

# Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*"Always have your answer ready for the people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have." - St. Peter's words in the second reading.*

**How are we doing? Are we quietly confident? Have we that hope of which St. Peter speaks? Have we our answer**

**ready? Or have we taken down our posters and discarded our party badges lest someone identify us; lest somebody ask us questions. If Christianity were a political party how valuable would you be at election time? O yes, you'd give your number one on polling day. But Jesus wants more than secret voters. He wants visible supporters. Our new Eucharistic Ministers and the many others who are similarly involved are examples of the kind of followers Jesus wants.**

- ✘ **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 the People of the Parish**, *Missa pro Populo*, on Monday 26th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of Students Sitting Examination** on Saturday 31st, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Sunday 25th** is the Feast of St. Bede the Venerable, 673-735, an English monk and prolific writer, patron of scholars.  
 Sunday 25th, St. Gregory VII, 1028-1085, Pope, worked for reform, died in exile.  
 Sunday 25th, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, 1566-1607, Carmelite, offered her life for the spiritual renewal of the Church.  
 Monday 26th, St. Philip Neri, 1515-1607, ordained priest in Rome at 46, worked for the spiritual improvement of the Romans, renowned for his cheerfulness.  
 Tuesday 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.  
 Friday 30th, St. Joan of Arc, burned at the stake in Rouen, France, in her late teens, patroness of soldiers and of France.  
 Saturday 31st, **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** This feast commemorates Mary's visit to her cousin St. Elizabeth.

- ✘ **Recitation of the Rosary** concludes on Friday next, 30th, eve of the Feast of the Visitation. 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.
- ✘ **Eucharistic Ministers.** We welcome and congratulate the four new Eucharistic Ministers, commissioned this Saturday evening. We thank the Pastoral Council members who recruited them and Fr. James MacKiernan who conducted the training evening. Our thanks also to the outgoing group for their dignified conduct of their ministry in service of the Church and community. The latter group have kindly agreed to continue. The new roster follows a six/seven-week cycle, commencing next weekend, 31st May/1st June. Copies are now available and may be collected from the Sacristy.



**When coming to Holy Communion please:-** ● Stand close to the step, ● Hold your hands chest-high if you wish to receive in the hand, ● Form two lanes in the centre aisle and avoid 'lane-changing', ● Draw the minister's attention if a person or persons needs Communion where they are seated. ●

- ✘ **Teen Mass** at 8.00 p.m. on Saturday 31st, Feast of the Ascension, with the focus on examinations. The final practice takes place in Church on Thursday 29th at 7.00 p.m. It is hoped there will be a full attendance to complete preparations.
- ✘ **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** commences on Tuesday, 27th. Remember in prayer the pilgrims, assisted pilgrims and voluntary staff who are taking part.
- ✘ **St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society** holds its monthly meeting in "The Hill" on Tuesday 27th, at 8.30 p.m. New members are welcome. [stjosephsyoungpriestssociety.com](http://stjosephsyoungpriestssociety.com)
- ✘ **Intellectual Disability Association.** The Newtowncashel branch will meet in "The Hill" on Thursday 29th, at 8.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend.
- ✘ **Cumann na mBunscol.** The girls of St. Mary's N.S. won the Division 4 Football Final in an entertaining contest at sun-drenched Pearse Park on Wednesday evening. The score: Newtowncashel, 6-4, Abbeylara, 6-3. Well done to the girls, their mentors, and the supporters who travelled to cheer the girls on. Further good news is that there's an abundance of talent in the pipeline.

- ✘ **The Harvest Festival Committee** stage a Tractor Run this Sunday, 25th, leaving Kenagh at 12.00 noon, arriving Newtowncashel, 1.00 p.m. and returning to Kenagh. Proceeds to St. Christopher's. It is hoped that many will come out to view the parade of vintage and classic machines.



- ✘ Contributions to the **Monthly Collection** for May are due next weekend, please.
- ✘ Thank you for last Sunday's collection **€885.00.**
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**  
 Saturday 24th, 8.00 p.m., Mary Sweeney, Derrygowna, month's mind.  
 Sunday 25th, 10.30 a.m., Deceased members of the Murray Family, Claras.  
 Sunday, 1st June, 10.30 a.m., Sue Allen, Pollagh.