

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*We follow Jesus, like the Twelve,
because we are drawn by him;
drawn and attracted by the way this man Jesus
lives, speaks, suffers, dies and rises.*

*Something in him appeals;
maybe it's the wish to heal, or his love for the poor,
or his forgiveness, so total,
or his desire to change the world,
or because he stands for what is good:
for justice, peace, equality.*

*Or just because he is a friend,
and because he is
the face of God, the word of God, the son of God.*

*Like us, in all but our sin, one of us,
son of God, and son of Mary too.*

*People left a lot to follow him,
they left their dreams and their burdens,
their families, and their businesses,
and gave up their lives,
drawn, attracted, challenged as we are now,
by his words: Come, follow me.*

Fr. Donal Neary S.J.

From the 'Do This in Memory' programme.

- ✠ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday and Friday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✠ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, *Missa pro Populo*, this Sunday, 18th, at 10.30 a.m.

- ✠ Tuesday 20th is the Feast of St. Fabian, Pope for 14 years, martyred in 250. Tuesday 20th, St. Sebastian, a Roman soldier, secretly helped Christians during persecution, was betrayed and subsequently martyred. Wednesday 21st, St. Agnes, wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in Rome, early 4th century. Patroness of engaged couples. Thursday 22nd, St. Vincent, deacon, martyred in Valencia, Spain, 304. Saturday 24th, St. Francis de Sales, 1567-1622, bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters, patron of journalists.
- ✠ **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins this Sunday. The theme, **Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink"**, is inspired by chapter 4, verse 7, of St. John's Gospel. Material for the week of prayer was prepared by representatives of Christian Churches in Brazil. An Ecumenical Service will be held in St. Mel's Cathedral on Monday 19th, at 7.30 p.m. The Preacher is Bishop Ferran Glenfield, Church of Ireland Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh.
- ✠ **Catholic Schools Week** runs from Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st, January. The theme chosen this year is: *"Catholic Schools, Called to Serve"*.
- ✠ **Congratulations** to Joe and Tess Mulvihill who celebrated their Golden Wedding recently.
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Defibrillator Group** will provide an opportunity for people trained in C.P.R. and use of the defibrillator to practise their skills on Wednesday 21st at 8.00 p.m. in "The Hill". Those already trained are urged to avail of this refresher course which takes only 5 to 10 minutes. New members are very welcome and training will be arranged for them.
- ✠ **Cashel G.A.A. Club** has a vacancy for a FÁS/Tús worker at Páirc Ciarán. Anyone who is interested, and also eligible to apply, is asked to contact Anthony Melia, 043 332 5036, or Jack Bannon, 086 031 9071.
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Playground Committee** hold a Table Quiz fundraiser in the Peer Inn on Friday 23rd, at 9.00 p.m. Table of four €40.00. All welcome and support will be appreciated. A raffle will be held on the night.
- ✠ Recent collection totals:-
Feast of the Epiphany..... **€405.00.**
Sunday last..... **€481.00.**
Thank you very much.
- ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 17th, 8.00 p.m., John and Margaret Muldoon, Greenhall Upper, and Jimmy Kennedy, Aughnacross.
Friday 23rd, 8.00 p.m., John, Mary Kate and Mary Liz Skelly; Jane and Brigid Hudson, and deceased members of the Skelly and Hudson families, Cleraun, Kevin and Danny Hamm, Moate.
Saturday 24th, 8.00 p.m., Mary Quigley, Athlone and Derrymacar, month's mind.
Sunday 25th, 10.30 a.m., Peter and Mary Kate Clyne, Caltrabeg.
Please pray for Anna May Hopkins, Newpark, who died on Tuesday, 13th January.

