

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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FEAST OF ST. BRIGID

Saturday, 1st February, 2014

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

CANDLEMAS DAY

Sunday, 2nd February, 2014

Simeon had longed and prayed to see the Messiah. It was his ambition, his life-long wish. Now he was happy. *"Now, Master you can let your servant go in peace ..."* Simeon also had words for Mary, *"A sword will pierce your own soul too."* Christianity never promises to be easy.

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Sunday 2nd at 10.30 a.m.
- ✘ Saturday, 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.
- ✘ Sunday 2nd, is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at the beginning of Mass, on Saturday and Sunday. Those who wish to have candles blessed may leave them in the sanctuary.
- ✘ Monday 3rd, is the **Feast of St. Blaise**. The Blessing of Throats, associated with the feast, will be given after Masses on Saturday and Sunday.
- ✘ Monday 3rd is also the Feast of St. Ansgar, born in France, Bishop of Hamburg, died 865. Wednesday 5th, St. Agatha, martyred in Sicily, third century. Thursday 6th, the Japanese Martyrs, St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyred at Nagasaki, 1597. Thursday 7th, **St. Mel**, Founder and First Bishop of Ardagh. Patron of the Diocese. Friday 8th, St. Jerome Emiliani. After a military career he founded a congregation for the care of orphans and the poor, died 1537. Friday 8th, St. Josephine Bakhita, 1868 - 1947, thought to be the only canonised saint from Sudan.
- ✘ Friday is the **First Friday** of February. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday and Friday.

- ✘ **Station Masses** for February commence on Monday. See calendar below.
- ✘ **The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet in "The Hill" on Tuesday 4th, at 8.00 p.m. Included in the business of the meeting is the distribution of financial acknowledgements for the year 2013.
- ✘ An **I.C.A.** meeting will be held in "The Hill" on Tuesday 4th, at 8.00 p.m. All members are requested to attend.
- ✘ **Newtowncashel Tidy Towns** holds its monthly meeting in "The Hill" on Wednesday 5th, at 8.00 p.m. The customary full attendance is anticipated.
- ✘ **Ballymahon Library**, new opening hours:- Monday, CLOSED; Tuesday 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.; Wednesday, 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.; Thursday, 2.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.; Friday, 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m., Saturday, 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. ☎ 090 643 2546.
- ✘ **Longford E.D.I. Centre**, Free Training Opportunities. IT Training: introduction to digital photography, sending/receiving emails, using social media, using apps, buying tickets and on-line banking. Eight-hour basic computer course which can be delivered mornings, afternoons or evenings. Eight-week Training Opportunities for people in receipt of a disability, illness or welfare payment. The course includes computer skills, personal development and work experience. Contact ☎ 043 334 7515 or email edicentreservices@gmail.com.
- ✘ Contributions to the **Monthly Collection** for February this weekend, please.
- ✘ Recent collection totals:- Sunday last.....€550.00.
Monthly Collection, January,€1,260.00. Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 1st, 8.00 p.m., William and Mary K. Bermingham, Paddy Dolan, and deceased members of the Dolan Family, Cross.
Saturday 8th, 8.00 p.m., Margaret Farrell, Streamstown, and Sr. M. Sarto (Brigid) Farrell M.M.M., Streamstown and Drogheda.
Sunday 9th, 10.30 a.m., Tom & Mary Delaney, Carrowbeg.

STATION MASSES February 2014

PORTANURE	Margaret & Michael Bawle	Monday, 3rd
DRUMNEE AND SAINTS' ISLAND	Marian & James Dolan	Thursday, 6th
CARRODGER AND BALLAGH	Eleanor & John Gilmore	Friday, 7th
POLLACH	Philomena & Patricia Hopkins	Monday, 10th
DERRYDARRAGH AND COLLUM	Liza Devlin	Wednesday, 12th
LOUGHAWN AND DERMEANA	Gabrielle & Michael Flanagan	Friday, 14th
DERRYMACHAR, D'DIFF, D'COLUMB	Marie & Liam Bermingham	Monday, 17th
BALLYREEVAGH AND NEWTOWN	Mary & Tom Dennigan	Tuesday, 18th
CLERAUN AND LISAGAWLEY	Brigid Healy	Wednesday, 19th
TIPPER AND CURROOLE	Séamus Murray	Thursday, 20th
FORTHILL	Julia O'Shea	Friday, 21st
CLARAS AND CROSS	Yvonne & Jack Healy	Wednesday, 26th
LOUGHFARM AND ELFEET	Bridge & Gabriel Mulvihill	Friday, 28th

Confessions 7.45, Mass 8.00 p.m.