

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th/18th May, 2014

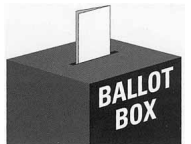


Despite all its facilities and benefits the world in which we live gives rise to many anxieties - health issues, exams, unemployment, emigration. People seek answers and solutions from sources of all kinds. But Jesus points out that he is the only answer, the only

solution. *"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."* If we want to reach the goal of our lives he is the one from whom we should take our direction and guidance. We're more familiar with today's Gospel in the context of funeral Masses. It's one of the most consoling and reassuring Gospel readings.

- ✘ **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 am.
- ✘ **Mass for The Intentions of the People of the Parish**, *Missa pro Populo*, on Monday 19th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ Sunday 18th is the Feast of St. John I, the first Pope to visit Constantinople, died in prison, 526. Monday 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. Tuesday 20th, St. Bernardine of Siena, 1380-1444, Franciscan, preached in Italy promoting devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Wednesday 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. Thursday 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. Saturday 24th is celebrated in Australia as the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians.
- ✘ **Congratulations** to the six 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".

- ✘ **Eucharistic Ministers.** The new ministers will be commissioned during the 8.00 p.m. Mass on Saturday 24th. Please not change of date.
- ✘ **Teen Mass.** A preparatory meeting will be held in Church on Saturday 24th, at 10.00 a.m. It is hoped that exam students, in particular, will attend. The Mass is on Saturday, 31st May, Feast of the Ascension, with the focus on examinations.
- ✘ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place on Wednesdays, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Recitation of the Rosary** continues on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. until the end of the month. All are invited to make a special effort to attend the Rosary during the month of May.
- ✘ **Getting Married in 2014 or early 2015?** Some spaces are available on the Longford Accord pre-marriage course, 13th and 14th June. Marriage preparation courses are not conducted in July and August. For further information, contact Accord, Longford, ☎ 043 334 7222 or book on-line www.accord.ie **Counselling Service.** Accord also provides a professional counselling service for couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage or relationship. Contact details as above.
- ✘ **Polling Day** in the Local and European elections, and in the By-Election in the Longford-Westmeath constituency is Friday, 23rd May. In the past people struggled for the right to vote. The privilege should not be taken for granted. Do vote on Friday.



- ✘ **Girls' Football.** The girls of St. Mary's School meet Abbeylara in the Division 4 Football Final in Pearse Park, on Wednesday 21st, at 5.00 p.m. A full turnout of supporters would be appreciated. Check to confirm fixture details.



- ✘ **An Post Rás.** Stage 1 passes through Co. Longford this Sunday, 18th, reaching Edgeworthstown at 2.30 p.m., approximately. A 'King of the Mountains' climb features at Richmount Hill, Carrickboy, (400 feet). At Ballymahon Post Office there's a 'Prime & Hot Spot Sprint'. The stage then continues to Laneshoro, en route to Roscommon.



- ✘ **The Harvest Festival Committee** stage a Tractor Run on Sunday next, 25th, leaving Kenagh at 12.00 noon, arriving Newtowncashel, 1.00 p.m. and returning to Kenagh. Entry fee €20.00 per tractor. Proceeds to St. Christopher's. Contact: Paddy Finnegan, Chairman, 087 270 5014, or Rachel Thompson, 087 677 2454.

- ✘ Contributions to the collection for the **Holy Land**, this weekend, please.

- ✘ Recent collection totals:-

Sunday last, First Communion Day,.....€560.00.

Easter Dues.....€3,258.00.

Thank you very much.

- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**

Saturday 17th, 8.00 p.m., John and Elizabeth McArdle, Forthill.

Sunday 18th, 10.30 a.m., Fr. Michael Killian, first anniversary.

Thursday 22nd, 9.30 a.m., Mary Clyne, Derrygowna.

Friday 23rd, 8.00 p.m., Bridgie Hanley and deceased members of the Hanley Family, Curroole Kenny.

Saturday 24th, 8.00 p.m., Mary Sweeney, Derrygowna, month's mind.

Sunday 25th, 10.30 a.m., Deceased members of the Murray Family, Claras.