



Parish of Cashel

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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The unexpected election of Pope Francis has been cited as an example of the Holy Spirit breathing new life and inspiration into the Church. We have all received the Spirit at our Baptism, renewed and reinforced at Confirmation. We need to remind ourselves that he's there as our potent ally and unerring guide.

- ✠ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday and Friday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✠ **Mass for the Intentions of Students Sitting Examination** on Saturday 30th, at 8.00 p.m. A meeting of young people will be held in Church on Friday 29th, at 6.00 p.m., to organise and practise for the Exam Mass.
- ✠ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Sunday, 31st, at 10.30 a.m.
- ✠ **Monday 25th** is the Feast of St. Bede the Venerable, 673-735, an English monk and prolific writer, patron of scholars.
Monday 25th, St. Gregory VII, 1028-1085, Pope, worked for reform, died in exile.
Monday 25th, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, 1566-1607, Carmelite, offered her life for the spiritual renewal of the Church.
Tuesday 26th, St. Philip Neri, 1515-1607, ordained priest in Rome at 46, worked for the spiritual improvement of the Romans, renowned for his cheerfulness.
Wednesday 27th, St. Augustine of Canterbury, sent by Pope Gregory the Great to preach to the people of England; arrived in Kent in 597, died 604.
Saturday 30th, St. Joan of Arc, burned at the stake in Rouen, France, in her late teens, patroness of soldiers and of France.
- ✠ **Sunday next, Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**, is the last opportunity for fulfillment of Easter Duty - the obligation to receive worthily the Blessed Eucharist between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.
- ✠ **Ordinary Time** resumes on Monday 25th. It is denoted by the wearing of green vestments.
- ✠ **Recitation of the Rosary** concludes on Friday next, 29th. All are invited to make a special effort to attend.
- ✠ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continues on Wednesdays, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
- ✠ **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** commences on Wednesday, 27th. Remember in prayer the pilgrims, assisted pilgrims and voluntary staff who are taking part.

- ✠ **St. Mel's Cathedral.** The new Ruffatti organ will be blessed this Sunday, 24th, at 8.00 p.m. A concert will follow featuring Longford County Choir and the Cathedral Choir. The event includes an organ recital by Dr. John O'Keeffe and Professor Gerard Gillen. Admission is free and all are welcome.
- ✠ **Lough Derg.** Pilgrims may commence the **Three Day Pilgrimage** on any day between 29th May and 13th August. The cost is €70.00 to cover boat fare and accommodation. No reservation is required for the Three Day Pilgrimage.
One Day Retreats take place on designated dates in late August and September. The cost, €40.00, includes boat fare and a light lunch. Reservations essential. For more information contact: Maureen Boyle, ☎ 071 986 1518, email: info@loughderg.org or visit: www.loughderg.org.
- ✠ **Cashel P.T.A.A. The Annual Pioneer Outing** takes place on Wednesday, 15th July, destination Dublin. Details as follows:- 8.00 a.m. Depart from "The Hill". Further pick-ups en route. 9.30 a.m. Restroom break at Applegreen M4 service station. 10.30 a.m. Tea/coffee and scones at Glasnevin Cemetery visitor centre. 11.00 a.m. Guided tour of the Cemetery including the O'Connell crypt and tower, the graves of Michael Collins and Constance Markievicz. This is a particularly interesting visit as we approach the centenary of 1916. 12.00 noon. Guided tour of the National Botanic Gardens. 1.00 p.m. Opportunity for lunch at the gardens restaurant. 2.00 p.m. Board coach for visit to the National Museum of Ireland, Kildare Street. This is a self-guided visit with amazing exhibits on view. 4.30 p.m. Free time at the Liffey Valley shopping centre. Option of dinner in Dublin before departure, or on the homeward journey. The cost is: €40.00, payable when booking. The charge includes coach hire, driver/guide, morning coffee, admission to designated places of interest. It does not include lunch and dinner which are at the discretion of individuals. Contact any member of the Pioneer committee.
- ✠ **Items for inclusion in the Newsletter** by midday on Thursday, please.
- ✠ **Eircode**, the new postcode system for Ireland, will be launched in June. To enlist help for anyone who may need assistance in understanding the new system, contact Margaret Walsh, Longford Community Resources Ltd, ☎ 043 334 5555, eircode@icrl.ie
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Playground Committee** hold a Tug-of-War fundraiser this Sunday, 24th, at 2:30 p.m. in Doyle's Field (Harvest Festival site). Live music in "The Local" from 6.00 p.m.
- ✠ **Mini-Marathon.** Twenty-one Cashel ladies will participate in this year's mini-marathon on 1st June. They will run/walk in memory of baby Keela Geraghty and raise funds for the development of the playground in Newtowncashel. To supplement the fundraising the ladies hold a cake sale and raffle after Masses next weekend, 30th/31st. Donations of cakes, foodstuffs and spot prizes would be greatly appreciated. For further information contact Kate Mulvihill, 086 381 7566; Laura Dermody, 086 822 2677.
- ✠ **A New Cycling Group** has been established and will meet on Friday evenings commencing at 7.15 on 29th May, at "The Hill". Various routes and distances to cater for all cyclists. A junior cycle group will also be formed. Helmets compulsory.
- ✠ **The Pentecost Dues** may be handed in this weekend, please.
- ✠ **Thank you** for last Sunday's collection, **€445.00.**
- ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 23rd, 8.00 p.m., Daniel (Danny) Farrell, Elfeet Adamson, month's mind.
Sunday 24th, 10.30 a.m., Brigid, Sr. Columba and Thomas J. Farrell, Clonmee.