

# Parish of Cashel



CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Baptism is much more than getting our names in the register. Baptism is a moment of new life. It's a moment of choice. We choose what we accept and believe, we decide what we wish reject. Baptism is a time of challenge - how we're going to live up to the choice we have made. And it's a time of commitment. We commit ourselves to these promises throughout our lives.

We spend our lives catching up with our beginning, struggling to fulfil the promises made on our behalf. What started at our Christening needs to be validated by our personal decisions. We haven't left our Baptism behind us. It faces us each day as God's expectation of us.

- ✠ **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 Tuesday 13th, at 9.30 a.m. and on Sunday 18th, at 10.30 a.m.
- ✠ Tuesday 13th is the Feast of St. Hilary, 315-367, elected bishop of his native city of Poitiers in France, exiled by the Emperor because of his relentless opposition to the Arian heresy which denied the divinity of Christ.  
**Wednesday 14th**, St. Felix of Nola, Italian priest, tortured under the Emperor Decius, credited with many conversions, died 260.  
**Thursday 15th**, St. Ita. Young people, male and female came to her monastery at Killeedy, Co. Limerick, hence her title, "*Foster Mother of the saints of Ireland*", she died in 570.  
**Friday 16th**, St. Fursa, born in Ireland, became one of the great monastic missionaries with foundations in East Anglia and in France where he died about 650.  
**Saturday 17th**, St. Anthony, "*Father of Christian monks*", lived a life of solitude but also guided others, died 570.
- ✠ **Ordinary Time** begins on Monday 12th. This is the term used to describe periods in the Church year which do not feature a liturgical season. It is denoted by the colour green and runs from the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord to the beginning of Lent and from Pentecost to Advent.

- ✠ **"Do This in Memory"**. The First Communion children and their parents participate in the liturgy on Sunday next, 18th, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- ✠ **The Junior Choir** will rehearse in Church on Saturday 17th, 5.00 to 6.00 p.m., in preparation for 'Do This in Memory'.
- ✠ **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins next Sunday. The theme, **Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink"**, is inspired by chapter 4, verse 7, of St. John's Gospel. Material for the week of prayer was prepared by representatives of Christian Churches in Brazil.
- ✠ **Catholic Schools Week** runs from Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st, January. The theme chosen this year is: "*Catholic Schools, Called to Serve*".
- ✠ **Dates and times, 2015:-**
  - First Confessions, Thursday, 5th March, 7.00 p.m.
  - First Holy Communion, Sunday, 10th May, 12.00 noon.
  - Cemetery Sunday, Saints' Island, 23rd August, 6.00 p.m.
  - Cemetery Sunday, Cashel, 30th August, 6.00 p.m.
  - Pattern at Lady Well, Saturday, 5th September, 6.00 p.m.
- ✠ Items for the **Newsletter** by midday on Thursday, please.
- ✠ **Viatores Christi**. For those interested in overseas volunteering and/or joining the VC Training Course on Overseas Development & Mission, Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 17th, at 12.00 noon at V.C. HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7. Tel. 01 868 9986 info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Tidy Towns** holds its Annual General Meeting in "The Hill", on Wednesday 14th, at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.
- ✠ **Warmer Homes Scheme**. Those considering availing of the scheme are reminded to check the Longford Warmer Homes Ltd. website and facebook page to confirm eligibility for free Attic and Cavity insulation. Homes constructed before 2006 are now eligible. Call 043 339 3255 www.lwh.ie www.facebook.com/LongfordWarmerHomesLtd
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Playground Committee** hold a Table Quiz fundraiser in the Peer Inn on Friday 23rd, at 9.00 p.m. Table of four €40.00. All welcome and support will be appreciated. A raffle will be held on the night.
- ✠ Thank you for last Sunday's collection, **€685.00**.
- ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**
  - Saturday 10th**, 8.00 p.m., Kieran Eustace, New Row, Month's Mind.
  - Sunday 11th**, 10.30 a.m., Mary Ellen and Michael John Greally and deceased members of the Greally Family, Carrickmoran, the Ward Family, Clonmee, and Matt Concannon.
  - Friday 16th**, 8.00 p.m., William, Gretta and Raymond Keen, London and Ballyrevagh.
  - Saturday 17th**, 8.00 p.m., John and Margaret Muldoon, Greenhall Upper, and Jimmy Kennedy, Aughnacross.