

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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HAVE YOUR LAMPS LIT!

Preparation for the life hereafter is an ongoing process. It's like continuous assessment in school or college. It's never done and dusted and put away. The way we live from day to day, our whole attitude to life and living, these are part of our preparation. Patrick Kavanagh said that *"God is in the bits and pieces of everyday."* So with our preparation for the call to the next life.

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ Thursday, 15th August, is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy-day of obligation. Mass at 10.30 a.m. and 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish, *Missa pro Populo***, on Saturday 17th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ Sunday 11th is the Feast of St. Clare, 1193-1253, born at Assisi, followed the example of St. Francis, founded the Poor Clares.
Monday 12th, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, 1572-1641, mother of six children, widowed at 29. Helped by St. Francis de Sales she founded several convents of the Visitation Sisters.
Monday 12th, St. Muredach, a disciple of St. Patrick and appointed by him as bishop of the Church of Killala. Principal patron of that diocese.
Monday 12th, St. Attracta, received the nun's veil from St. Patrick. Secondary patron of Achonry.
Monday 12th, St. Lelia, had a church at Killeely near Thomond Bridge, Limerick City.
Tuesday 13th, St. Pontian, Pope in 231, exiled to Sardinia, resigned the papacy so that an active person might be elected, martyred through ill treatment in exile.
Tuesday 13th, St. Hippolytus, writer and teacher, also exiled to Sardinia to suffer the same fate as St. Pontian.
Tuesday 13th, St. Fachtna, Rosscarbery, West Cork, said to have been fostered by St. Ita. Founder and principal patron of the diocese of Ross.
Wednesday 14th, St. Maximilian Kolbe, 1894-1941, Franciscan, worked in the religious press in Poland and Japan, died in Auschwitz so that another prisoner might live.
Friday 16th, St. Stephen of Hungary, 975-1038, first king of Hungary, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.

Saturday 17th is the Feast of Our Lady of Knock. The Liturgical Calendar and the Roman Missal give this date though, at the Shrine, the Feast is celebrated on 21st August, the anniversary of Our Lady's apparition in 1879.

- ✘ **Episcopal Ordination.** Fr. Francis Duffy, bishop designate, will be ordained Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, in St. Mary's Church, Athlone, at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 6th October.
- ✘ **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.
Drivers are asked to leave the parking areas in the immediate vicinity of the cemeteries free for cars transporting persons of diminished or limited mobility. All are requested to cooperate with the stewards at Cashel Cemetery and avoid causing obstruction. The driveway into the cemetery should be used for set-down only, not for parking.
Plot holders are urged to look after the resting places of their departed.
- ✘ **Cemeteries Collections.** The cemeteries at Saints' Island and Cashel are maintained to a very high standard, a feature noted and appreciated by all who visit them. Maintenance is carried out under the Rural Social Scheme. It is fifteen years since a collection was held to defray the cost of materials and requisites. Funds are now depleted. Collections will be taken up at both burial grounds before Mass on Cemetery Sundays. Generous support is anticipated.
- ✘ **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.
- ✘ **Next Newsletter**, Saturday/Sunday, 24th/25th August.
- ✘ **Longford Westmeath Education and Training Board** (formerly VEC) is now offering Advanced Certificate in Business FETAC Level 6 (part time). This course is provided free under BTEI (Back to Education Initiative) and is particularly suited to unemployed people who have already worked in a supervisory capacity. Places on the course will be offered following interview. For more information contact: Adult Educational Guidance Service ☎ 043 334 8177.
- ✘ **Rose of Tralee.** Aisling Farrell will represent Longford in this year's pageant. A fundraising event takes place in the Peer Inn this Saturday from 9.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. The night includes the draw for the Rose of Tralee fundraiser. Irish music and song; refreshments served. The promoters thank all who bought tickets and lent their support.
- ✘ **Tax Reclaim.** We thank those who have already returned their forms or advised of their ineligibility. The early return of outstanding papers would be greatly appreciated as the claim cannot be submitted to Revenue until all forms are filed.
- ✘ The recent **EDI** church gate collection raised **€240.00**, while that for **Chernobyl Children** realised **€212.00**. The respective bodies thank the collectors and the generous contributors.
- ✘ Thank you for last Sunday's collection: **€490.00**.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 10th, 8.00 p.m., John & Brigid Kenny, Ballinahinch.
Sunday 11th, 10.30 a.m., Frank Slevin Senr., Cornadough, and
Frances Slevin Campbell, Nuneaton and Cornadough.
Thursday 15th, Feast of the Assumption, 8.00 p.m., Peter Murtagh, Newpark,
and Seán Murtagh, Newpark and Fermoyale.