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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

- **Monday – Bank Holiday:** Morning Mass at 11.00am only
- **Mass for Exam Students this Monday, 4th June at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. All are welcome.
- **Feast of the Sacred Heart:** Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- **Parents of newly Baptised Children:** All parents of children baptised in the past year are invited to **11.30am Mass next Sunday**. A special blessing for parents and children will be given during Mass.

Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: 7.30pm
Sunday & Holy Day: 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.
Weekdays: 8.30am & 10.00am

FIRST FRIDAYS: 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.45am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm
Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with vigil Mass of the Sacred Heart and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30am.** First Friday: **7.30pm.**

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **7.00pm.**

St. Joseph’s Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am.** First Friday: **6.30pm.**

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm.**

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We must go to the Sacred Heart: Following the Referendum on the 8th Amendment, the best thing for all of us to do, is to go to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He is gentle and humble and in Him we will find rest for our souls. (Matthew 11.25-30).

The French Saint, Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), had four great visions in which Christ revealed His Sacred Heart. The 1st took place on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist 1673. He said to her “My Divine Heart is so inflamed with love for mankind, and for you in particular, thus being unable any longer to contain within itself the flames of its burning Charity; it must spread them abroad through you”. In the 2nd vision, Jesus assured her: “That we must honour the Heart of God under the figure of the human heart of flesh”. The 3rd vision took place on a First Friday of an unspecified month; Christ especially exhorted her to receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of each month. The greatest vision of all, took place within the Octave of Corpus Christi in the year 1676. Before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the Altar, she heard these tremendous words: “Behold this Heart which has so loved mankind that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself in order to prove its love for humankind”. And then Christ asked St. Margaret Mary that the Friday after Corpus Christi should be set apart for a special Feast to honour His Heart; Holy Communion was to be received on this day and reparation made by a solemn act.

Friday next is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We turn to Him, in all our difficulties, as a family and as a Nation.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Today we have the procession **after the 11.30am Mass.** The route will be; Down Chapel Hill, turn right onto Main Street, down Lower Cork Street to the Traffic Lights, left onto Baldwin Street, left onto Thomas Street and finishing in the grounds of the Town Hall with Eucharistic Blessing of our Town and Community. We are hoping for a large attendance.

Order of Procession:

Cross & Candle Bearers at the gate, Altar Servers, The Carmelites, Youth 2000, St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society, Legion of Mary, Pioneers Society, St. Vincent De Paul Society, First Holy Communion Boys, First Holy Communion Girls, Thuribles, Clergy, Priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament, Canopy Bearers, Brass Band, Choir, General public & families. We ask you all to maintain a spirit of silence and prayer throughout the Procession.

