

Parish of Cashel

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, NEWTOWNCASHEL

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30th November, 2014

Advent is like an alarm clock, reminding us to sit up and take stock and reminding us that our time is finite. An alarm clock, by its very nature has to startle us, jolt us out of our slumber. So too the readings in Advent are dramatic and startling in tone. Our default mode, as human beings, is to press the snooze button. However, we all know the disaster of having pressed the snooze button once too often!

Fr. Brendan Ludlow.



- ✘ **Mass** on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday and Friday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, and Thursday, 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ **Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish, Missa pro Populo**, on Thursday 4th, at 9.30 a.m.
- ✘ Sunday 30th is the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle, from Bethsaida, a disciple of St. John the Baptist, introduced his brother Peter to Jesus, suffered martyrdom on this date by crucifixion, Patron Saint of Scotland, Russia and fishermen.
Wednesday 3rd, St. Francis Xavier, 1506-1552, one of the first seven Jesuits, preached in India and Japan, died as he attempted to enter China. Patron of the Missions.
Thursday 4th, St. John Damascene, 675-749, Syrian theologian and writer.
Friday 5th, St. Clement of Alexandria, c150-c215, Greek theologian, his writings are the largest body of Christian writing to survive from the second century.
Saturday 6th, St. Nicholas of Myra, 4th century bishop in Turkey, Patron of Galway City. Patron saint of children, Saint Nicholas is the origin of the modern Santa Claus.
- ✘ Friday is the **First Friday** of December. The Holy Communion calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday and Friday.
- ✘ **Bishop Duffy** will meet the Parish Pastoral Council in "The Hill" on Tuesday week, 9th December, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **Youth 2000** host their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December. Young people, aged 16 to 35, are invited to avail of this opportunity to find out what their faith is all about. Free buses are available and online booking is necessary. www.youth2000.ie, dublin@youth2000.ie, ☎ 01 675 3690.

- ✘ **The School Board of Management** will meet in the School on Tuesday, 2nd December, at 8.00 p.m. Please note change of date.
- ✘ **Safeguarding Message from Bishop Francis.** During this season of Advent many children will be involved in preparations for Christmas liturgies. It is a special time for them and for their families. I wish to thank our Safeguarding Representatives in the forty-one parishes for their work in ensuring the safety of children in all church related activities.
I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Persons: Seán Leydon, 087 743 1649, or Róisín O'Doherty, 087 332 7587, or An Garda Síochána or Tusla.
Parish Safeguarding Representative, Patricia Farrell, 087 937 9801.
- ✘ **Baptism.** Alfie Francis Nolan, son of Dermot and Vicki (Comiskey) Nolan, Portanure, was welcomed into the Christian community on Saturday, 22nd November.
- ✘ **Members of Newtowncashel Tidy Towns Committee** travel to Moynalty, Co. Meath, on Wednesday, 3rd December, for the Regional Awards presentation ceremony. The December meeting of Newtowncashel Tidy Towns will be held in "The Hill" on Wednesday week, 10th, at 8.00 p.m.
- ✘ **I.F.A., Irish Farmers' Association;** The Annual General Meeting of the **Newtowncashel Branch**, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, 3rd December, in the Peer Inn, Lisnacusha, at 9.00 p.m., sharp. A representative from the County Executive will address the meeting. All members are asked to make every effort to attend.
- ✘ **I.C.A. Irish Countrywomen's Association.** The Newtowncashel Guild holds its last meeting for 2014, in "The Hill", on Tuesday 2nd December, at 8.00 p.m. All members are requested to attend.
- ✘ **G.A.A. Southern Gales Minor Club** hold a presentation night for children in "The Hill" on Wednesday, 3rd December, at 7.30. Guest speaker is Micheál O'Muircheartaigh. All are welcome.
- ✘ **The Annual Concern** fast takes place next weekend. Support would be appreciated.
- ✘ Contributions to the **Monthly Collection** for December may be handed in on Saturday and Sunday next, please.
- ✘ Recent collection totals:- Sunday last..... **€615.00.**
November Dues **€3,015.00.** Thank you very much.
- ✘ **Masses for the Dead:-**
Saturday 29th, 8.00 p.m., James & Mary Sweeney, Derrygowna.
Sunday 30th, 10.30 a.m., J. P. Skelly, Derrydarragh.
Monday, 1st December, 8.00 p.m., John, James & Ann Ganly, Portanure.
Tuesday 2nd, 9.30 a.m., James (Jimmy) Bermingham, Newtownflanagan.
Friday 5th, 8.00 p.m., Pat & Joe Lane, Derryhawn.
Saturday 6th, 8.00 p.m., Alison Smyth, Lanesboro and New Row.
Sunday 7th, 10.30 a.m., Frank Nolan, Portanure.

