

# Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus said, *"Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest."* It's a simple analogy, easily understood.

Jesus is near the high point, the goal of his life. Along the way there have been hints and pointers. Now things shift up a gear with predictions that will reach their climax in the scenes of the long Gospel that we will hear next Sunday.

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7.00 a.m.; Friday, 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Tuesday 24th, at 7.00 a.m.
- ✘ **Monday 23rd** is the Feast of St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, 1538-1606. Archbishop of Lima, Peru. He built up the Church in that country. Patron of Peru and Latin American bishops.  
Tuesday 24th, St. Macartan, first bishop of Clogher Diocese.  
Wednesday 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord; Giving her consent to God's Word, Mary is to become the mother of Jesus.
- ✘ **Sunday next is Palm Sunday**, the commencement of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed at the beginning of Mass on Saturday and Sunday.
- ✘ **Confessions**, in preparation for the Easter Triduum, on Monday week, 30th, at 7.00 p.m., and in St. Mary's Church, Lanesboro, on Wednesday, 1st April, at 7.30 p.m. Visiting confessors will attend in both instances. Those who wish to go to Confession for Easter are urged to avail of these opportunities.
- ✘ **Lenten Masses**. During Lent, Mass is celebrated at 7.00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Everyone welcome.
- ✘ **First Friday**. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound, associated with the First Friday, will be made on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Neighbours and carers are asked to notify those who may not be aware of the changed arrangement.
- ✘ **The Junior Choir** will rehearse in Church after Mass this Sunday, 22nd, and after Mass on Palm Sunday, 29th, in preparation for 'Do This in Memory' on Holy Thursday, and the Children's Mass on Easter Sunday. A further practice will be held following the ceremonies on Good Friday. The Sunday rehearsals conclude at 12.30 p.m.; the Good Friday practice finishes at 5.00 p.m.
- ✘ **An Altar Servers' practice** for Holy Week will be held in the Church on Tuesday week, 31st, at 5.00 p.m. All servers who are to be involved in the ceremonies are asked to attend.
- ✘ **Items for the Newsletter** by midday on Thursday, please.

- ✘ **Volunteers for Holy Week**. Our thanks to those who have already come forward. There is still scope for further participation!
- ✘ **The Stations of the Cross**, are conducted by second level students, in church, on the Fridays of Lent, at 7.30 p.m. All are urged to make a special effort to participate in this traditional devotion.
- ✘ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place on Wednesdays, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. An opportunity to "watch one hour" with the Lord.
- ✘ **The Confessions** of pupils attending St. Mary's National School, will be heard on Monday 23rd, at 10.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., in Church, weather permitting.
- ✘ **"Marriage is important – Reflect before you change it!"** Copies of the Bishops' statement on this crucial issue are available in the porches. Please take on.
- ✘ **Cashel P.T.A.A.** The Annual Pioneer Outing takes place on Wednesday, 15th July, destination Dublin. Details to follow.
- ✘ **The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage** to Lourdes takes place from Wednesday, 27th May, to Monday, 1st June. Five nights. Fully inclusive price €710.00. Flights from Knock. Contact: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, ☎ 01 241 0811, 01 241 0812. Details regarding the special section for the sick from Rev. Michael Scanlon P.P., Cloghan, Birr, Co. Offaly, ☎ 090 645 7122. The organisers request the names of sick people who would like to join the pilgrimage. Names should be submitted as soon as possible, please, to:- Elizabeth Clyne, ☎ 043 332 5156.
- ✘ **Monster Auction**. Newtowncashel Community Games will hold a Monster Auction in "The Hill" on Sunday 19th April, at 1.00 p.m. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of sports equipment to enable the children of the parish participate in events and activities. Donations and support will be greatly appreciated. All items considered from household goods to confectionery. Goods may be delivered to the hall at any time after 12.00 noon on Saturday, 18th April. Items can also be collected by arrangement with any member of the committee. Contact:- Christy Hopkins, 086 839 9057; Gary Beattie, 087 205 0506; John Morrissey, 086 806 6698; or John Kenny, 087 050 7686.
- ✘ **Newtowncashel Drama Group**. Following their very successful production of "Too Close To Home" by Jimmy Keary, the group thank the cast, crew, loyal patrons and generous sponsors. They look forward to next season for which there are some exciting plans. Continued support is anticipated.
- ✘ **Thank you** for last Sunday's collection **€580.00**.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**  
Saturday 21st, 8.00 p.m., John and Elizabeth McArdle, Forthill.  
Sunday 22nd, 10.30 a.m., Teresa Flynn, Curroole.  
Thursday 26th, 7.00 a.m., Fr. Edward Swarbrick O.F.M. Cap., Wales.  
Friday 27th, 8.00 p.m., Margaret Farrell, Streamstown, and  
Sr. M. Sarto (Brigid) Farrell M.M.M., Streamstown and Drogheda.  
Saturday 28th, 8.00 p.m., John, Kate and Mary Shanley, Derrygowna,  
and Kathleen Gibney, Navan.  
Sunday 29th, 10.30 a.m., John Hand, Newpark, Month's Mind.  
Please pray for Anne Connaughton, Collinstown, Co. Westmeath, and formerly of Elfeet,  
who died on Thursday, 19th March;  
and for Frank Casey, Cornadough, who died on Saturday 21st.