

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID

PATRONESS OF IRELAND

1st February, 2015

As with Jesus in the Gospel, people flocked to St. Brigid because she spoke with authority, and carried her words into actions. Her kindness to the poor and needy is legendary. She often shared scarce resources and scarce commodities, much to the annoyance of those in charge. In her own lifetime she was regarded as a saint.



Version of St. Brigid's Cross used in RTE logo.

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Tuesday 3rd, at 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ This Sunday, 1st February, is the **Feast of St. Brigid**, 454-524. She received the religious veil from St. Mel at Ardagh and founded her monastery at Kildare with the help of St. Conleth. St. Brigid is Patroness of Ireland.
- ✘ **Monday 2nd**, is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at the beginning of Mass, on Sunday. Those who wish to have candles blessed may leave them in the sanctuary.
2015 has been designated as The Year of Consecrated Life and Candlemas as The Day of Consecrated Life. We give thanks for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and we pray that many will respond to that calling.
- ✘ **Tuesday 3rd**, is the **Feast of St. Blaise**. The Blessing of Throats, associated with the feast, will be given after Masses on Saturday and Sunday.
- ✘ **Tuesday 3rd** is also the Feast of St. Ansgar, born in France, Bishop of Hamburg, died 865. Thursday 5th, St. Agatha, martyred in Sicily, third century.
Friday 6th, the Japanese Martyrs, St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyred at Nagasaki, 1597.
Saturday 7th, **St. Mel**, Founder and First Bishop of Ardagh. Patron of the Diocese. Legend has it that he was nephew of St. Patrick whom he accompanied or followed to Ireland. Died in 488.
- ✘ **Bishop Duffy** will celebrate Mass in Newtowncashel on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th, at the invitation of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- ✘ **The Senior Choir** will rehearse in Church on Friday 6th, at 8.30 p.m. All members, please.
- ✘ **The Station Masses** for February commence on Monday. See calendar below.

- ✘ Friday is the **First Friday** of February. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday and Friday.
- ✘ **Pioneers** who are eligible for Silver or Gold emblems (pins) are asked to contact any member of the Cashel Pioneer Committee immediately – likewise, young people who wish to advance to the next stage of membership. Emblems and diplomas will be presented by Bishop Francis on Sunday 15th, Temperance Sunday.
- ✘ **Congratulations** to Paddy and Monica (Nally) Healy who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Friday – 27th January, 1965.
- ✘ **The I.C.A.** monthly meeting takes place in "The Hill", on Tuesday 3rd, at 8.00 p.m. New members welcome.
- ✘ **Newtowncashel Tidy Towns** holds its February meeting in "The Hill" on Wednesday 4th at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Lanesboro/Ballyleague Badminton Club** holds its annual Table Quiz in Clarke's Bar on Saturday 7th, at 9.30 p.m. The club anticipates several tables of four for the quiz, a fundraiser for the Senior and Junior Clubs. Incomplete teams are also welcome as full teams can be assembled on the night. Spot prizes galore!
- ✘ **The Meals on Wheels** church gate collection, taken up in Newtowncashel before Christmas, realised **€325.00**. Longford Social Services thank the collectors and all who contributed so generously.
- ✘ Contributions to the **Monthly Collection** for February this weekend, please; **St. Mel's Cathedral** reserve fund on Saturday and Sunday next.
- ✘ Recent collection totals:- Sunday last.....**€880.00**.
Monthly Collection, January,**€1,050.00**. Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday, 31st January, 8.00 p.m., Michael Whitton, Forthill, month's mind.
Sunday, 1st February, 10.30 a.m., Lena Cunningham, Loughawn, deceased members of the Cunningham family, Elfeet, and Lily Lennon, Curracreehan.
Saturday 7th, 8.00 p.m., John Donlon, first anniversary, and Dermot Donlon, Derryhawn.
Sunday 8th, 10.30 a.m., Deceased members of the Brennan Family, Lismagawley, and the McGrath Family, Ratharney.



STATION MASSES February 2015

LOUGHAWN AND DERMEANA	David Hanley	Monday, 2nd
POLLAGH	Anne Costello	Tuesday, 3rd
BALLYREVAGH AND NEWTOWN	Caroline and Declan Murtagh	Friday, 6th
BALLAGH AND CARRODGER	Maureen and Joseph Mallon	Monday, 9th
COLLUM AND DERRYDARRAGH	Yvonne and John Kenny	Thursday, 19th
FORTHILL	Caroline and Séamus Bermingham	Friday, 20th
DRUMNEE AND SAINTS' ISLAND	Carmel and Seán Hopkins	Monday, 23rd
PORTANURE	Nora Nolan	Thursday, 26th
CLARAS AND CROSS	Breda and Eamon Murphy	Friday, 27th

Confessions 7.45, Mass 8.00 p.m.

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