

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

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Much has been made of Ireland's exit from the financial bailout though it doesn't spell the end of austerity. The scripture readings this Sunday are upbeat as they anticipate and acknowledge the Messianic era which is marked by healing and liberation.

- ✘ **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 Tuesday 17th, at 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ **Monday 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.
Wednesday 18th, St. Flannan, son of the King of Thomond, first bishop of Killaloe and patron of the diocese, died c 750.
Thursday 19th, St. Anastasius I, Pope from 399 to 401.
Friday 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.
Saturday 21st, St. Peter Cansius, 1521-1597, Jesuit, born in Holland, published a catechism of 211 questions and answers in 1555.
- ✘ **Confessions**, in preparation for Christmas, on Tuesday 17th, 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 20th, at 7.30 p.m. – a final opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.
- ✘ **A Senior Choir** practice will be held in Church on Wednesday 18th, at 8.00 p.m. All members are asked to attend.



- ✘ **The Junior Choir** will rehearse for Christmas on Sunday 22nd, after Mass. All who are to participate in the Christmas Day Children's Mass are invited to the rehearsal.
- ✘ **Congratulations** to Bernard Flood and Denise McNamara, who were married on Thursday, 12th December.
- ✘ **The Newsletter** will not be published on 28th/29th December. Items relating to the fortnight, 23rd December to 5th January, 2014, should be submitted by Thursday 19th, for inclusion in next weekend's issue.
- ✘ **Christmas Cards.** This year's card, produced by Declan Gilmore, features a summer panorama of Newtowncashel Village. It's an appropriate theme in view of the sunshine we enjoyed. Cards are available in Kenny's Foodstore and are selling briskly, @ €1.00 each. Proceeds are in aid of St. Christopher's. A card, sponsored by Newtowncashel Tidy Towns and first produced for the millennium year, has been reissued and is also available for €1.00.
- ✘ **Longford Harvest Festival Dinner Dance** takes place at 8.00 p.m., on Friday 20th, in Gav's Bar, Kenagh. Music by Trevor Moyles. Tickets, €20.00 each, available from Paddy Finnegan, 087 270 5014. Copies of the Festival DVD are still available for the nominal price of €10.00.
- ✘ **The Irish Catholic.** Subscriptions remain unchanged for **2014** and are now payable: **€78.00** for the full year. New subscribers are welcome. Please forward subscriptions to Deirdre O'Boyle, Cornadough, or place in the collection basket.
- ✘ **Pioneer Magazine 2014.** Subscription renewal also unchanged @ **€16.50**. Pioneer Calendar 2014; **€2.50**. Magazine and Calendar; **€19.00**. Remittances, please, to The Parochial House.
- ✘ **The coming weekend is the last opportunity for handing 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:- Sunday last **€870.00**.
Heating Collection **€2,085.00**.

Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 14th, 8.00 p.m., Maisie Farrell, Streamstown, and Sr. Mel (Hannah) Farrell, Streamstown and Drumshanbo.
Sunday 15th, 10.30 a.m., John Casey, Derrydarragh.
Monday 16th, 8.00 p.m., John and Pat Smyth and deceased members of the Smyth Family, Newpark.
Thursday 19th, 9.30 a.m., Joseph & Catherine Casey and deceased members of the Casey Family, Loughbannow, Lanesboro.
Saturday 21st, 8.00 p.m., Thomas Fayne and deceased members of the Fayne Family, Caltramore.
Sunday 22nd, 10.30 a.m., Bernard Skelly, Knocknacarra, Galway, and Caltramore, and Mary Skelly, Caltramore.

