

# Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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The account of Pentecost in the first reading is dramatic. The scene is illustrated by images of wind and fire. Wind can be destructive but its force can also be harnessed to generate power. A gentle breeze can soothe on a hot day. Fire can destroy totally but it can also provide warmth, comfort and energy. The Holy Spirit transformed the disciples, giving them energy, enthusiasm and courage. The unexpected election of Pope Francis and the thrust of his papacy are signs of the Holy Spirit breathing new life and inspiration into the Church. A traditional Irish blessing includes the phrase, 'May the wind be always at your back'. May the Holy Spirit be always the wind at our backs.

- ✠ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m.; Saturday, 12.30 p.m. (Wedding Mass).
- ✠ Mass for the **Intentions of the People of the Parish**, *Missa pro Populo*, this Sunday, 8th, at 10.30 a.m. and on Saturday 14th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✠ Monday 9th, is the Feast of **St. Colmcille**, Secondary Patron of Ireland, 521-597. Born at Gartan, Co. Donegal, he founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow and Kells. He took sides in conflict between chieftains and the High King, and as penance for his involvement went into exile on the Island of Iona. The monastery he established on Iona became his principal foundation.  
**Monday 9th**, St. Ephrem, 306-373, native of Syria, founded the School of Theology at Edessa, lived a life of asceticism but also preached; played a leading role in promoting the use of hymns in public worship.  
**Wednesday 11th**, St. Barnabas, Apostle, native of Cyprus, originally named Joseph, the apostles called him Barnabas which means 'son of encouragement'. He accompanied St. Paul on his missionary journeys.  
**Friday 13th**, St. Anthony of Padua, 1195-1231, Franciscan, native of Portugal, preached against heresy. He is invoked in the search for lost items.  
**Saturday 14th**, St. Davnet, Monaghan, a staff, said to have been hers, has been preserved, and, in the past, was used as a test of truth.

✠ Sunday next, **Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**, is the last opportunity for fulfillment of Easter Duty - the obligation to receive worthily the Blessed Eucharist between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

✠ **Ordinary Time** resumes on Monday 9th. It is denoted by the wearing of green vestments.

✠ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** With effect from Wednesday 11th, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m., Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the South Transept (Women's Aisle). We thank Anthony Mulvihill who has made and installed a rack to accommodate books and pamphlets used by the Adoration group.



✠ **Recitation of the Rosary** concluded last weekend. Our thanks to those who coordinated, those who led the recitation and all who attended during the month of May.

✠ **Eucharistic Ministers** are reminded that copies of the new roster are now available and may be collected from the Sacristy after Mass.

**When coming to Holy Communion please:-** ● Stand close to the step, ● Hold your hands chest-high if you wish to receive in the hand, ● Form two lanes in the centre aisle and avoid 'lane-changing', ● Draw the minister's attention if a person or persons needs Communion where they are seated. ●

✠ **Lough Derg.** Pilgrims may commence the **Three Day Pilgrimage** on any day until Friday, 15th August. The cost is €70.00 to cover boat fare and accommodation. No reservation is required for the Three Day Pilgrimage.

**One Day Retreats** take place on designated dates in late August and September. The cost, €40.00, includes boat fare and a light lunch. Reservations essential. For more information contact: ☎ 071 986 1518, email: info@loughderg.org or visit: www.loughderg.org.

✠ **The School Board of Management** will meet in the school, on Thursday 12th, at 8.30 p.m.

✠ Items for inclusion in next weekend's **Newsletter** by midday on Thursday, please.

✠ **Tidy Towns.** Well done to all who came out on Thursday evening to ensure that the Village is presented to best advantage for first adjudication.

✠ **The Harvest Festival Committee** hold a Table Quiz in the Peer Inn, Lisnacusha, on Friday 13th, at 9.00 p.m. Table of four €40.00. Proceeds in aid of St. Christopher's Services. Refreshments will be served.

The recent Tractor Run, Kenagh-Newtowncashel-Kenagh, raised €600.00, also for St. Christopher's.

✠ **The Pentecost Dues** may be handed in this weekend, please.

✠ Thank you for last Sunday's collection, **€605.00.**

✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**

Saturday 7th, 8.00 p.m., Deceased members of the Shea Family, Clonmee.

Sunday 15th, 10.30 a.m., William and Teresa Costello;

Harry, Johnny and Kitty Costello, Cleraun.