

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

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Temperance Sunday, coming as it does, on the threshold of Lent, invites us to take a different approach. It invites us to enjoy a life free of the scourges of alcohol and drug abuse.

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m.; Thursday, 7.00 a.m.; Friday, 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, *Missa pro Populo*, on Ash Wednesday, 5th, at 7.00 a.m.
- ✘ Tuesday 4th is the Feast of St. Casimir, 1458-1484, born in Krakow, son of the king of Poland. He refused to become engaged in warfare and declined a politically advantageous proposal of marriage with the emperor's daughter. He died of tuberculosis at the age of 26 and was canonised in 1521. A patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.
Wednesday 5th, St. Kieran, first Bishop of Ossory (Kilkenny).
Thursday 6th, St. Colette, 1381-1447, a French nun who undertook reform of the Poor Clares.
Friday 7th, St. Perpetua, a young upper-class married woman, martyred at Carthage, (Tunisia), in 203.
Friday 7th, St. Felecity, a slave girl also martyred at Carthage in 203.
Saturday 8th, St. John of God, 1495-1550, native of Portugal; patron saint of nurses.
Saturday 8th, St. Senan, Kilrush, Co. Clare, founded a monastery on Scattery Island, anam-chara (soul-mate) of St. Ciaran and St. Brendan, died 544.
- ✘ Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent and a day of fast and abstinence. **Fast** = one full meal and two "collations", light meals. **Abstinence** = the use of meat or its products is forbidden. **Ashes** will be blessed and distributed at Mass, 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m..
- ✘ **Lenten Masses**. During Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning on Ash Wednesday. This arrangement will give a greater number of people an opportunity to receive the ashes and to come to Mass during Lent.
- ✘ **The Stations of the Cross** is a devotion that may be performed at any time of year but is particularly suited to the Lenten Season. Instead of the Rosary the Way of the Cross will be followed in Church on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30 p.m. All are urged to make a special effort to participate in this traditional devotion.
- ✘ **The Pioneer Association** offers non-members a six-week pledge for the Lenten Season. See notice-board. www.pioneerassociation.ie, ☎ 01 874 9464.

- ✘ Friday is the **First Friday** of March. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday and Friday.
- ✘ **First Confessions**, on Thursday 6th, at 7.00 p.m. Six children will come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.
- ✘ The deferred fourth session of the Confirmation preparation programme, "**You Shall be My Witnesses**", will take place in "The Hill" on Friday 7th, from 7.00 to 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Cashel P.T.A.A.** We congratulate the two Golden Jubilarians and the Silver Jubilarian who receive their emblems and diplomas this Sunday. Six children enroll as Young Pioneers. It is hoped that many of them will become full members when they turn sixteen.
- ✘ **The Spring Stations** continued the focus on appointment and ordination of Bishop Francis Duffy. Fr. Brady extends his appreciation and thanks, for their welcome, hospitality and generosity, to the thirteen households who hosted the Station Masses.
- ✘ **St. Mary's N.S. Enrolment** for September 2014, takes place from 3rd to 7th March. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school and relevant forms returned during this period.
- ✘ **Newtowncashel Drama Group**. Well done to all involved in last weekend's production of Brian Friel's "Philadelphia Here I Come". The producer, cast and crew succeeded eminently in capturing and conveying Friel's extraordinary appraisal of the complexities of human relationships.
- ✘ **County Longford Ploughing Association** hosts a Novice Match in the Harvest Festival field, Newtowncashel, on Saturday, 8th March. Experienced members will share their knowledge with beginners and even their machinery if necessary. The field will be open from 11.00 a.m. and ploughing commences at 12.00 noon. Entrance fee is €10.00 and participants must be over 16. All are welcome.
- ✘ **An I.C.A. Meeting** will be held in "The Hill" on Tuesday 4th, at 8.00 p.m. sharp. All members are requested to attend.
- ✘ **Newtowncashel Tidy Towns** holds its March meeting in "The Hill" on Wednesday 5th, at 8.00 p.m. The onset of spring warrants a full attendance.
- ✘ **TRÓCAIRE** envelopes, containing information leaflets and family fast boxes, are available at the church doors. Please take one. The focus of this year's Lenten campaign is on the global water crisis and how Trócaire is working with communities to help them gain access to clean water for domestic consumption and agricultural use.
- ✘ **The Shrove Dues** should be handed in this weekend, please, and the **Monthly Collection** for March on Saturday and Sunday next.
- ✘ Recent collection totals:- Sunday last.....€880.00.
Monthly Collection, February.....€625.00. Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday, 1st March, 8.00 p.m., Patrick and Mary Elizabeth Brennan, Derrygowna.
Sunday 2nd, 10.30 a.m., Lena Cunningham, Loughawn, deceased members of the Cunningham family, Elfeet, and Lily Lennon, Curracreehan.
Friday 7th, 8.00 p.m., Joe and Elizabeth Cosgrove, and Bridie Kelly, Derrydarragh.
Saturday 8th, 8.00 p.m., Paddy Hopkins, Drumnee.
Sunday 9th, 10.30 a.m., Michael and Mary Whitlow, Derrymacar.
Please pray for Johnny Bawle, Curroole Kenny, who died on Wednesday, 26th February.