

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

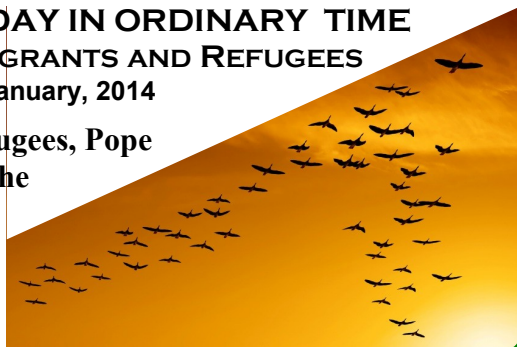
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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 19th January, 2014

Speaking of migrants and refugees, Pope Benedict said, *We should be the friendly faces and welcoming hearts, trying to sustain each other in the difficulties of daily life.*



- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday and Friday, 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 21st at 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ **Monday 20th** is the Feast of St. Fabian, Pope for 14 years, martyred in 250.
Monday 20th, St. Sebastian, a Roman soldier, secretly helped Christians during persecution, was betrayed and subsequently martyred.
Tuesday 21st, St. Agnes, wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in Rome, early 4th century. Patroness of engaged couples.
Wednesday 22nd, St. Vincent, deacon, martyred in Valencia, Spain, 304.
Friday 24th, St. Francis de Sales, 1567-1622, bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters, patron of journalists.
Saturday 25th, The Conversion of St. Paul - on the road to Damascus. He spent the remainder of his life preaching to the non-Jewish world.
- ✘ **“Do This in Memory”**. The First Communion children and their parents participate in the liturgy on Sunday next, 26th, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- ✘ **The Junior Choir** will rehearse in Church on Saturday 25th, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., in preparation for ‘Do This in Memory’.
- ✘ **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins this Saturday, 18th. The theme, *“Has Christ been divided?”*, is inspired by chapter 1, verse 13, of St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians. Material for the week of prayer was prepared by representatives of Christian Churches in French Canada.
- ✘ **Catholic Schools Week** runs from Sunday, 26th January, to Sunday, 2nd February. The theme chosen this year is: “Catholic Schools, Places of Faith and Learning”.



- ✘ **Getting married?** The calendar of Marriage Preparation Courses available at the ACCORD Centre, Longford, in 2014, is on the notice boards. Courses may be booked on-line at www.accord.ie, or by contacting the Accord office, ☎ 043 334 7222, 11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- ✘ **Alpha Course 2014.** An Alpha course will be conducted in the Family Centre (McGoey Hall), St. Mel’s Road/Chapel Street, Longford, commencing Thursday, 6th February at 8.00 p.m. This is a ten-week programme to help people come closer to Jesus and their Christian Faith. The Alpha course is intended for all who want to know more about Christianity, including those passing on the faith to the young. The course is free - donations if desired. For details and/or to register, contact:- Fr. Tony Gilhooly, 043 334 6465; or Sr. Angela Clarkson, 087 284 3034.
- ✘ **Cathedral Column.** The nave of St. Mel’s Cathedral was flanked by 28 limestone columns quarried at Ballyreevagh, Newtowncashel. Thanks to Fr. Tom Healy Adm., the project team and the contractor, a new column drum together with an original base and Ionic capital have been delivered to the parish. The originals were severely damaged by fire on Christmas Day, 2009. The column is to be erected in the church grounds where it will serve as a reminder of the historic link with the Cathedral. It will also recall the patient skill, craftsmanship and expertise of the stone masons who carved the columns by hand in the early 1840s.
- ✘ **Caranua** is a scheme to help people who, as children, experienced institutional abuse in Ireland. The scheme will use a fund of €110 million pledged by Irish Religious Congregations. Information leaflets are available in the main porch.
- ✘ **Lanesboro Community College** holds its open day, 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., and enrolment night, 7.00 to 9.30 p.m., on Wednesday 22nd.
- ✘ **Fr. Tom Kearney S.V.D.** A social in aid of Fr. Kearney’s missionary work in Cuba will take place in the Peer Inn, Lisnacusha, on Friday 31st. Music by the Caseys. Admission optional. All are welcome.
- ✘ Thank you for last Sunday’s collection, **€1,020.00.**
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
 - Saturday 18th**, 8.00 p.m., Mary Ellen and Michael John Greally and deceased members of the Greally Family, Carrickmorán, the Ward Family, Clonmee, and Matt Concannon.
 - Sunday 19th**, 10.30 a.m., Laurence & Josephine and Owen McKenna, Greenhall Lower.
 - Monday 20th**, 8.00 p.m., William and Gretta and Raymond Keen, London and Ballyreevagh.
 - Saturday 25th**, 8.00 p.m., John Tom & Patricia Smyth, Curroole.
 - Sunday 26th**, 10.30 a.m., Peter & Mary Kate Clyne, Caltrabeg.

