISHES**

| Date               | Sunday                             | Clonbeg           |          | Tipperary         |          | Dundrum           |          | Cashel           |          | Magorban          |          |
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| 2020               |                                    | Service           | Time     | Service           | Time     | Service           | Time     | Service          | Time     | Service           | Time     |
| <u>Sept</u><br>6th | <b>Trinity 13</b>                  | <b>NO SERVICE</b> | 10.00 am | Morning Prayer    | 11.30 am | Morning Prayer    | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist | 11.30 am | Parish Eucharist  | 10.00 am |
| 13th               | <b>Trinity 14</b>                  | Parish Eucharist  | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist  | 11.30 am | <b>NO SERVICE</b> |          | Morning Prayer   | 11.30 am | <b>NO SERVICE</b> |          |
| 20th               | <b>Trinity 15</b>                  | Morning Prayer    | 10.00 am | <b>NO SERVICE</b> |          | Parish Eucharist  | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist | 11.30 am | <b>NO SERVICE</b> |          |
| 27th               | <b>Trinity 16</b>                  | Parish Eucharist  | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist  | 11.30 am | <b>NO SERVICE</b> |          | Morning Prayer   | 11.30 am | Morning Prayer    | 10.00 am |
| <u>Oct</u><br>4th  | <b>Trinity 17 (Harvest Sunday)</b> | <b>NO SERVICE</b> |          | Morning Prayer    | 11.30 am | Morning Prayer    | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist | 11.30 am | Parish Eucharist  | 10.00 am |

| <b>READINGS</b>         |            |                                |               |                           |                      |
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| Date                    | Sunday     | 1st Reading                    | Psalm         | 2nd Reading               | Gospel               |
| <u>September</u><br>6th | Trinity 13 | Ezekiel 33:<br>7 - 11          | 119:<br>33-40 | Romans 13:<br>8 - 14      | Matthew<br>18: 15-20 |
| 13th                    | Trinity 14 | Genesis 50:<br>15 - 21         | 103:<br>1-13  | Romans 14:<br>1 - 12      | Matthew<br>18: 21-35 |
| 20th                    | Trinity 15 | Jonah<br>3:10 – 4: 11          | 145:<br>1-8   | Philippians 1:<br>21 - 30 | Matthew<br>20: 1-16  |
| 27th                    | Trinity 16 | Ezekiel 18:<br>1 - 4 & 25 - 32 | 25:<br>1-8    | Philippians 2:<br>1 - 13  | Matthew<br>21: 23-32 |
| <u>October</u><br>4th   | Trinity 17 | Isaiah 5:<br>1 - 7             | 80:<br>8-16   | Philippians 3:<br>4b - 14 | Matthew 21:<br>33-46 |

**HARVEST 2020:**

You won't be surprised to read that the restrictions imposed to cope with the spread of Covid-19 is going to impact on how we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving this year. Social distancing is going to be with us for many months to come, and the two-metre distance which many of us were hopeful of being reduced by now means that numbers in church are still very restricted. This has required some hard decisions having to be taken if we are to give thanks to God for the harvest and for those who work hard to deliver it.

This year the following churches will have a Harvest themed service on the 4<sup>th</sup> October: **Tipperary; Dundrum; Cashel; Magorban.** This leaves **Clonbeg on 11<sup>th</sup> October** for their Harvest.

Please note (and this is most important) **These will NOT be local community celebrations as may have been the case in previous years. The services on these Sundays are to enable parishioners of the respective churches only to offer their Harvest Thanksgiving.** Regrettable though this is, it has to be this way for this year if we are to avoid turning parishioners away because the church building has reached its capacity.

**EASTER VESTRY:** Following the recent announcement by the Government limiting the number of people allowed to meet indoors, the Easter Vestry meeting has again had to be postponed until such time as the restrictions on indoor gatherings of no more than 6 people is lifted.

People's frustrations are understandable (especially those who may have been expecting to relinquish their position as parish officers or Select Vestry members last April) but these are uncertain and, in many ways, confusing times but we are bound to follow the recommendations laid down by the health experts as interpreted by the government.

The provisional new date is **Wednesday 16th September at 8.00 p.m. in the Cathedral.**

### **CONFIRMATION SERVICE:**

The Bishop has made arrangements for the Service of Confirmation to take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 p.m. in The Cathedral. Unfortunately, because of restrictions imposed because of the coronavirus pandemic, this will be for immediate family members only up to a maximum of 50 people (including the Bishop and the Dean). Please continue to hold in your prayers those who are to be Confirmed: Alana, Amber, Reuben and Shanti.

### **ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE:**

Many of you will be aware that Mike O'Meara, one of our Diocesan Readers, has been training for Ordained Local Ministry. The Bishop has informed Mike that he will ordain him Deacon in Cashel Cathedral on All Saints' Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>. More details will be available next month but please keep Mike in your prayers, as well as others in our Dioceses who are to be ordained Deacon and Priest in the coming weeks.

### **CONDOLENCES:**

We extend our sympathies and prayers to Maria Marron following the unexpected death of her partner Andre last month; to Audrey Parkinson and her family whose father George Hastings died last month; and to Anne Magee whose husband David also died in August. May they rest in Peace.

### **RETURN TO IN-CHURCH WORSHIP – A final reminder:**

Parishioners on our mailing list have received the document *Guidance for parishioners as we prepare to return to In-church Worship*. We are now ready to reopen Dundrum, Magorban and Clonbeg churches from Sunday 6th September.

In order for this to happen everybody who is in any way associated with these parish churches is required to attend a short training/induction session and sign a form before returning to what is classed as a "workplace" under the government's regulations.

These meetings will have already taken place for Dundrum and Magorban, with Clonbeg being held in the church on Monday 7th September at 8.00 p.m. However, because of a mid-week service in Clonbeg Church later that week the Rector and Churchwardens have agreed that the first service in St. Sedna's should be deferred to the 20<sup>th</sup> September rather than 13<sup>th</sup> as originally intended.

For those who, given the current situation, may prefer to remain worshipping at home, the weekly podcast services will continue to be posted on our parish website and on our Facebook and Twitter pages. The podcast link (along with our weekly Pew Sheet) will also be emailed out to those who wish to receive details in this way, and you are invited to contact the Dean if you wish to be included in this mailing.

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email please send the Dean your email address to [dean@cashel.anglican.org](mailto:dean@cashel.anglican.org). Please could notice of any Union/Parish events for the November newsletter be with the Dean by **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October** either in writing to The Deanery, Boherclogh Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary E25 KH36, or by phone 062 61232 or email [dean@cashel.anglican.org](mailto:dean@cashel.anglican.org) Thank you. We endeavour to post more up to date information as it develops during the month on our parish Face Book page [www.facebook.com/cashelunion](http://www.facebook.com/cashelunion) and our Parish Website [www.cashelunion.ie](http://www.cashelunion.ie)