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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

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm** – **9.00pm** with special reflections on Our Lady of Lourdes, prayers for the sick and **Eucharistic** Healing Blessing.

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES: Friday, 10th February, is the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and world day of the Sick. Anointing of the sick during the 10.00am Mass.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30 a.m.** First Friday: **7.30 p.m.**

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **7.00pm**

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30 a.m.** First Friday: **6.30p.m.**

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

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The Pain of Recession: Eight years have passed since the great financial collapse, it was a shocking time. But let us not forget in our prayers, the thousands of families who are still burdened with huge mortgage repayments and those thousands of families who are in arrears and in danger of their family home being repossessed. We can rightly ask the question, have we done enough to support these stretched families? While a lot of bad decisions were made during the “Celtic Tiger” the general society needs to be sympathetic to all those who find themselves in difficulty. This is a major source of difficulty, which needs Divine intervention and inspiration. It is a problem we must keep in our prayers and we must pray for the young families affected. We must also pray for the Courts, the public authorities and the Banks, that they will deal mercifully with those caught in these difficult circumstances. While these families are suffering, we are still in recession. As a Church we cannot ignore the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Sometimes we lament some of our brothers and sisters not practicing their faith. Maybe we do not appreciate enough, the pain and suffering and confusion brought upon us, by the “Celtic Tiger”, “The Recession” and the “Clerical Scandals”, in recent years. These events have tested the faith of all of us, priests and people. Our Country and our people need a lot of healing, let us ask the Lord to heal these hurts and restore our faith again. We need to support one another and highlight the need for compassion for those still burdened by an eight year recession. Future peace in our country and in the world depends on not abandoning or leaving behind suffering sections of the population. Ensuring the Compassion of Jesus for those in difficulty rebuilds true hope and faith again in the hearts of broken people. Lord, send relief to all mortgage burdened families.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes: On February, 11th, 1858, Our Lady began appearing to St. Bernadette in the small town of Lourdes in Southern France. Our Lady revealed to Bernadette, that she was the Immaculate Conception. She appeared 18 times to her. The last apparition occurred on July 16th, 1858. She came to Bernadette with a call to all of us to pray and do penance for our sins. Our lady brought comfort, hope and motherly healing. She appeared with the Rosary Beads. Bernadette was in poor health and her family had lost their home and business and were struggling. Our Lady of Lourdes still calls and comforts us.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1st – 6th June 2017, 5 nights Full Board. Under the Patronage of Most Rev. William Crean D.D., Bishop of Cloyne. Pilgrimage Directory: V. Rev. Tobias Bluitt P.P. Booking with Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, Cork, Telephone: (021) 4277979. Sick/Assisted Pilgrim application forms available from The Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Tel: (022) 20276.

