

# Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th August, 2013

*“Try your best to enter by the narrow door.”*

- ✠ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✠ Sunday 25th is the Feast of St. Louis, 1214-1270, King of France, outstanding in penance and prayer, undertook crusades to the Holy Land.  
Sunday 25th, St. Joseph Calasanz, 1557-1648, founded a congregation to run free schools for the poor.  
Tuesday 27th, St. Monica, 331-387, native of North Africa, converted her pagan husband to the faith and, by her prayers and tears, brought her son, St. Augustine, to Christianity and a moral life.  
Wednesday 28th, St. Augustine, 354-430. Converted to Christianity by the prayers and tears of his mother, St. Monica. Very influential preacher and writer.  
Thursday 29th, the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. King Herod had married Herodias, his brother's wife. He promised her daughter anything she wanted. Motivated by revenge, Herodias prompted her to ask for John the Baptist's head.  
Friday 30th, St. Fiacre, (Ossory, Kilkenny), lived at a hermitage at Breuil in France, patron saint of gardeners, died 670.  
Saturday 31st, St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, of Irish descent and a monk of Iona. At the invitation of King Oswald he preached to the people of Northumbria with much success and founded his monastery on the Isle of Lindisfarne. He died on 31st August, 651.
- ✠ This Sunday, 25th, is **Cemetery Sunday in Cashel Cemetery**. Mass and Prayers for the Dead at 6.00 p.m. The Mass replaces the 10.30 a.m. Mass in the Church.  
Drivers are asked to leave the parking areas in the immediate vicinity of the cemetery free for cars transporting persons of diminished or limited mobility. All are requested to cooperate with the stewards and avoid causing obstruction. The driveway into the cemetery should be used for set-down only, not for parking.  
Plot holders are urged to look after the resting places of their departed.
- ✠ **Cemeteries Collection**. The cemeteries at Saints' Island and Cashel are maintained to a very high standard, a feature noted and appreciated by all who visit them. Maintenance is carried out under the Rural Social Scheme. It is fifteen years since a collection was held to defray the cost of materials and requisites. Funds are now depleted. A collection will be taken up at the cemetery before Mass on Cemetery Sunday. Generous support is anticipated.
- ✠ **The Autumn Station Masses** will be celebrated from 1st to 31st October. Householders who are to host the Stations may arrange dates when convenient if they have not already done so.

- ✠ **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on Sunday next, 1st September. The bus leaves from "The Hill" at 10.00 a.m. Tickets, @ €16.00 each, are available at Kenny's Foodstore, Newtowncashel.  
Confessions from 12.30 p.m. Anointing of the Sick, 2.30 p.m. Mass and Eucharistic Blessing of the Sick with Benediction, 3.00 p.m., followed by the Rosary Procession.
  - ✠ **Pattern Day** will be celebrated at Lady Well, Derrydarragh, on Saturday, 7th September. Mass follows the recitation of the Rosary at 6.00 p.m. This Mass will replace the Saturday evening Mass in the Church.
  - ✠ **St. Mary's National School** re-opens for pupils on Thursday 29th August. We welcome Sinéad Stenson who joins staff as the fourth mainstream teacher. Fifteen new pupils will ensure that school enrolment remains buoyant. Children also return to **Cloontagh National School** on Thursday 29th.
  - ✠ **Cleraun University Centre** provides student accommodation and study facilities in a good Christian atmosphere, convenient to U.C.D. Cleraun is an educational initiative of Opus Dei. info@cleraun.com www.cleraun.com
  - ✠ **The Harvest Festival** takes place on Sunday next, 1st September, commencing at 12.00 noon. The Ecumenical Blessing is scheduled for 1.30 p.m. Central to the Festival is the harvesting of corn by vintage machinery, both horse-drawn and tractor-driven. The event promises a pleasant and interesting Family Day with a variety of side-shows and a guest appearance by Declan Nerney, himself a vintage enthusiast. Proceeds go to St. Christopher's Services. A fine day is all that's needed to complete an exciting spectacle. The weather forecast is positive and promising.
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- ✠ **The Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony 2013** will be held in The Helix Theatre, Dublin, on Monday 9th September, at 12.00 noon. Newtowncashel has been invited to send four representatives.
  - ✠ **Lanesboro Community College** proposes to deliver two Fetac level 5 courses, commencing in September - Outdoor recreation and Office Administration. ☎ 043 332 1139, lanesborocc.las@eircom.net
  - ✠ **Longford Warner Homes Ltd.** Check website and facebook page to determine eligibility for attic and cavity insulation before the winter rush. Call ☎ 043 339 3255 www.lwh.ie www.facebook.com/LongfordWarnerHomesLtd
  - ✠ **The Longford Branch of the Irish Kidney Association** gratefully acknowledges €305.00, proceeds of their recent church gate collection.
  - ✠ **The Harvest Dues** should be handed in next weekend, please.
  - ✠ Recent collection totals:-  
Feast of the Assumption .....€315.00.  
Saturday last.....€275.00.      Thank you very much.
  - ✠ **Masses for the Dead:-**  
Saturday 31st, 8.00 p.m., Big Peter Mulvihill, Portanure.  
Friday 6th, 8.00 p.m., Mary Killian, Forthill and Saints' Island.  
Saturday 7th, at Lady Well, **6.00 p.m.**, Tom, Hannah, Seán and Anthony Fagan.  
Please pray for Paddy Hopkins, Pollagh, who died on Thursday.

