

# Parish of Cashel



CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LAETARE SUNDAY

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Today's Gospel includes John 3:16, familiar from placards at sporting events. *"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life."* This is the core message of the Christian faith. God loves us; he sent Jesus to save us from our 'lost' condition and to bring us to that fullness of life that we call salvation.

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday and Friday, 8.00 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 7.00 a.m.;
- ✘ Tuesday 17th is **St. Patrick's Day**, a Holyday of Obligation. Mass at 10.30 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. The dates of St. Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty but tradition has it that, having spent his youth as a slave in Ireland, he returned as bishop in 432. His mission was eventually very successful making a tremendous number of converts. He died in 461 and is buried at Downpatrick, Co. Down. St. Patrick is venerated as Patron Saint of Ireland.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Wednesday 18th, at 7.00 a.m.
- ✘ Sunday 15th is the Feast of St. Louise de Marillac, 1591-1660, France, widowed at 34, she founded the Daughters of Charity with St. Vincent de Paul, patron saint of social workers. Wednesday, 18th, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, 315-386, Bishop of Jerusalem, catechist and administrator, exiled in his fight against heresy. Thursday 19th, St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, venerated as protector of Christian families. Patron of Canada, carpenters and manual workers. Saturday 21st, St. Enda, a late vocation. His sister Fænche, a nun, turned his thoughts to the religious life. On her urging he went to Aran. He died c 520.
- ✘ **Lenten Masses**. Morning Mass, this week, on Wednesday and Thursday at 7 o'clock. Everyone welcome.
- ✘ **The Stations of the Cross**, are conducted by second level students, 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.
- ✘ **Volunteers for Holy Week**. Fr. Brady would like to hear from people who are willing to read or to participate in the re-enactment of the Washing of the Feet.
- ✘ **St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society** holds its monthly meeting in "The Hill" on Monday 16th, at 8.30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

- ✘ **Pioneer Quiz Winners**. Well done to the team from St. Mary's N.S. who won the Regional Pioneer Under-13 Table Quiz on Thursday night. They go forward to the Leinster Final in Mountmellick on Sunday 29th. We thank the mentors who made the team's participation possible.
- ✘ **Cashel P.T.A.A.** A Pioneer meeting will be held in the Sacristy on Friday 20th, at 8.30 p.m. (after Mass). The main item on the agenda is the Pioneer Outing 2015.
- ✘ **The School Board of Management** will meet in the school on Thursday 19th at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **"The Mass of St. Mel"** will be launched on Saturday, 11th April. All choir members in the Diocese are invited to attend this special occasion. Registration, 1.30 p.m.
- ✘ **The Harvest Festival** will be held in Newtowncashel on Sunday 23rd August, commencing at 12.00 noon. This will be the festival's third consecutive visit to Cashel, thanks to the availability and suitability of the site and the success of the event on the two previous occasions. Contact: Paddy Finnegan, Chairman, 087 270 5014, or Rachel Thompson, Secretary, 087 677 2454.
- ✘ **Congratulations to** Linda Cribben and Martin Curran, who were married on Saturday, 7th March. 
- ✘ **Well done** to all involved in the production and presentation of "Too Close to Home". The play was greeted by many as a welcome antidote to the stresses and strains of daily life! It also marked the emergence of promising new talent.
- ✘ **Final Minor Club Registration Day**. Southern Gaels, U-13 to U-18 Parental Consent Child Registration Day, takes place this Sunday, 15th, at 12.00 noon, in Cashel G.A.A. Clubhouse. Children, U-6 to U-12, not yet registered, will also be facilitated. All Cashel Parents/Guardians must sign a Parental Consent/Registration form so that the club may register and insure their child with Croke Park before the end of March, thus authorising the child to play Gaelic Games. The club is not allowed to permit any child play Gaelic Games without completion of the relevant form by his/her parents. Fees:- €10.00 per child, €20 for 2 or more children.
- ✘ **Safeguarding Children, Diocesan Newsletter 2015**. Copies are available in the porches. Please take one.
- ✘ Contributions to the **Lenten Alms Collection**, this weekend, please.
- ✘ Thank you for last Sunday's collection, **€945.00**.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
  - Saturday 14th, 8.00 p.m., J.P. Killian, Forthill.
  - Sunday 15th, 10.30 a.m., Maura Casey, Cornadough.
  - Monday 16th, 8.00 p.m., Joseph and Elizabeth Cosgrove, and Bridie Kelly, Derrydarragh.
  - Tuesday 17th, St. Patrick's Day:-
    - 10.30 a.m., David and Michael Dowd, and deceased of the Dowd Family, Aughnacross.
    - 8.00 p.m., Brian Ganly, Portanure.
  - Thursday 19th, 7.00 a.m., Brian, Brigid and Robert Mulvihill, Claras.
  - Friday 20th, 8.00 p.m., James and Brigid, and Joe Cunningham, and deceased members of the Cunningham Family, Loughawn.
  - Saturday 21st, 8.00 p.m., John and Elizabeth McArdle, Forthill.
  - Sunday 22nd, 10.30 a.m., Teresa Flynn, Curroole.
- Please pray for John Hand, Newpark, who died on Wednesday, 4th March, aged 94 years.

*To All Mums, Happy Mother's Day!*