

- Mass on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m.; Thursday, 7.00 a.m.
- Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish, on Thursday 14th at 7.00 a.m.
- ✤ Sunday 10th is the Feast of St. Scholastica, born in Italy, sister of St. Benedict and one of the first Benedictine nuns, died 543.

Monday 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**.

Monday 11th, St. Gobnait, Ballyvourney, West Cork, celebrated for her care and curing of the sick. Thursday 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.

Thursday 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.

Friday 15th, St. Claude La Colombière, 1641-1682, He was confessor to St. Margaret Mary whom he encouraged in reviving devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Canonized in 1992. His relics visited Ireland, June/July, 2006.

Saturday 16th, St. Onesimus, a slave who robbed his master Philemon and fled to Rome where he was converted by St. Paul who sent him back to his master with a letter asking that he be accepted as a brother, and offering to repay anything his slave had taken. St. Paul's letter to Philemon is one of the books of the New Testament.

- Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and a day of fast and abstinence. Fast
 = one full meal and two "collations", light meals. Abstinence = the use of meat or its products is forbidden. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at Mass, morning and evening.
- ✤ Lenten Masses. During Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning on Ash Wednesday. This arrangement will give a greater number of people an opportunity to receive the ashes and to come to Mass during Lent.
- ✤ The Stations of the Cross is a devotion that may be performed at any time of year but is particularly suited to the Lenten Season. Instead of the Rosary the Way of the Cross will be followed in Church 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 Pioneer Association offers non-members a six-week pledge for the Lenten Season.

- ✤ Cashel P.T.A.A. We congratulate the four Golden Jubilarians and the Silver Jubilarian who receive their emblems and diplomas this Sunday. Twelve children enroll as Young Pioneers. It is hoped that many of them will become full members when they turn sixteen.
- ✤ Getting Married? The calendar of ACCORD Marriage preparation courses in on the Church notice boards. Accord also offers a Marriage and Relationship counselling service. Accord, Longford:- 043 334 7222, accordlongford@eircom.net, www.accord.ie
- ★ Newtowncashel Drama Group present "Callaghan's Place" by John McDwyer, in "The Hill" this Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets may be booked with Kevin Casey, 086 252 1536, or any member of the group, €10.00/€5.00.
- ✤ The Irish Blood Transfusion Service holds blood donation clinics at the Longford Arms Hotel, on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th, from 4.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
- ✤ Cashel G.A.A. A further sitting of the A.G.M. takes place in the Clubhouse on Monday 11th at 9.00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.
- ✤ TRÓCAIRE envelopes, containing information leaflets and family fast boxes, are available at the church doors. Please take one. The focus of this year's campaign is Trócaire's work with villagers in eastern India.
- ✤ The Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims' Annual Collection will be taken up next weekend, Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th. The fund is used to subsidise the air fare of sick or assisted people who join the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Generous support greatly appreciated.

The Annual Pilgrimage takes place from 27th May to 1st June, and 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.

♥ The Shrove Dues may be handed in this weekend, please.



- ♥ Church heating is now costing €1,000.00 per month.
- ✤ Thank you for last Sunday's collection €640.00.

Masses for the Dead:-

Saturday 9th, 8.00 p.m., John Tom & Patricia Smyth, Curroole. Sunday 10th, 10.30 a.m., Thomas & Mary Delaney, Carrowbeg. Monday 11th, 8.00 p.m., Michael Healy, Drumnee.

Saturday 16th, 8.00 p.m., Deceased members of the Brennan Family, Lismagawley and the McGrath Family, Ratharney.

Sunday 17th, 10.30 a.m., Thomas Hopkins, Newpark.

STATION MASSES February 2013		
ELFEET AND LOUGHFARM	Monica & Daniel Farrell	Tuesday 12th
DERRYDARRAGH AND COLLUM	Olivia & John Morrissey	Thursday 14th
CARROWBEG AND LEAB	Síle & Gary Mulvihill	Friday 15th
POLLAGH	Maureen & P.J. Dowd	Monday 18th
LOUGHAWN AND DERMEANA	Kathleen Clarke	Tuesday 19th
DRUMNEE AND SAINTS' ISLAND	Bríd & Michael Hopkins	Thursday 21st
CLERAUN AND LISMAGAWLEY	Anna & James Costello	Monday 25th
FORTHILL	Rachael & Mark Bermingham	Tuesday 26th
CROSS AND CLARAS	Gráinne & Joseph Mulvihill	Thursday 28th
Confessions 7.45, Mass 8.00 p.m. 135		