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**Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week;  
Phone Number: 087 – 2524979**

**PARISH MAIL ADDRESS:**

- **Carmelite Lourdes Group** will participate in 7.30pm Mass next Saturday evening as part of their preparation for their Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes.
- **Fatima Centenary Celebration:** On Wednesday week, September 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Centenary of the Fatima Apparitions with Mass and candlelight procession.

**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  
First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

**We encourage families to practice monthly Confession**

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with special reflection on the life of St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing. & Blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

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

**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, Killaclaug**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am**.

**First Friday: 6.30pm.**

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

**Station Masses:** The Autumn Station Masses will commence on **Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Some Stations will take place in the Parish Churches and others in the homes of parishioners. The Station Masses are offered for the families of the Station area to invoke God's Blessings in all we do. It is also an opportunity to make an offering towards the income of the Parish Clergy. Again we ask your help for the distribution of the Station envelopes. The Autumn distributors can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, it would greatly help.

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**Watch and Pray:**

The above words were spoken by Jesus at a most difficult time of His life and He spoke them to His disciples during His final agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He knew they were going to need extra strength for what was going to unfold in the following hours and days. He knew they were going to be severely tested and how difficult His condemnations were going to be for them. As we say, none of us knows what may be around the corner and awaiting us. It is really important for us to nourish our souls with daily prayer. As they also say, the people with experience, pray while you can, because when you are sick you can't pray. We would like to remind families and the boys and girls about the importance of daily prayer, particularly morning and evening prayers. We can all go the wrong way so easily, we need the strength and the protection of God.

We want to thank all Eucharistic Adorers for being so faithful to Adoration throughout the summer holidays. We want to encourage new people and families to consider giving one hour of your week to Eucharistic Adoration, it could be day or night. We have two morning hours that need a volunteer at present: **Monday 11am – 12noon & Wednesday 10am – 11am**. If you or your family can help contact Nora 025-24149 or Catherine 087-7727496.

**Pure in Heart:** Pure in Heart is an organisation funded by young people in Youth 2000. The young people have a centre in 23 Merrion Square N, Dublin. They gather every Thursday evening to share together and to pray together. They also have a youth team that do presentations to young people throughout the country. They promote a healthy and a Christian attitude towards love and relationships. Their primary aim is to encourage young people to become the best version of themselves, by promoting self-worth, a positive self-image and provide the necessary skills to build lasting relationships. They also promote chastity of body and explain the benefits of living a life of respecting the beauty of sexuality. A growing number of young people are beginning to see the benefits that the Pure in Heart team promote. You can visit their website or contact them on 01-6629543. You can also visit the website of an American couple Jason & Crystalina Evert, who are an American couple who give fantastic presentation on the value of youth practising chastity.

**Welcome to Tom Robinson:** Tom is a 23 year young English boy, who will be living with us for the year to minister to the young people in the secondary schools and in the Parish. We want to welcome him and assure him of our support in this important work in the Parish. Kevin, who was with us last year, has returned to Texas and has begun studies for the priesthood. Niall is preparing for college in Galway.

