

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

15th/16th December, 2012

How do we achieve the happiness of which St. Paul speaks today? St. John the Baptist gives the answer. We achieve happiness by bringing justice into our own little world.

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 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 Monday 18th at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ Sunday 16th is the Feast of St. Charles de Foucauld, 1858-1916, French hermit and priest who preached the Gospel in the Algerian desert until he was murdered by Muslims.
Tuesday 18th, St. Flannan, son of the King of Thomond, first bishop of Killaloe and patron of the diocese, died c 750.
Wednesday 19th, St. Anastasius I, Pope from 399 to 401.
Thursday 20th, St. Fachanan, patron diocese of Kilfenora, Co. Clare. Kilfenora is in the ecclesiastical province of Cashel but the Bishop of Galway and Kilmacduagh is its apostolic administrator.
Friday 21st, St. Peter Cansius, 1521-1597, Jesuit, born in Holland, published a catechism of 211 questions and answers in 1555.
- ✘ **The Junior Choir** holds its final rehearsal for the Christmas Day Children's Mass on Saturday 22nd, from 5.00 p.m. to 6.30. Members are asked to note that this practice is longer than the usual rehearsal.
- ✘ **Confessions**, in preparation for Christmas, on Tuesday 18th, at 8.00 p.m. Visiting confessors will attend. Those who wish to go to Confession for Christmas are urged to avail of this opportunity.
- ✘ **Confessions** in St. Mary's Church, Lanesboro, on Friday 21st, at 7.30 p.m. — a final opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.
- ✘ **The Confessions** of pupils attending Cloontagh School will be heard in the School, on Tuesday 18th at 2.15 p.m.
- ✘ **School Concert.** The staff and pupils of St. Mary's N.S. present their biennial Christmas Concert in "The Hill" on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th. Seats must be pre-booked. A very limited number are available for Wednesday's performance with greater availability on Thursday. To book, contact Mary Skelly, Derrydarragh, **086 169 0773**. Doors open 6.30. Curtain 7.00 p.m., sharp. Admission: Adults, €6.00; Students, €3.00.

- ✘ **Congratulations** to Mary Healy nee Smyth, Drumnee and Tipper, who celebrated her 90th Birthday on 12/12/12, born 12th December, 1922. Mary continues to enjoy the blessing of a healthy life. We wish her many more years of happiness and wellbeing.
- ✘ **The Newsletter** will not be published on 29th/30th December. Items relating to the fortnight, 24th December to 6th January, 2013, should be submitted by Thursday 20th, for inclusion in next weekend's issue.
- ✘ **St. Mel's Cathedral.** A progress report on the restoration of the Cathedral has been published in newspaper format. Copies are available in the porches.
- ✘ **Christmas Cards.** A card produced by Declan Gilmore and another sponsored by Newtowncashel Tidy Towns are available in L. & K's. Village Shop, @ €1.00 each. The Tidy Towns card is also on sale in "The Hill" after Mass this Saturday and Sunday.
- ✘ **Newtowncashel Drama Group.** Rehearsals for this season's production, "Callaghan's Place", by John McDwyer, are well under way. Performances are scheduled for Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th February, 2013, in "The Hill". The group invite all to enjoy three entertaining evenings, delivered in the fine tradition of amateur drama.
- ✘ A course in **Traditional Skills and the Conservation of Masonry** commences in January, 2013, at The EDI Centre, Longford. This full-time course will run for 40 weeks and is aimed at people who are interested in conservation, extending their craft and attaining a new skill. Application forms are available from: The EDI Centre, 11A2 Mastertech Business Park, Athlone Road, Longford. ☎ 043 334 2480. Email: ursula @edilongford.ie The closing date for applications is Friday, 21st December, 2012.
- ✘ **Social Dance Classes** continue in The Longford Arms Hotel, on Thursdays, at 8.00 p.m. — jive, waltz, quickstep and foxtrot. €10.00 per class. Contact, Padraig Munroe: 087 181 2248.
- ✘ **Flowers for the Altar.** Gratefully acknowledged is a donation of **€160.00**, towards flowers for the Altar, received from the Slevin Family and given in the context of the funeral of the late Rose Slevin. It is hoped that others will follow suit when occasions arise.
- ✘ **Cake Sale.** The teenagers who participated in last Sunday's Mass hold a cake sale in "The Hill", after Mass this Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th. Proceeds go to Aware in its role in the prevention of teenage suicide. Support will be very welcome.
- ✘ **The coming weekend is the last opportunity for giving in this year's collection envelopes.** When contributing kindly write the amount in the space provided on each envelope. This helps ensure accurate recording.
- ✘ Recent collection totals:
Feast of the Immaculate Conception **€220.00**.
Sunday Last **€1,050.00**. Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 15th, 8.00 p.m., John Smith, Tipper, Month's Mind.
Sunday 16th, 10.30 a.m., John Casey Derrydarragh.
Tuesday 18th, 9.30 a.m., Joseph & Catherine Casey and deceased members of the Casey Family, Loughbannow, Lanesboro.
Wednesday 19th, 9.30 a.m., Michael & Kathleen Farrell, Longford.
Saturday 22nd, 8.00 p.m., Bernard Skelly, Knocknacarra, Galway, and Caltramore, and Mary Skelly, Caltramore.

