

Sunday 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.

Tuesday 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.

Thursday 13th, St. Anthony of Padua, 1195-1231, Franciscan, native of Portugal, preached against heresy. He is invoked in the search for lost items.

Friday 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.

- ✤ Year of Faith. A word of thanks to the significant number of people who came to the Church on Sunday last for an hour's Adoration in unison with Pope Francis' Holy Hour in St. Peter's Basilica.
- ✤ A Senior Choir practice will be held in the Church on Wednesday 12th, at 9.00 p.m. The choir have been invited to take part in a Choral Performance in Longford on Saturday, 29th June, as part of the Longford Arts Festival.
- ✤ St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society holds its quarterly Diocesan Meeting of society members in the Family Centre/Tealach Íosa (The McGoey Hall), St. Mel's Road/Chapel Street, Longford, this Sunday, 9th, at 3.00 p.m.
- ✤ Cemetery Sundays:- Saints' Island Cemetery, 18th August; Cashel Cemetery, 25th August. Mass and Prayers for the Dead, 6.00 p.m. These Masses will replace the 10.30 a.m. Mass in the Church.

- ✤ Pattern Day will be celebrated at Lady Well, Derrydarragh, on Saturday, 7th September, eve of the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass follows the recitation of the Rosary at 6.00 p.m. This Mass will replace the Saturday evening Mass in the Church.
- ➡ Baptisms. Welcomed into the Christian community were:-Kate Helen Sheehan, daughter of Richard Sheehan and Mairéad Fallon, Derrymacar, on Saturday, 1st June, and Luke Thomas McDonagh, son of Patrick and Natalie (Walker) McDonagh, Derrygowna, on Sunday, 2nd June.



✤ Pro Life. People are urged to continue to pray for an enlightened and conscientious decision by politicians on the abortion issue.

"We have to ask the question again: in what other area would a 'treatment' that is not appropriate, that brings clear risks to the health of a mother - and which results in the death of another totally innocent person - be legislated for by our public representatives?"- Archbishop Michael Neary, 2nd June, 2013.

- ✤ Ballot papers for the election of a new Parish Pastoral Council should be returned this weekend or as soon as possible. Our thanks to members of the current council who distributed the papers.
- ✤ St. Mary's N.S. Board of Management will meet in the school on Thursday, 13th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✤ Tidy Towns. Full marks to the people who have done so much to present the Village to best advantage. All are asked to be vigilant with regard to litter disposal and control. In 2012 the first adjudication took place on 5th June. The judges are due any day now and may well have visited already. Let's hope that 'blue' is their favourite colour!
- ➡ Harvest Festival. A fundraising Table Quiz will be held in Doyle's of Kenagh, on Friday, 28th June. A Sponsored Walk takes place along the Grand Canal at Kenagh, on Sunday, 14th July. The Festival is in Newtowncashel on Sunday, 1st September. Proceeds in aid of St. Christopher's, Newtowncashel Tidy Towns and Cashel G.A.A. Club.
- ✤ The Longford Cycle Tour will take place on Sunday 16th, 10.30 a.m. at the Mall Complex, Longford, with 15km,50km and 100km routes. For further information: www.longfordsports.ie or <sup>∞</sup> 043 334 3450.
- ★ Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver. Sister Lucyna Wisniowska SS PC acknowledges with thanks the generous sum of €461.00, donations contributed on the occasion of her visit on Saturday/Sunday 25th/26th May and subsequently.
- ♥ Contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection next weekend, please.
- ★ Thank you for last Sunday's collection €590.00.
- Masses for the Dead:-

Saturday 8th, 8.00 p.m., Deceased members of the Shea Family, Clonmee. Sunday 9th, 10.30 a.m., Deceased members of the Murray Family, Claras. Saturday 15th, 8.00 p.m., Fr. Michael Killian P.P., month's mind.