



Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

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'MARRIAGE IS IMPORTANT – REFLECT BEFORE YOU CHANGE IT'

Married love is a unique form of love between a man and a woman which has a special benefit for society. The word 'unique' is an attractive word because it means there is something special and impressive about it; what is unique should be cared for and protected. Uniqueness is not about equality but about valuing what is distinct and different; distinguishing does not mean discriminating. Not many are saying 'No' publicly and those that are, risk being ridiculed. Fear of social disapproval can lend itself to poor decision making. It is important to reflect deeply on this issue and vote for what you consider the best option. After the referendum the Church continues to support all people and families with its message of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

✠ Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois.

We are concerned that, should the amendment be passed, it will become increasingly difficult to speak in public about marriage as being between a man and a woman. What will we be expected to teach children in school about marriage? Will those who sincerely continue to believe that marriage is between a man and a woman be forced to act against their conscience?

The Irish Catholic Bishops, www.meaningofmarriage.ie

- ✠ **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., Friday, 12.00 noon (Funeral Mass) and 8.00 p.m.
- ✠ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, this Sunday 17th, at 10.30 a.m.
- ✠ Monday 18th is the Feast of St. John I, the first Pope to visit Constantinople, died in prison, 526. Tuesday 19th, the Dedication of St. Mel's Cathedral, - foundation stone laid, Tuesday, 19th May, 1840; opened for divine worship, 24th September, 1856; solemn consecration, Friday, 19th May, 1893, destroyed by fire, Friday, 25th December, 2009, re-dedicated, Sunday, 17th May, 2015. Wednesday 20th, St. Bernardine of Siena, 1380-1444, Franciscan, preached in Italy promoting devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Thursday 21st, St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions, 1869-1927, a Mexican priest who resisted the anti-Church government and, with 24 companions, was martyred in 1927. Friday 22nd, St. Rita, born in Italy, 1386. On the death of her abusive husband she was admitted to the monastery of the Augustinian Nuns at Casica. She spent her time in prayer, charity and devotion to Our Lord's Passion, and died of tuberculosis on 22nd May, 1457. She is a patron of abuse victims. Sunday 24th is celebrated in Australia as the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians.
- ✠ Sunday next is the Feast of Pentecost.

- ✠ Recitation of the **Rosary** continues on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. until the end of May. All are invited to make a special effort to attend the Rosary during the month of May.
- ✠ **The Re-dedication of St. Mel's Cathedral** takes place this Sunday, 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Cashel will have six representatives at the ceremony.
- ✠ **Congratulations** to the eleven children who received **First Holy Communion** on Sunday Last. We also compliment and thank their parents, their teacher, and all who enhanced the celebration and the occasion, particularly the members of the Parents' Association who prepared and presented refreshments in "The Hill". Miss. Mary Rooney, who prepared the children for First Confession and First Holy Communion, completes her term at St. Mary's N.S. this month. We thank her for her dedication and cheerful commitment, and we wish her continued success in her teaching career. We welcome Ms. Sinéad Stenson who resumes her position on the teaching staff.



- ✠ **Baptism.** Ethan Damien Geraghty, son of Damien and Elizabeth (Shea) Geraghty, Ballyrevagh, was welcomed into the Christian Community on Sunday, 10th May.
- ✠ On **World Communications Day** we thank Deirdre O'Boyle who promotes the "Irish Catholic" in Cashel, and the Dennigan Family who distribute the newsletter to the residents of Derryhawn.
- ✠ **Boil Water Notice.** Irish Water and Longford County Council advise all customers on the Cashel Public Water Supply that the boil water notice has been lifted. Normal use may now resume.
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Playground Committee** hold a Tug of War fundraiser on 24th May at 2:30 p.m. in the Village. Teams of 5 with €50 entry fee. To register, contact Damien Geraghty, 087 823 5070, before 21st May. Ladies and Men's teams welcome. Barbecue on the day. Live music in "The Local" from 6.00 p.m. Cake Sale and Mini Marathon the following weekend.
- ✠ **An Alzheimer Tea Evening** will be held in "The Local", Newtowncashel, on Friday 22nd. Tea and goodies from 6.00 to 9.00 p.m! Support will be appreciated.
- ✠ **Financial Acknowledgements** for the year 2014 were dispatched on Tuesday. Our thanks to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council who handled the process. Likewise we thank those who logged the data.
- ✠ **Tax Reclaim** forms for 2014 have also been dispatched. Their immediate return would be appreciated as all certificates must be on file before the parish claim can be submitted. Please note that donations from all individual donors are eligible, both Self Assessed and P.A.Y.E. and combinations of these systems.
- ✠ Contributions to the collection for the **Holy Land**, this weekend, please.
- ✠ Thank you for last Sunday's collection, **€675.00**.
- ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 16th, 8.00 p.m., Sadie Kenny, Newpark.
Tuesday 19th, 9.30 a.m., Tom and Mary Clyne, Derrygowna.
Friday 22nd, 8.00 p.m., Bridgie and James Hanley, and deceased members of the Hanley Family, Curroole Kenny.
Saturday 23rd, 8.00 p.m., Daniel (Danny) Farrell, Elfeet Adamson, month's mind.
Sunday 24th, 10.30 a.m., Brigid, Sr. Columba and Thomas J. Farrell, Clonmee.
Please pray for John Fagan, Derrymacar, who died on Thursday. Removal on Friday 22nd, arriving at this church for Funeral Mass at 12.00 noon. Burial afterwards in Saints' Island Cemetery.