



Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8th December, 2013

"Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight"

- ✘ **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 Tuesday 10th, at 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is celebrated on Monday 9th in deference to the Second Sunday of Advent. It is not a holyday of obligation this year.
- ✘ **Monday 9th** is the Feast of St. Juan Diego, 1474-1548, Mexico City, late convert, canonised by Pope John Paul II in 2002.
Wednesday 11th, St. Damasus I, Pope from 366 to 384, he commissioned St. Jerome to prepare the Vulgate (Latin) version of the Bible.
Thursday 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, Colmille and Brendan, the initiators of the great monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in 549.
Thursday 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City. Patron of the Americas.
Friday 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).
Saturday 14th, St. John of the Cross, Carmelite, 1542-1591, at the request of St. Teresa of Avila he undertook the reform of the Carmelite order, which cost him much hard work and many trials.
- ✘ **The Confessions** of 5th and 6th classes, St. Mary's National School, will be heard on Monday 9th, at 11.30 a.m., in Church, weather permitting; 3rd and 4th classes, on Tuesday 10th, at 11.30 a.m., in the School.
- ✘ **"Do This in Memory"**. The First Communion children and their parents participate in the liturgy on Sunday next, 15th, the Third Sunday of Advent.
- ✘ **Junior Choir** rehearsals for Christmas continue on Sundays, after Mass. All who wish to participate in the Christmas Day Children's Mass are invited to the rehearsals.
- ✘ **The Senior Choir** will rehearse for Christmas, in Church, on Thursday 12th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **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 four weeks in which to do so.
- ✘ **Christmas Cards**. This year's card, produced by Declan Gilmore, features a summer panorama of Newtowncashel Village. It's an appropriate theme in view of the sunshine we enjoyed. Cards are available in Kenny's Foodstore and are selling briskly, @ €1.00 each. Proceeds are in aid of St. Christopher's.



- ✘ **Congratulations** to Michael Flood and Cara Regan, who were married on Saturday, 30th November.
- ✘ **The Irish Catholic**. Subscriptions remain unchanged for **2014** and are now payable: **€78.00** for the full year. New subscribers are welcome. Please forward subscriptions to Deirdre O'Boyle, Cornadough, or place in the collection basket.
- ✘ **Pioneer Magazine 2014**. Subscription renewal also unchanged @ **€16.50**. Pioneer Calendar 2014; **€2.50**. Magazine and Calendar; **€19.00**. Remittances, please, to The Parochial House.
- ✘ **Cashel branch, Irish Farmers' Association**, holds it's A.G.M. in "The Hill" on Monday, 9th December, at 9.00 p.m. The agenda includes voting in the election of President and Deputy President, I.F.A. All members are asked to attend. New members welcome.
- ✘ **Longford Harvest Festival Dinner Dance** takes place at 8.00 p.m., on Friday 20th, in Gav's Bar, Kenagh. Music by Trevor Moyles. Tickets, €20.00 each, available from Paddy Finnegan, 087 270 5014. Copies of the Festival DVD are still available for the nominal price of €10.00.
- ✘ **The Parents' Association of St. Mary's National School** will run a Christmas Disco in "The Hill" on Sunday 15th from 4.00 to 6.00 sharp. Admission for school-going children, €2.00. Parents and younger siblings free. Drinks and goodie bags provided.
- ✘ **All at St. Mary's N.S.** wish to acknowledge with gratitude those who contributed to their recent fund-raising events. Sponsored readathon, €2,262.00, for M.S. Ireland (Multiple Sclerosis). Halloween "Fancy Dress" day, €299.00, for Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin.
On Wednesday, 11th December, Lenrec Ltd., recyclers, will collect from the school. Unwanted clothing and footwear may be left in the sheds at the rear of the school before 9.30 a.m.
Also on Wednesday 11th, the School Band will perform in "The Hill" from 1.00 to 2.00 p.m. All are welcome. In the spirit of Christmas admission is free!
- ✘ **Abbeyshrule Christmas Craft Fair** takes place on Sunday 15th 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. Contact Therese Mulligan, 087 928 0789; Betty McGoey, 044 935 7742.
- ✘ **Lanesboro Community College** holds a Christmas concert in aid of Philippines typhoon victims, in St. Mary's Hall, on Thursday 12th, at 8.00 p.m. Support would be greatly appreciated.
- ✘ **Lost and Found**. A child's handbag was left in the vicinity of the Church last weekend. Call to the Sacristy.
- ✘ **Recent collection totals:-** Sunday last **€585.00**.
November Dues, **€2,920.00**. Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 7th, 8.00 p.m., Alison Smyth, Lanesboro and New Row.
Sunday 8th, 10.30 a.m., Frank Nolan, Portanure.
Monday 9th, 8.00 p.m., James Healy, Pollagh.
Thursday 12th, 9.30 a.m., Brian Smyth, London and Tipper,
and deceased members of the Smyth Family, Tipper.
Friday 13th, James & Elizabeth Casey, Cornadough, and Elizabeth Casey, Carrowstrawley.
Saturday 14th, 8.00 p.m., Maisie Farrell, Streamstown, and
Sr. Mel (Hannah) Farrell, Streamstown and Drumshanbo.
Sunday 15th, 10.30 a.m., John Casey, Derrydarragh.
Please pray for Pat Costello, Tarmonbarry, and formerly of Pollagh, who died on Tuesday 3rd.