

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Catholic Schools Week runs from Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st, January. The annual celebration of Catholic education gives us all the opportunity to be more aware of the unique contribution our Catholic schools make to Irish life. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: Called to Serve". During the week we invite you to take time to reflect on the service that Catholic schools give to children, parents, families and communities. You are also asked to consider how best you can offer support to the service that our children's Catholic school provides in so many different ways. A key area of support in the current climate is allegiance to the Catholic ethos of the school.

- ✠ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✠ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish**, on Tuesday 27th, at 9.30 a.m.
- ✠ Sunday 25th is the **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul** - on the road to Damascus. He spent the remainder of his life preaching to the non-Jewish world.
Monday 26th, Sts. Timothy and Titus, disciples of St. Paul and later his co-workers, to whom he wrote letters which are included in the New Testament.
Tuesday 27th, Angela Merici, 1474-1540, founder of the Ursulines, she devoted herself to Christian Education.
Wednesday 28th, St. Thomas Aquinas, born in Italy, 1225. Despite the hostile opposition of his family he became a Dominican in 1244, studied in Paris and in Cologne under St. Albert the Great. Patron of schools and universities, died 1274.
Friday 30th, St. Aidan, born c550 probably in Co. Cavan, studied in Wales under St. David, returned and founded a monastery at Ferns in Co. Wexford where he later became bishop, died 626, patron of the Diocese of Ferns.
Friday 30th, Blessed Margaret Ball, Dublin, imprisoned for teaching Catholicism, harbouring priests and having Mass celebrated in her home. Died in Dublin Castle, 1584.
Friday 30th, Blessed Francis Taylor, elected Lord Mayor of Dublin 1595, seven years in prison for his Catholic faith, died of the hardships suffered there on 30th January, 1621, aged 70 years.
Saturday 31st, St. John Bosco, 1815-1888, born in Italy, he founded the Salesians to educate boys for life, was involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. Patron Saint of young people and Catholic publishers.

- ✠ Sunday, 1st February, is the **Feast of St. Brigid**, 454-524. She received the religious veil from St. Mel at Ardagh and founded her monastery at Kildare with the help of St. Conleth. St. Brigid is Patroness of Ireland.
- ✠ Monday 2nd, is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at the beginning of Mass, on Sunday. Those who wish to have candles blessed may leave them in the sanctuary.
- ✠ Tuesday 3rd, is the **Feast of St. Blaise**. The Blessing of Throats, associated with the feast, will be given after Masses on Saturday and Sunday.
- ✠ **Temperance Sunday** falls on 15th February. Children from Fifth Class are invited to become Young Pioneers. Pioneers who are eligible for Silver or Gold emblems (pins) are asked to contact any member of the Cashel Pioneer Council as soon as possible – likewise, young people who wish to advance to the next stage of membership.
- ✠ **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** concludes this Sunday. The theme, **Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink"**, is inspired by chapter 4, verse 7, of St. John's Gospel. Material for the week of prayer was prepared by representatives of Christian Churches in Brazil.
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Drama Group** will meet in "The Hill", on Monday 26th, at 9.00 p.m. The main item on the agenda is the upcoming play. All members are requested to attend, new members welcome as always.
- ✠ **Cashel G.A.A. Club**. Officers elected at recent A.G.M.: **Presidents**: Jack Farrell, Mike Kenny and Paddy Donlon, **Chairperson**: Jack Bannon, **Vice Chairperson**: Martin Skelly, **Secretary**: Bernadette Farrell, **Assistant Secretary**: Paddy Killian, **Treasurer**: Ray Flanagan, **Assistant Treasurers**: Anthony Melia and Brendan Bannon, **P.R.O.**: Anne Kenny, **Registrar**: Seán Casey, **Oifigeach na Gaeilge**: Tom Conlon, **Coaching Officer**: Richard Farrell, **County Board Delegates**: Jack Bannon, Bernadette Farrell, Martin Skelly, **Sub Delegate**: Noel Mulvihill, **A.S.A.P. Officer**: Maranna Casey, **Children's Officer**: Peter O'Boyle.
The Club has a vacancy for a FÁS/Tús worker at Páirc Ciarán. Anyone who is interested, and also eligible to apply, is asked to contact Anthony Melia, 043 332 5036, or Jack Bannon, 086 031 9071.
This week's Lotto Jackpot stands at **€12,300.00!** Stay in to win.
- ✠ **Newtowncashel Tidy Towns**. Officers appointed at the A.G.M. **Chairperson**: Michael Casey, **Vice Chairperson**: Mick Casey, **Secretary**: Sheila Donnelly, **Treasurer**: Kevin Casey, **P.R.O.**: Michael Casey, **FÁS/Tús Co-ordinators**: Michael Murray and Jack Farrell.
The February meeting will be held in "The Hill" on Wednesday 4th at 8.00 p.m.
- ✠ Contributions to the **Monthly Collection** for February next weekend, please.
- ✠ Thank you for last Sunday's collection **€850.00**.
- ✠ **Masses for the Dead**:
Saturday 24th, 8.00 p.m., Mary Quigley, Athlone and Derrymacar, month's mind.
Sunday 25th, 10.30 a.m., Peter and Mary Kate Clyne, Caltrabeg.
Monday 26th, 8.00 p.m., John, Mary Kate and Mary Liz Skelly; Jane and Brigid Hudson, and deceased members of the Skelly and Hudson families, Cleraun, Kevin and Annie Hamm, Moate.
Saturday 31st, 8.00 p.m., Michael Whittton, Forthill, month's mind.
Sunday, 1st February, 10.30 a.m., Lena Cunningham, Loughawn, deceased members of the Cunningham family, Elfeet, and Lily Lennon, Curra Creehan.