

Parish of Cashel



CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

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"Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

Local Elections 2014. Three hundred of the votes cast in Cashel on polling day were allocated outside the parish. That is of course the democratic prerogative of the electorate. However, as a consequence, and for the first time in living memory, the Parish is now without an elected representative on Longford County Council. On this occasion the finger of blame cannot be pointed at an external body or authority. It was a conscious decision taken by the people of Cashel. The decision has cost the parish yet another element of its identity with a corresponding diminution of its profile.

Last year saw the closure of Newtowncashel Garda Station. With the sole exception of comment in this newsletter, the event passed literally without a whimper. The spontaneous forfeiture of its county councillor, regardless of affiliation, is further evidence of a worrying disposition in Cashel. We still have a parish and a village of which we can be proud but they require support and allegiance. It is 'wake up' time!

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday and Friday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ **Mass for The Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Monday 2nd, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of Students Sitting Examination** this Saturday, 31st May, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Monday, 2nd June**, is the Feast of Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Roman clergy martyred under the Roman Emperor, Diocletian, 303.
Tuesday 3rd, St. Kevin, principal patron Diocese of Dublin, wanted to be a hermit but followers gathered around him at Glendalough forming a monastic settlement. He died 618.
Wednesday 4th, the Ugandan Martyrs, St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, 22 Ugandan youths martyred 1886.
Thursday 5th, St. Boniface, 673-754, born in Devonshire, England, went as a missionary to the continent, appointed Bishop of Mainz, Germany; founded monasteries in Bavaria, martyred 754.
Friday 6th is the Feast of St. Jarlath, founder and first bishop of the Diocese of Tuam, sixth century. Friday 6th, St. Norbert, 1080-1134, Founder of the Norbertines or Premonstratensians (as at Kilnacrott).

Saturday 7th, St. Colman. He founded a monastery at Dromore, Co. Down, on the River Lagan, in 514. Patron of the Diocese of Dromore.

Sunday 8th is the **Feast of Pentecost**.

- ✘ **Teen Mass.** We thank the group of young people who rehearsed and participated, the coordinators, and the parents who provided support and encouragement.
- ✘ The **"Do This in Memory"** programme concludes on Sunday next, 8th June, Pentecost Sunday. The First Communion children and their parents are the main participants in the Liturgy.
- ✘ **A Junior Choir** practice will be held in Church on Saturday 7th, 5.00 to 6.00 p.m., in preparation for 'Do This in Memory'.
- ✘ **The Eucharistic Adoration Group** will meet in Church this Sunday, 1st June, at 11.10 a.m. (after Mass). All participants are asked to attend.
- ✘ Friday is the **First Friday** of June. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday and Friday.
- ✘ **Eucharistic Ministers.** Copies of the new roster are now available and may be collected from the Sacristy after Mass.
- ✘ **On World Communications Day** we thank Deirdre O'Boyle who promotes the "Irish Catholic" in Cashel, and the Dennigan Family who continue to distribute the newsletter to the residents of Derryhawn.
- ✘ Thursday 5th is **World Environment Day** with the focus on 'Small Islands and Climate Change'. The slogan for this year is, 'Raise Your Voice, Not The Sea Level!'.
- ✘ **The G.A.A. President, Mr. Liam O'Neill**, accompanied by the Sam Maguire and Liam McCarthy cups, paid an unexpected visit to St. Mary's School on Friday and presented the Division 4 girls with their winners' medals. The presentation ceremony rounded off their season perfectly.
- ✘ **An I.C.A.** meeting will be held in "The Hill" on Tuesday 3rd, at 8.00 p.m. As this is the last meeting before the summer break all members are requested to attend. New members welcome.
- ✘ **Newtowncashel Tidy Towns** holds its June meeting in "The Hill" on Wednesday 4th, at 8.30 p.m. Full marks to the candidates and their respective organisations for having posters removed promptly after the recent elections - very much in keeping with the Tidy Towns ethos
- ✘ **Tracing Roots? Compiling a Family Tree?** Longford Roots, Longford Genealogy and Heritage Centre, First Floor, 17 Dublin Street, Longford, Ireland. Research service. Computerised Church Records. For appointment, contact, **086 151 3152**. E-mail, longroot@iol.ie Website, www.longfordroots.com
Parishioners who have visitors from abroad, particularly from the United States, are asked to inform them of the availability of this facility.
- ✘ Contributions to the **Monthly Collection** for June this weekend; the **Pentecost Dues**, Saturday and Sunday next, please.
- ✘ Thank you for last Sunday's collection, **€915.00**.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Sunday, 1st June, 10.30 a.m., Sue Allen, Pollagh.
Friday 6th, 8.00 p.m., Pat and Christina Skelly, Curroole.
Saturday 7th, 8.00 p.m., Deceased members of the Shea Family, Clonmee.