



# Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
VOCATIONS SUNDAY  
FIRST COMMUNION DAY  
10th/11th May, 2014**

*Over the coming decade 22 priests now in ministry in parishes will retire. The diocese has two students studying for the priesthood so the outlook for the short to medium term is one of a dramatic decline in the number of priests.*

Bishop Francis Duffy.

- ✘ **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 am. (Sunday 11th, 12.00 noon, First Communion Day).
- ✘ **Mass for The Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Monday 12th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Monday 12th** is the Feast of Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Roman soldiers martyred in 304. **Monday 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. **Tuesday 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. **Wednesday 14th**, St. Matthias, Apostle, chosen to replace Judas. Preached in Judea and Turkey. **Thursday 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. **Thursday 15th**, St. Dymphna, 7th century, born in Ireland, martyred at Gheel in Belgium, patron saint of those who suffer from mental illnesses. **Friday 16th**, St. Brendan, 486-578, a native of Kerry he founded a monastery at Clonfert and is patron of that diocese.
- ✘ This Sunday, 11th, is **First Communion Day**. Six 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".
- ✘ **Eucharistic Ministers**. Our thanks to all who attended training on Friday night and to Fr. James MacKiernan who presented the programme. The new ministers will be commissioned during the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 25th.
- ✘ **Teen Mass**. A preparatory meeting will be held in Church on Thursday 15th, at 8.00 p.m. It is hoped that exam students, in particular, will attend. The Mass is on Saturday, 31st May, Feast of the Ascension, with the focus on examinations.

- ✘ **Vocations Sunday**. Copies of Bishop Duffy's message on the urgent issue of vocations are available at the church doors. Please take one.
- ✘ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place on Wednesdays, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Recitation of the Rosary** continues on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. until the end of the month. All are invited to make a special effort to attend the Rosary during the month of May.
- ✘ **Cemetery Sundays:-** Saints' Island Cemetery, 24th August; Cashel Cemetery, 31st 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, 6th September. Mass follows the recitation of the Rosary at 6.00 p.m. This Mass will replace the Saturday evening Mass in the Church.
- ✘ The relics of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** visit the Carmelite Church, Moate, on Friday 16th. Mass will be celebrated at 7.15 p.m.
- ✘ **Medjugorje Jubilee, Ardagh and Clonmacnois Youth Pilgrimage**. The 25th International Youth Prayer Festival takes place from Thursday, 31st July, to Wednesday, 6th August. (Pilgrims arrive on Wednesday 30th.) 7 nights half board in guesthouse close to St. James' Church. Total cost, €659.00. Young people aged 16-35 are welcome. Contact the Diocesan Youth Centre, ☎ 090 647 3358, or email: anita.allenym@gmail.com by Wednesday, 14th May. A week of fun, friendship, music, exploration and prayer.
- ✘ **The Tidy Towns Walk** on Bank Holiday Monday was very successful, discouraging weather clearing just in time! The committee thank all who supported and participated.
- ✘ **The Harvest Festival** will be held on Sunday 31st August, commencing at 12.00 noon. The Festival Committee stage a Tractor Run on Sunday, 25th May, leaving Kenagh at 12.00 noon, arriving Newtowncashel, 1.00 p.m. and returning to Kenagh. Entry fee €20.00 per tractor. Proceeds to St. Christopher's. Contact: Paddy Finnegan, Chairman, 087 270 5014, or Rachel Thompson, 087 677 2454.
- ✘ **An Post Rás**. Stage 1 passes through Co. Longford on Sunday next, 18th, reaching Edgeworthstown at 2.30 p.m., approximately. A 'King of the Mountains' climb features at Richmount Hill, Carrickboy, (400 feet). At Ballymahon Post Office there's a 'Prime & Hot Spot Sprint'. The stage then continues to Lanesboro en route to Roscommon.
- ✘ **National Volunteer Week, 12th–18th May**. A talk entitled "How to mind yourself as a Volunteer" will be given by Paul Marsden, occupational psychologist, in the E.D.I. Centre, Mastertech Business Park, Athlone Road, Longford, on Thursday 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Entertainment by Longford Voices United Community Gospel Choir. Refreshments served. Contact Terri Doherty, 087 291 5367, to confirm attendance. [www.volunteerlongford.ie](http://www.volunteerlongford.ie)
- ✘ Contributions to the collection for the **Holy Land**, next weekend, please.
- ✘ Thank you for last Sunday's collection **€645.00**.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
  - Saturday 10th, 8.00 p.m., Joseph Farrell, Ballina and Blanchardstown;  
John and Frances Farrell, Ballina.
  - Friday 16th, 8.00 p.m., Michael and Brigid Mahedy, Caltramore.
  - Saturday 17th, 8.00 p.m., John and Elizabeth McArdle, Forthill.
  - Sunday 18th, 10.30 a.m., Fr. Michael Killian, first anniversary.

