Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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EASTER SUNDAY 20th April, 2014

Easter is about rising up and moving on. No, it's not about denying Calvary. Calvary is very much part of the story. Easter is about rising above Calvary and moving forward. That can be a huge challenge in many human circumstances. The Lord has done it. He calls us to follow suit.

To the Lord who blessed us with warmth and sunshine during the Triduum. Those who attended daily Mass, particularly the early morning Mass, during Lent. Sixty people, from the very young to the not so young, stayed with the commitment from Ash Wednesday to Spy Wednesday; The groups who came to Confession, Adoration and The Stations of the Cross; The young people who led the Way of the Cross.

All of you for your attendance at the Holy Week ceremonies; Those who, as always, cleaned and laundered, decorated, polished and prepared, inside and outside. The Altar Servers, The Senior and Children's Choirs and their directors; Participants in the "Do This in Memory" programme. All who took part in the Liturgy by ministry, word and gesture. Those who worked behind the scenes ensuring the ceremonies ran smoothly.

- Mass on Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Friday, 12.30 p.m., Wedding Mass.
- **Mass for The Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Easter Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
- Monday 21st is the Feast of St. Anselm, 1033-1109, native of Italy, Benedictine writer, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Wednesday 23rd, St. George, venerated in Palestine from the fourth century, Patron Saint of England and of soldiers.

Thursday 24th, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, 1578-1622, a Capuchin who preached in Switzerland where he was martyred by extremists.

Friday 25th, St. Mark, Evangelist, writer of the second Gospel; his symbol in a winged lion. Founded the Church of Alexandria in Egypt.

On Sunday, 27 April, Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II will be canonised by Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square, Rome. To mark the occasion Bishop Francis Duffy will celebrate Mass in Clonmacnois at 3.00 p.m. (on Sunday 27th.)

- Friday week is the **First Friday** of May. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday and Friday.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on Easter Wednesday, but will resume on Wednesday 30th, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
- Recitation of the Rosary resumes on Friday week, 2nd May, at 7.30 p.m.
- **Eucharistic Ministers**. Training for new recruits will take place in Ballymahon on Friday, 9th May, at 8.30 p.m. The course will also serve as a refresher for existing ministers
- **Easter Holy Water** is now available for use at home. Those taking Holy Water are asked to minimise spillages, please.
- Welcome Home to all who have come back to Cashel for Easter.
- The **Missalettes** for Palm Sunday and for Holy Week are re-usable. Please fold them correctly and return to the trays in the porches. The return of 'borrowed' missalettes would also be appreciated.
- St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society holds its monthly meeting in "The Hill" on Tuesday week, 29th, at 8.30 p.m. New members are welcome. stjosephsyoungpriestssociety.com

- **G.A.A. Southern Gales** kick of the season for all underage children at Cashel G.A.A. Clubhouse on Sunday 27th at 11.30 a.m. Children must be registered before taking part in training, blitz or league games.
- Newtowncashel Tidy Towns will hold a meeting in "The Hill" on Wednesday 23rd, at 8.30 p.m. The agenda includes the Annual Sponsored Nature Walk on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May. All members are asked to attend the meeting.
- The St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, gratefully acknowledges the welcome and generosity extended to Fr. Joe Rabbitt when he visited Newtowncashel last month.
- The Easter Dues may be handed in this weekend; the Monthly Collection for May, on Saturday and Sunday week, 3rd and 4th.
- Recent collection totals:- Lenten Alms€535.00.
 Sunday last€975.00. Thank you very much.

Masses for the Dead:-

Saturday 26th, 8.00 p.m., Brigid Farrell, Clonmee, and Sr. Columba Farrell, Clonmee and Trim, first anniversarises. Sunday 27th, 10.30 a.m., Gerard Collins, Tuam, and deceased members of the Fayne Family, Cullentra. Friday, 2nd May, 8.00 p.m., Kieran Mulvihill, Cross. Saturday 3rd, 8.00 p.m., Sadie Kenny, Newpark. Sunday 4th, 10.30 a.m., Fr. Edward Swarbrick O.F.M.Cap., Wales.

Happy Easter. Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir

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