Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL Fr. Gerard Brady P.P.

Tel. 043 332 5112, 087 231 2353 E-mail: bvmnewtowncashel@eircom.net

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LÆTARE SUNDAY

30th March, 2014

THE HEALING OF THE MAN BORN BLIND.

The readings embrace the themes of sight and blindness, darkness and light, the possible and the impossible.

"We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well."
▼ Oscar Romero,

Archbishop of San Salvador. Assassinated, 24th March, 1980.



- Mass on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday and Friday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7.00 am.
- **♣ Lenten Masses**. During Lent, Mass is celebrated at 7.00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Everyone welcome.
- Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish, Missa pro Populo, on Tuesday, 1st April, at 7.00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 1st April, is the Feast of St. Celsus, 1080-1129, bishop of Armagh where he initiated a programme of Church reform. He attended the synod of Rathbreasail at which the boundaries of the Irish dioceses were defined. St. Celsus is buried in Lismore, Co. Waterford, and was succeeded by St. Malachy.
 - Wednesday 2nd, St. Francis of Paola, 1416-1507, founded a congregation of hermits. He died at Tours in France.
 - Friday 4th, St. Isidore, 560-636, became Archbishop of Seville, Spain, in 600. Scholar, writer and teacher, he is the patron saint of computer users.
 - Saturday 5th, St. Vincent Ferrer, 1350-1419, Spanish Dominican priest, preached missions in Europe, helped bring unity to the Church during the Great Schism which saw rival popes in Avignon, France, and in Rome.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Wednesdays, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. An opportunity to "watch one hour" with the Lord.
- ♣ 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.
- Friday is the First Friday of April. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and house-bound will be made on Thursday and Friday.

- **▼** The **Confessions** of 3rd and 4th classes, St. Mary's National School, will be heard on Monday 31st, at 11.30 a.m., in Church, weather permitting.
- ♣ The Junior Choir will rehearse in Church on Saturday 5th, 6.00 to 7.00 p.m., in preparation for 'Do This in Memory' on Holy Thursday, and the Children's Mass on Easter Sunday. Please note change of time.
- ♥ Congratulations to Fiona Egan and Kevin Hanley who were married on 14th March.
- Getting Married in 2014? Some spaces are still available on the Longford Accord pre-marriage courses, 12th and 15th May, 13th and 14th June. For further information, contact Accord, Longford, 043 334 7222 or book on-line www.accord.ie

 Counselling Service. Accord also provides a professional counselling service for couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage or relationship. It affords a safe place in which to explore difficulties in a confidential, respectful and non-judgemental atmosphere. Contact Accord, Longford, 043 334 7222.
- ▶ Newtowncashel Guild I.C.A. will hold it's A.G.M. in "The Hill" on Tuesday 1st, at 8.00 p.m. All members are requested to attend. Congratulations to Maureen Donlon, Gabrielle Flanagan and Catherine Gallagher who were presented with twenty-year membership awards by National President, Liz Wall, in Newcastle House, on 20th March.
- ▶ Newtowncashel Defibrillator Group. Training continues on Wednesday 2nd, at 8.00 p.m., in the G.A.A. Clubhouse, for beginners and for those wishing to renew certification. Participants are asked to contact: Mairéad Farrell, 086 856 6608, or Geraldine Greene, 087 619 0134, .
- **The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to** Lourdes takes place from 27th May to 1st June. Five nights. Fully inclusive price €699.00. Flights from Knock. Contact: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, © 01 241 0811, 01 241 0812. Details regarding the special section for the sick from Rev. Michael Scanlon P.P., Cloghan, Birr, Co. Offaly, © 090 645 7122. The organisers request the names of sick people who would like to join the pilgrimage. Names should be submitted as soon as possible, please, to:- Elizabeth Clyne, © 043 332 5156.
- Econtributions to the **Monthly Collection** for April, next weekend, please.
- ₩ Recent collection totals:-

Sunday last €955.00.

St. Mel's Cathedral Restoration Fund€765.00. Thank you very much.

▼ Masses for the Dead:-

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. Monday 31st, 8.00 p.m., Kate, John and Mary Shanley, Derrygowna, and Kathleen Gibney, Navan.

Friday, 4th April, 8.00 p.m., Michael Costello and deceased members of the Costello Family, Pollagh.

Saturday 5th, 8.00 p.m., T.J., Tom & Brigid and James Hevehan, Clonmee. Sunday 6th, 10.30 a.m., Maura Donlon, Derryshannoge.

Happy Mothers Day to All Mothers