



Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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In the second reading, St. Paul, writing to the Christians at Ephesus, has what could be regarded as a New Year prayer for us.

"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit."

- ☆ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m., Tuesday, 10.30 a.m. and 8.00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30 a.m., Friday, 8.00 p.m.
- ☆ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, *Missa pro Populo*, on Tuesday 6th, at 10.30 a.m.
- ☆ Tuesday 6th, is the **Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord**, a holyday of obligation. Mass at 10.30 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. Do make a special effort to attend Mass on this important feast which completes the Christmas season.
- ☆ Saturday 3rd is the Feast of The Holy Name of Jesus, a feast celebrating the help and blessings, the consolation and protection, granted through invocation of the Holy Name.
Saturday 3rd, St. Munchin, 7th century, patron of the Diocese of Limerick.
Sunday 4th, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1774-1821, born in New York, mother of five children but widowed after nine years of marriage, a convert to Catholicism, she founded the American Sisters of Charity, canonised in 1975, becoming the first native-born North American saint. Patron saint of widows. She is one of the saints depicted in sculpture on the great bronze doors of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.
Monday 5th, St. Charles of St. Andrew, Passionist. Born in Holland, 1821, he spent most of his priestly life at Mount Argus, Dublin. A renowned confessor and supporter of the poor, he died on 5th January, 1893. Canonised, 3rd June, 2007.
Wednesday 7th is the Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort, 1175-1275, a brilliant lawyer who joined the Dominicans at 47 and eventually became their Master General. Confessor to the Pope.
Friday 9th, St. Adrian of Canterbury, African-born abbot of St. Augustine's Monastery at Canterbury, scholar and administrator, adviser and assistant to the Archbishop, he died in 710.
- ☆ **Sunday 11th is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**
- ☆ **The Pupils of St. Mary's N.S.** will attend and participate in the 10.30 Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, weather permitting.
- ☆ **First Friday.** The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound, associated with the First Friday, will be made on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th.
- ☆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** returns on Wednesday 7th, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. We thank the people who give their time to quiet prayer.

- ☆ **Recitation of the Rosary** resumes on Friday 9th at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.
- ☆ **The Spring Station Masses** will be celebrated from 2nd to 27th February. Householders who are to host the Stations may arrange dates when convenient, if they have not already done so.
- ☆ **Cloontagh and Newtowncashel Schools** re-open on Monday 5th.
- ☆ **Congratulations** to Mel McArdle and Jacqueline Breslin who were married on Saturday, 27th December, 2014.
- ☆ **Newtowncashel Tidy Towns** holds its Annual General Meeting in "The Hill", on Wednesday week, 14th, at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.
- ☆ **I.C.A. Newtowncashel Guild** is looking for blood, new blood! The guild will hold an Open Evening in "The Hill" on Wednesday, 7th January, from 8.00 p.m. onwards. The event will provide an opportunity to discover the association's wide variety of activities and pursuits and to take a vital first step towards membership. Everybody welcome.



- ☆ **Parish statistics 2014:-**

Baptisms.....	6.
First Communion	6.
Confirmation	17.
Marriages.....	5.*
Deaths/Funerals.....	9.



*In total 12 natives or residents of Cashel married in 2014.

- ☆ **Tax Reclaim.** The Revenue Commissioners have approved a claim of **€9,205.16** in favour of Cashel Church Account - lodged 11th December, 2014. Our thanks to the parishioners whose generosity made this payment possible and to those who logged the data and prepared the claims.
- ☆ **Outstanding contributions to Envelope Collections 2014** as soon as possible, please.
- ☆ **Contributions to the Monthly Collection** for January, this weekend, please.
- ☆ **Recent collection totals:-**

Sunday 21st December.....	€905.00.
Christmas Eve/Day.....	€2,110.00.
Sunday 28th December	€747.00.
Monthly Collection, December,.....	€1,235.00.
Christmas Dues.....	€5,725.00.

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Thank you very much indeed.

- ☆ **Masses for the Dead:-**
 - Saturday 3rd, 8.00 p.m., Tom Rowan, Cormaglava.
 - Sunday 4th, 10.30 a.m., Frank Farrell, Derrygowna.
 - Tuesday 6th, Feast of the Epiphany, 8.00 p.m.,
Bernard and Brigid Dowd, and deceased members of the Dowd Family, Fortwilliam.
 - Thursday 8th, 9.30 a.m., Michael and Kathleen Farrell, Longford.
 - Saturday 10th, 8.00 p.m., Kieran Eustace, New Row, Month's Mind.
 - Sunday 11th, 10.30 a.m., Mary Ellen and Michael John Greally and deceased members of the Greally Family, Carrickmoran, the Ward Family, Clonmee, and Matt Concannon.
- Please pray for Mary Quigley nee Moughty, Athlone and Derrymacar, who died on Tuesday 23rd December, and for Michael Whitton, Forthill, who died on Saturday, 27th December.

Happy New Year
Athbhlian faoi mhaise daoibh.