



Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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There is no such person as a solitary Christian, a Christian who can go it alone. We are linked and joined to Christ and to each other, just like the vine and the branches.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP FRANCIS DUFFY

Referendum on Same Sex Marriage

It is important to listen to all voices, especially minority voices. We may be moved by some of what we hear and we might not agree with everything we hear but it is important to be respectful of differing opinions. In our constitution *"The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack"* (41.3.1). Marriage matters because it is about the unique relationship between a man and a woman. The complementarity of man and woman can give rise to new life. To change the meaning of marriage will undo the uniqueness that marriage represents and celebrates. It is important that we reflect before we change the meaning of marriage.

✠ Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois.

Further details at www.meaningofmarriage.ie

- ✠ **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 4th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✠ Sunday 3rd, is the Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles; St. Philip was born at Bethsaida and was initially a disciple of St. John the Baptist. St. James, the son of Alphaeus, ruled the Church at Jerusalem and wrote an Epistle, martyred in the year 62.
Monday 4th, St. Conleth, chaplain to St. Brigid's community, first bishop of Kildare.
Tuesday 5th, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, 1762-1844, founder of the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. He was beatified in Rome on 6th October, 1996.
- ✠ Sunday next, 10th, is **First Communion Day**. Eleven children will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time. The Mass at 12.00 noon replaces the scheduled Sunday Mass.
- ✠ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place on Wednesdays, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. There is room for greater participation.
- ✠ **May Altar in honour of Our Lady**. This long-standing tradition is perpetuated in our schools.

Let's hope it is also a feature of the homes of the parish during the month of May. The basic requirements are simple - a small table or ledge, a white cloth, a statue or image of Mary and some wild flowers or flowers from the garden. The altar can serve as a focal point for family prayer during Mary's month.

- ✠ **Recitation of the Rosary** continues on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. until the end of May. All are invited to make a special effort to attend the Rosary during the month of May.
- ✠ **The Re-dedication of St. Mel's Cathedral** takes place on Sunday week, 17th May, at 3.30 p.m. Four tickets are available to parishioners. Names in writing, to Fr. Brady, by Sunday, 10th May. If oversubscribed, the tickets will be assigned by lottery.

- ✠ **Baptism**. Luke Owen Hassett, son of Thomas and Helen (Mulvihill) Hassett, Carrowbeg, was welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday, 25th April.



- ✠ **The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet in "The Hill" on Thursday 7th, at 8.30 p.m. The business of the meeting is to include the distribution of financial acknowledgements for the year 2014, and Tax Reclaim forms.

- ✠ **"The Hill"**. We thank the four people who, on Thursday evening, washed down the hall, leaving it ready for painting.

- ✠ **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.

- ✠ **Newtowncashel Tidy Towns Annual Sponsored Nature Walk** takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May. Primary School Children start at 2.30 p.m. from Derrydarragh. Other participants start at 2.30 p.m. from "The Hill". All finish at the G.A.A. Clubhouse. Prizes and draws are detailed on the sponsorship cards.

- ✠ **The I.C.A.** monthly meeting will be held in "The Hill" on Tuesday 5th, at 8.00 p.m. Guest speaker is Lorraine from Oriflame cosmetics! New members welcome as always.

- ✠ A caring, responsible, flexible person is required in Athlone town to support people with Intellectual Disabilities. This is a very worthwhile and rewarding role which adds benefit to the lives of others. Accredited training will be provided. Eligibility criteria will apply. Brothers of Charity, Lanesboro St., Roscommon, 087 145 6587

- ✠ Recent collection totals:-

Sunday last.....	€655.00.
Monthly Collection, April,	€645.00.
Easter Dues.....	€3,085.00.

Thank you very much.

- ✠ Charities legislation and regulation require that, in future, Dues collections be lodged to the Church Account. This will further facilitate auditing but will distort end of year figures.

- ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**

Saturday 2nd, 8.00 p.m., Patrick and Christina Skelly, Curroole.

Sunday 3rd, 10.30 a.m., Frank, Rose and Oliver Burke, Derryhawn.

Tuesday 5th, 9.30 a.m., Kieran Mulvihill, Cross.

Friday 8th, 8.00 p.m., Michael Healy, Pollagh.

Saturday 9th, 8.00 p.m., Joseph Farrell, Blanchardstown and Ballina,

John and Frances Farrell, Ballina.