



Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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The focus of this year's Trócaire Lenten campaign is on the global water crisis. People need water to drink, grow food, farm livestock and for health and sanitation. Water is a basic human need.

- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7.00 a.m.; Friday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ **Lenten Masses.** During Lent, Mass is celebrated at 7.00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish, *Missa pro Populo*,** on Tuesday 25th at 7.00 a.m.
- ✘ **Monday 24th** is the Feast of St. Macartan, first bishop of Clogher Diocese. **Tuesday 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord;** Giving her consent to God's Word, Mary is to become the mother of Jesus.
- ✘ **The Stations of the Cross** – on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30 p.m. All are urged to make a special effort to participate in this traditional devotion.
- ✘ **Confirmation.** Congratulations to the children who were Confirmed this Saturday. Our thanks again to Bishop Francis Duffy and all who did so much to make it a memorable day.
- ✘ **"You Shall be My Witnesses"** The final session of the programme will take place in "The Hill" on Friday 28th, at 7.00 p.m.
- ✘ **P.T.A.A. A Diocesan Pioneer Meeting** will be held in Tealach Íosa (The McGoey Hall), St. Mel's Road/Chapel Street, Longford, on Thursday 27th, at 8.30 p.m. A full attendance is expected as the Pioneers meet at diocesan level only twice a year.
- ✘ **St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society** holds its monthly meeting in "The Hill" on Tuesday 25th at 8.00 p.m. New members are welcome.
- ✘ **We welcome Fr. Joe Rabbitt, S.P.S., St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan,** who visits Newtowncashel this weekend. The Society is already well known in the parish through Fr. Seán Ó'Dowd. Fr. Rabbitt will speak at Mass on the mission of the Kiltegan Fathers, requesting continued support for their work through enrolling in the Mission Circle and/or subscribing to "Africa" magazine.



- ✘ **St. Mary's National School** has set up a new website at the following address – newtowncashel.scoilnet.ie News items and photographs will be displayed on this site, facilitating those who wish to keep up to date with events at the school.
Congratulations to all who represented St. Mary's in the Ballyleague/Lanesboro St. Patrick's Day Parade. Their entry, 'Biodiversity', was awarded the 'Best Junior Float' plaque for the fourth year in succession.
Lenrec Ltd., clothes recyclers, will collect new and used men's, women's & children's clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, ties, linens, household textiles, stuffed toys etc, in any condition once they are clean. Collection is on Wednesday 26th. Bags should be left at the school gate or in the sheds at the rear, before 9.30 a.m.
Enrolment forms for September 2014 must be returned to the school immediately.
- ✘ **Foróige.** An information evening on setting up a Foróige club in Newtowncashel will be held on Wednesday 26th, at 8.30 p.m. in "The Hill". Parents of young people 12-18 years, and adults interested in setting up a Foróige Club in the parish are invited. Foróige Clubs offer young people the opportunity to run the club themselves in cooperation with their adult volunteers, learn new things, make friends and enjoy the experience. For further information contact Megan Depinna, Regional Youth Officer, 086 256 6480, megan.depinna@foroige.ie
- ✘ **Cashel Defibrillator Group** will provide a refresher class in the G.A.A. Clubhouse, on Monday 24th, between 8.00 and 9.00 p.m. Members are asked to avail of this opportunity as it is important to practise the skills. Further training will be provided in the coming weeks for those who wish to complete the full course and for those who need to renew certification. Participants are asked to contact: Geraldine Greene, 087 619 0134, or Mairéad Farrell, 086 856 6608.
- ✘ **Harvest Festival.** A Table Quiz will be held in Gav's Bar, Kenagh, on Friday 28th, commencing 8.30 p.m., sharp. Table of four €40.00. Proceeds in aid of St. Christopher's.
- ✘ **G.A.A. Southern Gales** hold their Registration Day in Cashel G.A.A. Clubhouse this Sunday, 23rd, at 11.30 a.m. for all children, Under 6 to Under 18. One child, €10.00. Two or more children, €20.00. Adult membership, €30.00. Southern Gales would appreciate the assistance of all parents/guardians.
- ✘ **Longford Women's Link** gratefully acknowledges **€309.00**, proceeds of their recent church gate collection in Newtowncashel.
- ✘ Contributions to the **Lenten Alms**, this weekend, please.
- ✘ Recent collection totals:- Sunday last **€645.00.**
St. Patrick's Day **€535.00.** Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 22nd, 8.00 p.m., John Donlon, Derryhawn, Month's Mind.
Sunday 23rd, 10.30 a.m., J.P. Killian, Forthill.
Saturday 29th, 8.00 p.m., Johnny Bawle, Curroole Kenny, Month's Mind.
Sunday 30th, 10.30 a.m., Frank, Rose and Oliver Burke, Derryhawn.

