

# Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

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*Prayer and abstinence lie at the heart of Pioneer spirituality – two powerful ways in which to address the problems caused by excess in our society.*

- ✘ **We welcome** Bishop Francis who celebrates Mass in Newtowncashel this Saturday and Sunday at the invitation of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, 9.30 a.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 7.00 a.m.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Ash Wednesday, 18th, at 7.00 a.m.
- ✘ **Saturday 14th** is the Feast of 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.  
**Sunday 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.  
**Tuesday 17th**, St. Fintan; studied at Terryglass Co. Tipperary on the shores of Lough Derg, founded a monastery at Clonenagh, Co. Laois, renowned for his austere way of life, died 603.  
**Tuesday 17th**, The Seven Founders of the Servite Order; seven prominent citizens of Florence who, in 1233, set themselves up as hermits outside the city. From this beginning developed the Servite Order. The Seven Founders were canonised in 1888.  
**Saturday 21st**, St. Peter Damian, 1007-1072, Italian Cardinal, one of the greatest reformers of the Middle Ages.
- ✘ **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, 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m..
- ✘ **Lenten Masses**. During Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning on Ash Wednesday. This arrangement gives a greater number of people an opportunity 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.  
**Any teenager** interested in leading the Stations of the Cross on one of the Fridays of Lent is asked to leave his/her name in the Sacristy.

- ✘ **The Pioneer Lenten Challenge** offers non-members a Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. See notice-board. [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie), ☎ 01 874 9464.
- ✘ **Cashel P.T.A.A.** We congratulate the four Golden Jubilarians who receive their emblems and diplomas from Bishop Duffy this Sunday. Eleven children enroll as Young Pioneers. It is hoped that many of them will become full members when they turn sixteen.
- ✘ **The Regional Pioneer Table Quizzes** take place in the Temperance Hall, Longford, on Thursday, 12th March, at 8.00 p.m. Details next week.
- ✘ **The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet in "The Hill" on Tuesday 24th, at 8.00 p.m. The main item on the agenda is discussion of questions relating to the Synod of Bishops on the Family.
- ✘ **Cemeteries Committee**. Following a poorly attended A.G.M. last week, a further meeting will take place in the Hill on Ash Wednesday, 18th, at 8.45 p.m. The present Committee, which has been in existence for over 22 years, has done tremendous work. The members have resigned but will facilitate next Wednesday night's meeting. It is essential that a new committee be formed to submit to Longford Community Resources Ltd. an application for the Rural Social Scheme (RSS), before the deadline - 27th February. If this application is not submitted the current scheme, under which the cemeteries are maintained, will finish at the end of March, 2015.
- ✘ **Newtowncashel Drama Group** presents "Too Close to Home", a three-act comedy by Jimmy Keary in "The Hill", from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th, March, inclusive. Ticket only admission. To book, call, 086 252 1536. Adults and third level students, €10.00; Primary school children and second level students €5.00.
- ✘ **TRÓCAIRE** envelopes, containing information leaflets and family fast boxes, are available at the church doors. Please take one. This year's Lenten campaign concentrates on the effects of climate change as illustrated by drought in Ethiopia.
- ✘ **The Shrove Dues** should be handed in this weekend, please.
- ✘ **Thank you** for last Sunday's collection, **€670.00**.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**  
**Saturday 14th**, 8.00 p.m., Anna May Hopkins, month's mind, and Tom Hopkins, Newpark.  
**Sunday 15th**, 10.30 a.m., Tom and Mary Delaney, Carrowbeg.  
**Monday 16th**, 8.00 p.m., Deceased members of the Bermingham and Dolan Families, Cross and Newtownflanigan.  
**Thursday 19th**, 7.00 a.m., Michael Healy, Drumnee.  
**Saturday 21st**, 8.00 p.m., John, Mary Margaret and John Skelly Jnr., Cornaguillagh.  
**Sunday 22nd**, 10.30 a.m., Peter and Elizabeth Hopkins and deceased members of the Hopkins Family, Drumnee.  
**Please pray** for Teresa Finnegan nee Casserly, Cormaglava, who died on Sunday 8th Feb., and for Fr. Padraig MacGowan P.P., Ballymahon, who died suddenly on Friday 13th, aged 74 years.

## STATION MASSES February 2015

COLLUM AND DERRYDARRAGH	Yvonne and John Kenny	Thursday, 19th
FORTHILL	Caroline and Séamus Bermingham	Friday, 20th
DRUMNEE AND SAINTS' ISLAND	Carmel and Seán Hopkins	Monday, 23rd
PORTANURE	Nora Nolan	Thursday, 26th
CLARAS AND CROSS	Breda and Eamon Murphy	Friday, 27th

**Confessions 7.45, Mass 8.00 p.m.**

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