

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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*“A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord.”*

We usually think of the wilderness as a place where nobody lives. But it can also be a place of activity and noise in which the needy are lost. A homeless man died in a busy area of our capital city. It emerged that four walls and a roof were not his only needs.

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 10.30 a.m. and 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, and Thursday, 9.30 a.m.; Friday, 8.00 p.m.;
- ✘ **Mass** for the **Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Thursday 11th, at 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ **Monday**, 8th December, is the feast of **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holyday of obligation. Mass at 10.30 a.m. and 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Tuesday 9th** is the Feast of St. Juan Diego, 1474-1548, Mexico City, late convert, canonised by Pope John Paul II in 2002.
Thursday 11th, St. Damasus I, Pope from 366 to 384, he commissioned St. Jerome to prepare the Vulgate (Latin) version of the Bible.
Friday 12th, St. Finnian, Patron, Diocese of Meath, had his church at Clonard, Co. Meath, famed in his time as 'teacher of the saints of Ireland'. Among his pupils were Sts. Canice, Colmcille and Brendan, the initiators of the great monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in 549.
Friday 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City. Patron of the Americas.
Saturday 13th, St. Lucy, virgin, martyred in Sicily 304, she is invoked for eye trouble, her name is inserted in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I).
- ✘ **The Pupils of St. Mary's N.S.** will attend and participate in the 10.30 Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We thank the teachers for affording the children the opportunity to observe and celebrate this very important feast.
The pupils' Confessions will be heard in Church after Mass.
- ✘ **Junior Choir** rehearsals for Christmas Day will be held this Sunday, 7th, after Mass till 12.30 p.m. and at the same time each Sunday until Christmas. All who are to participate on Christmas Day are asked to attend the rehearsals.
- ✘ **Senior Choir** practice will be held in Church on Friday 12th, at 8.30 p.m. (after Mass). As always a full attendance is requested. The choir will provide the liturgical music and song at Mass on Sunday 14th.

- ✘ **The Christmas Star** and the **Crib** were erected on Friday morning. Once again we thank the two teams for their care and spontaneity. Visiting the Crib is one of the precious traditions of the Christmas Season. In all, there are just five weeks in which to do so.
- ✘ **Bishop Duffy** will meet the Parish Pastoral Council in "The Hill" on Tuesday 9th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Safeguarding Message from Bishop Francis.** During this season of Advent many children will be involved in preparations for Christmas liturgies. It is a special time for them and for their families. I wish to thank our Safeguarding Representatives in the forty-one parishes for their work in ensuring the safety of children in all church related activities.
I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Persons: Seán Leydon, 087 743 1649, or Róisín O'Doherty, 087 332 7587, or Towards Healing, 1800 303 416, or An Garda Síochána or Tusla. Parish Safe-guarding Representative, Patricia Farrell, 087 937 9801.
- ✘ **The Irish Catholic.** Subscriptions for **2015** and are now payable: **€83.20** for the full year. New subscribers are welcome. Please forward subscriptions to Deirdre O'Boyle, Cornadough, or place in the collection basket.
- ✘ **Pioneer Magazine 2015.** Subscription renewal remains unchanged @ **€16.50**. Pioneer Calendar 2015; **€2.50**. Magazine and Calendar; **€19.00**. Remittances, please, to The Parochial House.
- ✘ **The monthly Tidy Towns** meeting takes place in "The Hill" on Wednesday 10th, at 8.00 p.m. As this is the last scheduled meeting of 2014 it is expected that it will be well attended.
- ✘ **The A.G.M. of Cashel G.A.A. Club** will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday 13th, at 5.00 p.m., sharp. Members are requested to attend the A.G.M. to review the activities of 2014, elect an executive and plan for 2015. New members welcome.
The lotto jackpot stands at **€11,600.00!**
- ✘ **Abbeyshrule Christmas Craft Fair** takes place on Sunday 14th from 12.00 noon to 6.00 p.m., at the Rustic Inn. Art, craft and food stalls; Santa and Mrs. Claus at 4.00 p.m. Raffle in aid of MWB Autism Support. To book a workshop place contact abbeyshrulechristmasfair@gmail.com or call/text 087 6301666.
- ✘ Contributions to the **Monthly Collection** for December may be handed in this weekend, please.
- ✘ **Recent collection totals:-** Sunday last.....**€695.00**.
Monthly Collection, November,**€905.00**. Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 6th, 8.00 p.m., Alison Smyth, Lanesboro and New Row.
Sunday 7th, 10.30 a.m., Frank Nolan, Portanure.
Feast of the Immaculate Conception:-
Monday 8th, 10.30 a.m., James Healy, Pollagh.
Monday 8th, 8.00 p.m., Deceased members of the Geraghty Family, Forthill.
Tuesday 9th, 9.30 a.m., Tom and Mary Clyne, Pat Bawle and Mary Bawle, Derrygowna.
Friday 12th, 8.00 p.m., Maisie Farrell, Streamstown, and
Sr. Mel (Hannah) Farrell, Streamstown and Drumshanbo.
Saturday 13th, 8.00 p.m., John Casey, Derrydarragh.
Sunday 14th, 10.30 a.m., Richard and Annie Farrell, Cross.