

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22nd December, 2013

"As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Lk. 2:19).

Many people think about Jesus in Bethlehem and wonder what this tells us about God and about being human? It has to do with the treasure that God is to us, the treasure that we are to God and the treasure that we can be to each other. I hope that the message of Christmas will us bring peace and joy and help us treasure what is important. Happy Christmas to all. ✕ Bishop Francis Duffy.

- ✕ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.
- ✕ **Tuesday is Christmas Eve. 'Midnight Mass' at 10.00 o'clock, celebrated by Fr. Tom Kearney S.V.D. and 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 Day, at 10.30 a.m.
- ✕ **Monday 23rd** is the Feast of St. John of Kanty, 1390-1473, taught Sacred Scripture at Krakow University, Poland, gave away his possessions, walked everywhere including four pilgrimages to Rome. Thursday 26th, St. Stephen, the first martyr. Friday 27th, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Saturday 28th, The Holy Innocents, killed at the behest of Herod. **Sunday 29th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.** Sunday 29th, St. Thomas à Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his cathedral on 29th December, 1170. Tuesday 31st, St. Sylvester, Pope for 21 years, died 335. **Wednesday, 1st January, 2014, is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day and World Day of Peace.**
- ✕ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Recitation of the Rosary** will not take place during the Christmas Season. They will resume on Wednesday, 8th January, 2014, and Friday 10th, respectively.
- ✕ **Baptism.** Emily Kate Farrell, daughter of Daniel and Aileen (Manto) Farrell, Elfeet, was welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday, 14th December.



- ✕ **The Junior Choir** will hold its final rehearsal for Christmas, this Sunday 22nd, after Mass.
- ✕ **The Senior Choir** holds its final practice on Monday 23rd at 8.30 p.m.
- ✕ A meeting of **Altar Servers** to arrange teams for Christmas, and hold a practice, will take place in the Church on Monday 23rd, at 5.00 p.m. All servers are expected to attend.
- ✕ **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 3rd is the **First Friday** of January and of 2014. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd.
- ✕ **Congratulations** to Niamh Brennan and Martin Tolan, who were married on Tuesday, 10th December.
- ✕ **Next Newsletter**, 4th/5th January, 2014.
- ✕ **St. Mel's Cathedral Restoration.** A report detailing progress made in 2013 has been published in newspaper format. Copies are available in the porches.
- ✕ **The Harvest Festival Dinner Dance**, held in Gav's Bar, Kenagh, on Friday night was a great success. People of the soil, in large number, enjoyed the event thoroughly. Chairman, Paddy Finnegan, as genial host, ensured the night was a fitting finale to a very successful year. All look forward to Harvest Festival 2014, in Newtowncashel.
- ✕ **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. The finish is at St. Mary's Hall, Lanesboro, where refreshments will be available. All participants receive a free T-shirt, kindly sponsored by Peter Hanley Motors. Sponsorship cards are available at Kenny's Foodstore, Newtowncashel, and O'Brien's Corner Shop, Lanesboro, Michael Flood, 086 088 0855, Brigid Mullooly, 043 332 1019. All are welcome.
- ✕ **The Christmas Dues (purple envelopes) should be handed in this Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday or Wednesday, 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.
- ✕ Thank you for last Sunday's collection, **€590.00.**
- ✕ **Masses for the Dead:-**
 - Saturday 21st, 8.00 p.m., Thomas Fayne and deceased members of the Fayne Family, Caltramore.
 - Sunday 22nd, 10.30 a.m., Bernard Skelly, Knocknacarra, Galway, and Caltramore, and Mary Skelly, Caltramore.
 - Saturday 28th, 8.00 p.m., For parents and families who have lost infants or small children through miscarriage, stillbirth or accident.
 - Sunday 29th, 10.30 a.m., Frank Farrell, Derrygowna.
 - Saturday, 4th January, 8.00 p.m., John & Margaret Muldoon, Greenhall Upper, and Jimmy Kennedy, Aghnacross.



Nollaig faoi shéan is faoi mhaise dhíbh
Happy Christmas