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## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st September, 2013

*“My friend, move up higher.”*



✘ **The Harvest Festival** takes place this Sunday, 1st September, commencing at 12.00 noon. The Ecumenical Blessing is scheduled for 1.30 p.m. Central to the Festival is the harvesting of wheat and oats by vintage machinery, both horse-drawn and tractor-driven. The event promises a pleasant and interesting Family Day with a variety of side-shows and a guest

appearance by Declan Nerney, himself a vintage enthusiast. A large screen TV will be installed on site to facilitate G.A.A. followers who wish to keep an eye on the All Ireland Semi-final. The weather forecast assures a fine day! Festival proceeds go to St. Christopher's Services.

**The Harvest Ball** follows in Doyle's of Kenagh on festival night. Music by Colm O'Rourke.

- ✘ **Mass** on 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 Sunday 1st September and Sunday 8th, at 10.30 a.m.
- ✘ Tuesday 3rd, is the Feast of St. Gregory the Great, 540-604, a Roman noble and Prefect of the City before becoming a monk; elected Pope in 590, he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come and originated Gregorian chant. It was he who sent St. Augustine of Canterbury on mission to England.
- Wednesday 4th, St. Mac Nissi, Down and Connor. Tradition has it that he was baptised by St. Patrick. He founded a hermitage in the district of Connor and was later ordained bishop. He died early in the 6th century.
- ✘ Friday is the **First Friday** of September. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday and Friday.
- ✘ Parents of incoming **Altar Servers** are asked to return completed Child Protection forms to the Parochial House immediately, please.

- ✘ **Pattern Day** will be celebrated at Lady Well, Derrydarragh, on Saturday, 7th September. Mass follows the recitation of the Rosary at 6.00 p.m. This Mass will replace the Saturday evening Mass in the Church.  
Pattern Day car parking will be available in Barney Casey's field for those approaching from Carrodger. Parking in John Mulvihill's field for those arriving via the Wood Road. Only through traffic will have road access past the field entrances. People attending the Pattern are requested to co-operate with the stewards.
- ✘ **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place this Sunday, 1st September. The bus leaves from "The Hill" at 10.00 a.m. Tickets, @ €16.00 each, are available at Kenny's Foodstore, Newtowncashel.  
Confessions from 12.30 p.m. Anointing of the Sick, 2.30 p.m. Mass and Eucharistic Blessing of the Sick with Benediction, 3.00 p.m., followed by the Rosary Procession.
- ✘ Sunday week, 15th, is **Pattern Day at Clonmacnois**. Devotions and Mass at 3.00 p.m.
- ✘ **The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet in "The Hill" on Tuesday week, 10th, 8.30 p.m.
- ✘ **Retirement.** Teresa Victory Farrell has retired after five years as Principal at Ballymahon Vocational School. During her term Teresa took the Ballymahon school to the forefront of second level education in Co. Longford. She is wished many years' fulfilment in new pursuits.
- ✘ **The newsletter** will not be published on the weekend of 14th/15th September. Items relating to the fortnight, 9th to 22nd September should be submitted in time for inclusion in next weekend's issue.
- ✘ The monthly **Tidy Towns** meeting will be held in "The Hill" on Wednesday 4th at 8.30 p.m.
- ✘ **I.C.A.** The first meeting of the autumn takes place, in "The Hill", on Tuesday 3rd, at 8.00 p.m. It is anticipated that all members will return renewed and revived after the long hot summer.
- ✘ **Longford Toastmasters'** new season begins on Thursday 5th at 8.20 p.m., in the Longford Arms Hotel - an opportunity to improve communication skills and gain confidence in public speaking. No experience necessary. Contact Mary Morrissey, President, 086 121 9281, or Terrie, 086 170 6367.
- ✘ **Cemeteries Collection.** The collections for the upkeep of the cemeteries at Saints' Island and Cashel realised **€3,057.00**. Our thanks to all who contributed so generously.
- ✘ **The Harvest Dues** should be handed in this weekend, and the **Monthly Collection** for September on Saturday and Sunday next, please.
- ✘ Recent collection totals:-  
Saturday last ..... **€335.00**.  
Monthly Collection, August,..... **€605.00**. Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**  
Saturday, 31st August, 8.00 p.m., Big Peter Mulvihill, Portanure.  
Monday, 2nd September, Annie Forde and deceased members of the Skelly Family, Portanure.  
Friday 6th, 8.00 p.m., Mary Killian, Forthill and Saints' Island.  
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