



Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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The temptation of Jesus in the desert.

In the second reading St. Paul is writing about Adam and Jesus, about the contrast between them and about the effect each had and has on our lives. We inherited our human nature from Adam. 'Twas from him we inherited our weaknesses, our tendency to sin. All our lives we struggle with this inherited tendency.

But Jesus reversed all that. *"If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift."* Our belonging to Adam is by nature. We have no choice in the matter. But our belonging to Christ is by choice. That is why all humankind inherits Adam's fallen human nature, whether we like it or not. But it is only those who choose to belong to Christ that will inherit the blessings that Christ has won for humanity.

- ✠ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7.00 a.m.
- ✠ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, *Missa pro Populo*, on Thursday 13th, at 7.00 a.m.
- ✠ **Sunday 9th** is the Feast of St. Frances of Rome, 1384-1440, a married woman, outstanding in her devotion to the needy.
Monday 10th, St. John Ogilvie, Jesuit, 1579-1615, Scotland, a convert to Catholicism, preached in disguise in Glasgow because of the restrictions of the time, betrayed and hanged; canonised 1976.
Tuesday 11th, St. Aengus, Clonenagh, Co. Laois. Abbot and bishop. Died 830.
Saturday 15th, St. Louise de Marillac, 1591-1660, France, widowed at 34, she founded the Daughters of Charity with St. Vincent de Paul, patron saint of social workers.
- ✠ **Lenten Masses**. During Lent, Mass is celebrated at 7.00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Everyone welcome.
- ✠ **The Stations of the Cross** – on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30 p.m. All are urged to make a special effort to participate in this traditional devotion.
- ✠ **The pre-Confirmation Ceremony of Light and Reconciliation** takes place on Wednesday 12th, at 7.30 p.m. The candidates for Confirmation and their fathers and mothers are expected to be present. Each child should bring his/her Baptismal Candle. Bishop Francis Duffy visited the Confirmation classes at St. Mary's N.S. on Thursday. In this instance it was the visitor who fielded all the questions!

- ✠ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will conclude at 7.00 p.m., this Wednesday, because of the pre-Confirmation ceremony.
- ✠ **Eucharistic Ministers**. The diocesan pastoral team hope to arrange collective training during Lent, with new recruits from other parishes. It is hoped that existing ministers will avail of training as a refresher course.
- ✠ **The Junior Choir** will rehearse in Church on Saturday 15th, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., in preparation for 'Do This in Memory' on Sunday 23rd. Please note the earlier date for the rehearsal due to Confirmation on Saturday 22nd.
- ✠ **St. Patrick's Day Parades**. This year the theme of the Longford parade, which commences at 12.30 p.m., is "Longford: Arts and Culture". St. Fáithleach's G.A.A. car park is the starting point for the Ballyleague/Lanesboro parade at 2.30 p.m. Entries close on Wednesday 12th.
- ✠ **P.T.A.A. A Regional Pioneer Meeting** will be held in Tealach Íosa (The McGoeys Hall), St. Mel's Road/Chapel Street, Longford, on Thursday 13th, at 8.30 p.m. All representatives are asked to attend.
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Tidy Towns**. The March meeting, postponed in deference to Ash Wednesday, will be held in "The Hill" on Wednesday 12th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✠ **Cadbury's Leinster G.A.A Under 21 Football Championship**. Well done to the Longford team and Cashel clubmen, Andrew Farrell and Gavin Kelly, who, on Wednesday, beat Laois after extra time. They meet Dublin in the Semi Final at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise on Wednesday week, 19th, at 7.30 p.m.
- ✠ **County Longford Ploughing Association**. Saturday's Novice Match in the Harvest Festival field was well attended. Ideal conditions belied the incessant rainfall of recent weeks and months, making it easier for learners and tutors alike. Longford Ploughing Championships take place on Palm Sunday, 13th April, at Cranleybeg, Edgeworthstown.
- ✠ **TRÓCAIRE** envelopes, containing information leaflets and family fast boxes, are available at the church doors. Please take one. The focus of this year's Lenten campaign is on the global water crisis and how Trócaire is working with communities to help them gain access to clean water for domestic consumption and agricultural use.
- ✠ **Contributions to the Monthly Collection** for March, this weekend, please.
- ✠ **Thank you** for last Sunday's collection **€605.00**.
- ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**
 Saturday 8th, 8.00 p.m., Paddy Hopkins, Drumnee.
 Sunday 9th, 10.30 a.m., Michael and Mary Whitlow, Derrymacar.
 Monday 10th, 8.00 p.m., Brian Ganly, Portanure.
 Tuesday 11th, 7.00 a.m., Ellen Skelly, Cross.
 Saturday 15th, 8.00 p.m., Teresa Flynn, Curroole.
 Sunday 16th, 10.30 a.m., Maura Casey, Cornadough.
 Monday 17th, St. Patrick's Day, 10.30 a.m.,

Canon Jeremiah Macaulay, Month's Mind.

The Diocesan Month's Mind Mass for Canon Jeremiah Macaulay will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Edgeworthstown, on Friday 14th, at 7.00 p.m.