



Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus went off to a lonely place and prayed there.

- ✠ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30 a.m.; Friday, 8.00 p.m.
- ✠ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Tuesday 10th, at 9.30 a.m.
- ✠ **Saturday 7th** is the Feast of **St. Mel**, Founder and First Bishop of Ardagh. Patron of the Diocese. Legend has it that he was nephew of St. Patrick whom he accompanied or followed to Ireland. Died in 488.
Sunday 8th, St. Jerome Emiliani. After a military career he founded a congregation for the care of orphans and the poor, died 1537.
Sunday 8th, St. Josephine Bakhita, 1868 - 1947, thought to be the only canonised saint from Sudan.
Tuesday 10th, St. Scholastica, born in Italy, sister of St. Benedict and one of the first Benedictine nuns, died 543.
Wednesday 11th is the Feast of **Our Lady of Lourdes**. In 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to 14 year-old Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes and introduced herself as The Immaculate Conception. This feast is observed as **World Day of the Sick**.
Wednesday 11th, St. Gobnait, Ballyvourney, West Cork, celebrated for her care and curing of the sick.
Saturday 14th is the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, brothers, Patrons of Europe. Both preached the faith in Moravia. Cyril died at Rome 869, Methodius was made bishop and went to Hungary where he preached the Gospel while enduring many hardships due to jealousy. He died in Slovakia in 885.
Saturday 14th, St. Valentine, a priest who served during the 3rd century in Rome. He was put to death for marrying young couples when the Emperor Claudius wanted the men single because they allegedly made better soldiers. His body is in Whitefriars' Church, Aungier Street, Dublin. The rose is the popular symbol of St. Valentine's Day but on his burial casket his statue holds a crocus, the symbol of spring.
- ✠ **Bishop Duffy** will celebrate Mass in Newtowncashel on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th, at the invitation of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- ✠ In addition to the Bishop's visit Sunday next features the "Do This in Memory" programme and Pioneer presentations. The First Communion children and their parents will participate in the liturgy.
- ✠ **The Junior Choir** will rehearse in Church on Saturday 14th, 5.00 to 6.00 p.m., in preparation for the visit of Bishop Francis and 'Do This in Memory'.
- ✠ **Pioneers** who are eligible for Silver or Gold emblems (pins) are asked to contact any member of the Cashel Pioneer Committee immediately – likewise, young people who wish to advance to the next stage of membership. Emblems and diplomas will be presented by Bishop Duffy on Sunday next, 15th, Temperance Sunday.

- ✠ **Candlemas**. Our thanks to all who left candles for blessing last weekend especially those who donated candles for church use. It is important that such traditions are kept alive.
- ✠ A six-week **Bereavement Course** commences in The Family Centre (The McGoey Hall), St. Mel's Road/Chapel Street, Longford, on Ash Wednesday, 18th, at 8.00 p.m. The course, led by two trained bereavement facilitators, covers the various stages of grief and aims to help participants find healing and acceptance of their loss. For further details; ☎ 043 334 6827 or 087 284 3034.
- ✠ **P.T.A.A. A Regional Pioneer Meeting** will be held in Tealach Íosa (The McGoey Hall), St. Mel's Road/Chapel Street, Longford, on Thursday 12th, at 8.30 p.m. All representatives are asked to attend.
- ✠ **Cemeteries Committee**. The A.G.M. of the Cemeteries Committee will take place in "The Hill" on Wednesday 11th, at 8.30 p.m. This committee has been in existence since October, 1992, with many of the original members still actively involved. Most of the current members now wish to retire. It is expected that those who have expressed an interest in continuing the valuable work of the group will come along on Wednesday night and become involved to ensure the survival of this committee.
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Drama Group** are delighted to announce that this season's production is "Too Close to Home", by Jimmy Keary. The three-act comedy will be staged in "The Hill", on Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th, March.
- ✠ **The Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims' Annual Collection** will be taken up next weekend, Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th. The fund is used to subsidise the air fare of sick or assisted people who join the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Generous support will be greatly appreciated.
The Annual Pilgrimage takes place from Wednesday, 27th May, to Monday, 1st June. The organisers request the names of sick people who would like to join the pilgrimage. Names should be submitted as soon as possible, please, to:- Elizabeth Clyne ☎ 043 332 5156.
- ✠ Contributions to **St. Mel's Cathedral** reserve fund this weekend, please.
- ✠ Thank you for last Sunday's collection **€640.00**.
- ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 7th, 8.00 p.m., John Donlon, first anniversary, and Dermot Donlon, Derryhawn.
Sunday 8th, 10.30 a.m., Deceased members of the Brennan Family, Lismagawley, and the MrGrath Family, Ratharney.
Friday 13th, 8.00 p.m., Canon Jeremiah Macaulay, first anniversary.
Saturday 14th, 8.00 p.m., Anna May Hopkins, month's mind, and Tom Hopkins, Newport.
Sunday 15th, 10.30 a.m., Tom and Mary Delaney, Carrowbeg.



STATION MASSES February 2015

BALLAGH AND CARRODGER	Maureen and Joseph Mallon	Monday, 9th
COLLUM AND DERRYDARRAGH	Yvonne and John Kenny	Thursday, 19th
FORTHILL	Caroline and Séamus Bermingham	Friday, 20th
DRUMNEE AND SAINTS' ISLAND	Carmel and Seán Hopkins	Monday, 23rd
PORTANURE	Nora Nolan	Thursday, 26th
CLARAS AND CROSS	Breda and Eamon Murphy	Friday, 27th

Confessions 7.45, Mass 8.00 p.m.

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