

Cashel Union of Parishes

Directions

April 2026

April 2026		Service	Time	Service	Time	Service	Time	Service	Time	Service	Time
		Clonbeg E34XT32		Tipperary E34F759		Dundrum E34KV18		Cashel E25HH39		Magorban E91CH92	
1 ST	Spy Wednesday							Holy Communion	8pm		
2 nd	Maundy Thursday							Holy Communion	8pm		
3 rd	Good Friday			Reflections round the cross	3pm			Reflections round the cross	8pm		
5 th	EASTER SUNDAY	Easter vigil Saturday 4 th	7pm	Holy Communion	11.30 am	Holy Communion	10.00 am	Holy Communion	11.30 am	Holy Communion	10.00 am
12 th	Easter 2	NO SERVICE		NO SERVICE	11.30 am	Holy Communion	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	11.30 am	NO SERVICE	
19 th	Easter 3	Morning Prayer	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	11.30 am	NO SERVICE	10.00 am	Holy Communion	11.30 am	Morning Prayer	10.00 am
26 th	Easter 4	NO SERVICE		NO SERVICE		Holy Communion	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	11.30 am	NO SERVICE	



The next meeting of the Mothers Union will take place on Monday 12th April at 2.30pm the guest speaker is Carol O'Leary who is a community guard and will be talking about phone Scamming.



We continue to remember in prayer, all those in our parish family whom we hold dear, who are ill at home, in hospital recovering from surgery, undergoing treatment for illness and in Nursing Home and Care Facility care. We pray for God's healing touch in the lives of those who need it. 'Merciful Lord, your compassion does not fail, and your mercies are new every morning. Continue your gracious work of healing and restore those we know and love to renewed health, to serve you in gratitude and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord

April 5th	EASTER DAY	Acts 10: 34-43	118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3: 1-4	Matthew 28: 1-10
12th	2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2: 14a & 22 - 32	16	1 Peter 1: 3 - 9	John 20: 19-31
19th	3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2: 14a & 36 - 41	116:1-3, 10-17	1 Peter 1: 17 - 23	Luke 24: 13-35
26th	4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 2: 42 - 47	23	1 Peter 2: 19 - 25	John 10: 1-10



Prayer is the soul's sincere desire Uttered or unexpressed The motion of a hidden fire That trembles in the breast
Prayer is the burden of a sigh The falling of a tear The upward glancing of an eye When none but God is near
Prayer is the simplest form of speech That infant lips can try Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach The Majesty on high
Prayer is the Christian's vital breath The Christian's native air His watchword at the gates of death He enters heaven with prayer.

At times we may find it hard to pray one way to help us pray is the Five Finger Prayer

One of the simplest spiritual exercises is the "Five-Finger Prayer." It's a quick way to focus your mind and heart on others throughout the day using just your hand:

1. Thumb (Closest to you): Pray for those closest to you—your family and friends.
2. Pointer Finger: Pray for those who point the way—teachers, doctors, and mentors.
3. Middle Finger (Tallest): Pray for leaders—those in government, business, and community authority.
4. Ring Finger (Weakest): Pray for those who are weak, suffering, or in pain.
5. Pinky (Smallest): Finally, pray for yourself and your own needs.



The Tale of Three Trees

Once upon a mountaintop, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up.

The first tree looked up at the stars twinkling like diamonds above him and said, *"Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. People could fill me with gold, silver and precious gems. They could decorate me with intricate carvings and everyone would see its beauty."*
"I will be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world!"

The second tree looked out at the small stream trickling by on the way to the ocean and said, *"Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the seas and sail to unknown places. Everyone will feel safe because of the strength of my hull."*
"I will be the strongest ship in the world!"

Finally, the third tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and busy women worked in a busy town and said, *"I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of a hill and raise their eyes to heaven and think of God."*
"I will be the tallest tree in the world."

Years passed. The rains came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain.

The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This looks like a strong tree. I can sell the wood to a carpenter." After being cut down, the tree was happy because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

The second woodcutter looked at the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree. I can sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship. When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down, his dreams would not come true. A woodsman said, "I don't need anything special from this tree so I'll just take it back with me."

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, they made it into a feed box for animals. It was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. They cut the second tree and made a small fishing boat. They cut the third tree into large beams and left them alone in a lumberyard.

The years went by, and the three trees nearly forgot their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the feed box made from the first tree. As the starlight shone on the smooth and sturdy wood, the tree could feel the importance of this event.

Now the tree knew that it was holding the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One man went to sleep. A great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man. He stood and said *"Be calm"* and the storm stopped as quickly as it had begun.

And suddenly the tree knew that he was carrying the King of heaven and earth.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. Later, they nailed the man to the tree and raised him up to die at the top of a hill. On the third day, the tree knew that God's love had changed everything.

It had made the first tree beautiful. It had made the second tree strong. And every time people thought of the third tree made into a cross, they would always think of God

And that was better than being the tallest tree in the world.

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