



Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

Fr. Gerard Brady P.P.

Tel. 043 332 5112, 087 231 2353

E-mail: bvmnewtowncashel@eircom.net

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER FIRST COMMUNION DAY

10th May, 2015

We need ordinary food to give us the energy to work and play and learn. In the same way Jesus gives us the Bread of Life to help us live as he wants us to.

REFERENDUM ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE

Respect and dignity have not always been the experience of many in our society including those who are gay. Changes are needed which will draw on our capacities of love, compassion and respect. However, the question put before us on May 22nd, proposes changing our understanding of marriage. Such a change potentially alters the whole structure of marriage and parenthood and also leaves us with unanswered questions about possible consequences. This deserves deep prayer and reflection as we consider the meaning of marriage.

✠ Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois.

Recent comments by Government Ministers, and others supporting the proposal, suggest that they no longer believe that there is a special value in a child having the love of a mother and a father, or that men and women bring something distinct or unique to the lives of their children. They seem to believe that gender does not matter. These comments affirm the view that when you redefine marriage, you redefine the family and you redefine the very meaning of parenthood.

✠ Michael Smith, Bishop of Meath.

Further details at www.meaningofmarriage.ie

- ✠ **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**, *Missa pro Populo*, on Monday 11th, at 8.00 p.m., and on Sunday 17th, at 10.30 a.m.
- ✠ Sunday 10th is the Feast of St. Comgall, 516-605, Abbot, Down and Connor. Tuesday 12th, Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Roman soldiers martyred in 304. Tuesday 12th, St. Pancras, a boy of 14 who suffered martyrdom at the same time as Sts. Nereus and Achilleus. A parish and a major railway station in London bear his name. St. Pancras International Railway Station is the London terminus of the Eurostar rail service. Wednesday 13th, Our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children, Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, near Fatima, Portugal, on six occasions in 1917.

Thursday 14th, St. Matthias, Apostle, chosen to replace Judas. Preached in Judea and Turkey. Friday 15th, St. Carthage, born Co. Kerry, 555, founded monasteries at Rahan Co. Offaly and at Lismore. Died 14th May, 637. First Bishop and Patron of Lismore. Friday 15th, St. Dymphna, 7th century, born in Ireland, martyred at Gheel in Belgium, patron saint of those who suffer from mental illnesses. Saturday 16th, St. Brendan, 486-578, a native of Kerry he founded a monastery at Clonfert and is patron of that diocese.

- ✠ This Sunday, 10th, is **First Communion Day**. Eleven children receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time. The Mass at 12.00 noon replaces the scheduled Sunday Mass. Light refreshments will be served in "The Hill", courtesy of the Parents' Association.
- ✠ **The Re-dedication of St. Mel's Cathedral** takes place on Sunday next, 17th May, at 3.30 p.m. Four tickets are available to parishioners. Names in writing, to Fr. Brady, by this Sunday, 10th May. If oversubscribed, the tickets will be assigned by lottery.
- ✠ **The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet in "The Hill" on Tuesday 12th, at 8.30 p.m.—deferred from Thursday last. The business of the meeting is to include the distribution of financial acknowledgements for the year 2014, and Tax Reclaim forms.
- ✠ **The Tidy Towns Walk** on Bank Holiday Monday was blessed with favourable weather and took in €1,250.00. The committee thank all who supported and participated.
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Playground Committee** hold a Tug of War fundraiser on 24th May at 2.30 p.m. in the Village. Teams of 5 with €50 entry fee. Those who feel up to the challenge may register by contacting Damien Geraghty, 087 823 5070, before 21st May. Ladies and Men's teams welcome. Barbecue on the day. Live music in "The Local" from 6.00 p.m. Twenty-one Cashel ladies will participate in this year's mini-marathon on 1st June. They will run/walk in memory of baby Keela Geraghty and raise funds for the development of the playground in Newtowncashel. To supplement the fundraising the ladies will hold a cake sale and raffle after Masses on the weekend of the marathon, 30th and 31st May. Donations of cakes, foodstuffs and spot prizes would be greatly appreciated. For further information contact Kate Mulvihill, 086 381 7566; Laura Dermody, 086 822 2677.
- ✠ The Church Gate collection for **Cystic Fibrosis Ireland**, taken up in Newtowncashel on 25th and 26th April, realised **€315.00**. The organisers thank the collectors and all who contributed so generously.
- ✠ Contributions to the collection for the **Holy Land**, next weekend, please.
- ✠ Thank you for last Sunday's collection, **€761.00**.
- ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 9th, 8.00 p.m., Joseph Farrell, Blanchardstown and Ballina, John and Frances Farrell, Ballina.
Friday 15th, 8.00 p.m., Michael and Brigid Mahedy, Caltramore.
Saturday 16th, 8.00 p.m., Sadie Kenny, Newpark.
Please pray for Joe Ryder, New Jersey, U.S.A., and formerly of Ballinahinch, who died on Tuesday, 5th May. Funeral arrangements later.

Fergus got a scholarship to University College Cork, in the early 1960s. At that time there was no such thing as arriving home saying you did not like the course or that you needed a year out to find yourself. There were harsher realities to life.

Colm O'Rourke, writing about his late brother, Fergus, in the Sunday Independent.