

Parish of Cashel



CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21st December, 2014

My prayer is that the Bethlehem story of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and God's continuing presence with you, will bring you and your family hope, joy and peace this Christmas.

Bishop Francis Duffy

- ✳ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✳ **Wednesday is Christmas Eve. 'Midnight Mass' at 10.00 o'clock, preceded by the Blessing of the Crib. Christmas Day, Children's Mass, 10.30 a.m.**
- ✳ **Mass for The Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Christmas Eve, at 10.00 p.m.
- ✳ Sunday 21st is the Feast of St. Peter Cansius, 1521-1597, Jesuit, born in Holland, published a catechism of 211 questions and answers in 1555.
Tuesday 23rd, St. John of Kanty, 1390-1473, taught Sacred Scripture at Krakow University, Poland, gave away his possessions, walked everywhere including four pilgrimages to Rome.
Friday 26th, St. Stephen, the first martyr. Saturday 27th, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
Sunday 28th, The Holy Innocents, killed at the behest of Herod.
Sunday 28th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
Monday 29th, St. Thomas à Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his cathedral on 29th December, 1170.
Wednesday 31st, St. Sylvester, Pope for 21 years, died 335.
Thursday, 1st January, 2015, is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day and World Day of Peace.
Friday 2nd, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, 4th century bishops.
- ✳ **Confessions**, in preparation for Christmas, on Tuesday 23rd, at 8.00 p.m. Visiting confessors will attend. Those who wish to go to Confession for Christmas are urged to avail of this opportunity. Confessions in St. Mary's Church, Lanesboro, on Monday 22nd, at 7.00 p.m. A further opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.
- ✳ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Recitation of the Rosary** will not take place during the Christmas Season. They will resume on Wednesday, 7th January, 2015, and Friday 9th, respectively.
- ✳ **The Junior Choir** will hold its final rehearsal for Christmas Day this Sunday, 21st, after Mass till 12.30 p.m. All who are to participate on Christmas Day are asked to attend.
- ✳ A meeting of **Altar Servers** to arrange teams for Christmas, and hold a practice, will take place in the Church on Monday 22nd, at 5.00 p.m. All servers are expected to attend.



✳ **Next Newsletter**, 3rd/4th January, 2015.

✳ **We welcome** all who have come back to Cashel to join family and friends for Christmas and we think of those who have been unable to make the trip.

✳ Friday 2nd is the **First Friday** of January and of 2015. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th.

✳ The restored **St. Mel's Cathedral** re-opened this Saturday, 20th. 'Midnight' Mass on Christmas Eve at 11.00 p.m., and Mass at 10.00 a.m. on Christmas Day, will be televised by R.T.E.

✳ **The School Concert** was, as always, enjoyed by full houses in "The Hill" on both nights. The young artistes revelled in their uninhibited performances. A notable feature of the show was excellent schedule management - no mean feat in view of the numbers involved. Well done to the staff, pupils and the many others who ensured the success of the concert.

✳ **Newtowncashel Drama Group** will hold a general meeting of all members, in "The Hill", on Monday 22nd, at 9.00 p.m. Everyone associated with the group is requested to attend. New members welcome as always.

✳ **I.C.A. Open Evening** in "The Hill" on Wednesday, 7th January, 2015, from 8.00 p.m. onwards.

✳ **The Annual 10k Run/Walk** from Newtowncashel to Lanesboro, in aid of the Longford Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, takes place on Christmas Day. Walkers leave from "The Hill" at 11.45 a.m., while runners start at 12.15 p.m. All participants receive a free T-shirt, kindly sponsored by Peter Hanley Motors.

✳ **The Christmas Dues (purple envelopes) should be handed in this Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday or Thursday, please.**

✳ **This weekend is the last opportunity for giving in the year's collection envelopes.** When contributing kindly write the amount in the space provided on each envelope. This helps ensure accurate recording.

✳ Recent collection totals:- Sunday last..... **€1,090.00.**

Heating Collection..... **€2,115.00.** Thank you very much indeed.

✳ **Masses for the Dead:-**

Saturday 20th, 8.00 p.m., Thomas Fayne and deceased members of the Fayne family, Caltramore.

Sunday 21st, 10.30 a.m., Richard and Annie Farrell, Cross.

Monday 22nd, 8.00 p.m., John and Pat Smyth and deceased members of the Smyth Family, Newpark.

Tuesday 23rd, 9.30 a.m., Joseph & Catherine Casey and deceased members of the Casey Family, Loughbannow, Lanesboro.

Saturday 27th, 8.00 p.m., For parents and families who have lost infants or small children through miscarriage, stillbirth or accident.

Sunday 28th, 10.30 a.m., Frank Farrell, Derrygowna.

Saturday, 3rd January, 2015, 8.00 p.m., Tom Rowan, Cormaglava.

Please pray for Brigid Cox nee Finnegan, Darogue, Ballymahon, and formerly of Cormaglava, who died on Thursday. Removal this Sunday, arriving St. Matthew's Church, Ballymahon, at 7.00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11.00 a.m. Burial afterwards in Shrule Cemetery.

Nollaig faoi shéan is faoi mhaire dhíbh

Happy Christmas

