



Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The EUCHARISTIC PRAYER repeats/renews the BLESSING PRAYER of Christ at the Last Supper.

Last week we saw that the Liturgy of the Eucharist repeats in a ritual or ceremonial way the four actions of Jesus at the Last Supper – he took, blessed, broke and shared

At the heart of the Mass, we repeat the second action of Jesus at the Last Supper – he BLESSED. This part is called the Eucharistic Prayer and it is a solemn prayer of blessing and thanksgiving. We stand for the first part of the prayer, called the Preface. Then the priest calls down the Holy Spirit on the bread and wine and recalls again the story of the Last Supper in the part called the Consecration. This is the moment when we believe that Christ the Risen Lord becomes truly present under the appearance of bread/wine. The priest then offers Christ to his Father and prays for the living and the dead. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the people answer AMEN.

- ✠ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday and Wednesday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 23rd, in Saints' Island Cemetery, at 6.00 p.m. No Mass in Church.
- ✠ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish, *Missa pro Populo***, Monday 17th, 8.00 p.m.
- ✠ Sunday 16th is the Feast of St. Stephen of Hungary, 975-1038, first king of Hungary, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.
Monday 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.
Tuesday 18th, St. Helen, daughter of a Turkish innkeeper, married a Roman general. Their son, Constantine, became the first Christian emperor. St. Helen did much to promote the Christian faith throughout the Roman Empire.
Wednesday 19th St. John Eudes, 1601-1680, France, known for his preaching, promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart.
Thursday 20th, St. Bernard, 1090-1153, Cistercian, Abbot of the monastery of Clairvaux, France, taught by deed and example, worked for Church unity.
Friday 21st, St. Pius X, 1835-1914. He encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice.
Saturday 22nd, The Queenship of Mary, celebrated on this date to highlight the link between Mary's queenship and her Assumption.

- ✠ **Cemetery Sundays:-** Saints' Island Cemetery, 23rd August; Cashel Cemetery, 30th 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.
- ✠ **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on Sunday 6th September. The bus leaves from "The Hill" at 10.00 a.m. Tickets, @ €16.00 each, are available at Kenny's Foodstore, Newtowncashel.
Confessions from 12.30 p.m. Anointing of the Sick, 2.30 p.m. Mass and Eucharistic Blessing of the Sick with Benediction, 3.00 p.m., followed by the Rosary Procession.
- ✠ **Farewell Celebration.** The Parish Pastoral Council are in the process of organising a Farewell Celebration for Fr. Brady as he leaves Cashel, after 21 years, to take up his new appointment as P.P. Clonmacnois (Shannonbridge). The event will take place on Saturday next, 22nd August, with Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church at 8.00 p.m. followed by refreshments and presentations in "The Hill". The Pastoral Council extends an invitation to all.
"The Hill" will be open on the evening of Saturday 22nd to receive donations of confectionery for the occasion, which would be greatly appreciated.
Altar Servers. A meeting of Altar Servers will be held in the Church on Thursday 20th, at 6.00 p.m. in preparation for Fr. Brady's Farewell Mass. It is important that all servers attend.
- ✠ **The Harvest Festival and Field Day** take place on Sunday next, 23rd August, commencing at 12.00 noon. Central to the Festival is the harvesting of wheat and oats by vintage machinery, both horse-drawn and tractor-driven. In addition, the day will feature a host of crafts, displays and exhibitions. On-site TV will be provided so that football fans are not deprived! Proceeds go to St. Christopher's Services. Contact: Paddy Finnegan, Chairman, 087 270 5014; Rachel Thompson, Secretary, 087 677 2454.
- ✠ **Candle Shrine Stolen.** The Candle Shrine (candelabra) was taken from the Church on Thursday afternoon. This is a most disappointing development and an affront to the devotional practice of many parishioners. Anyone who saw a person or persons and/or a vehicle in the church grounds, is asked to contact the Gardai. A photograph of the shrine would be appreciated. It may feature in pictures taken at Baptism or First Communion. Photographs of the candelabra would be helpful in the investigation. We thank the members of An Garda Síochána for their prompt and diligent response to the incident.
- ✠ **Church Gate Collections.** Longford Women's Link: €103.00. Longford Branch, Irish Kidney Association: €408.50. Both organizations thank the respective collectors and the contributors.
- ✠ Thank you for last Sunday's collection, €680.00.
- ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 15th, 8.00 p.m., Elaine Bawle, Portanure, first anniversary.
Sunday 16th, 10.30 a.m., Tommy O'Shea, Forthill.
Wednesday 19th, 8.00 p.m., Peter and Seán Murtagh, Newpark.
Saturday 22nd, 8.00 p.m., John and Brigid Kenny, Ballinahinch.

