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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**

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

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**Today is WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS;** Your prayers are asked for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and the Permanent Diaconate

**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 prayers for Vocations and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

**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**

**Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents,** is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, the Diocesan Religious Purposes collection will be taken up after Holy Communion.**

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Your Diocese Needs You:** As today is a special day of prayer for vocations, let us remind ourselves, we have only one student in the Seminary at present. He is Deacon John Magner, who will be ordained for the Diocese in June. The Diocese needs to have someone begin their studies in September, to guarantee a supply of priests into the future. So, let us all pray hard this weekend, that the Lord will call a couple of candidates to begin their formation in September. If you have ever thought of becoming a priest, now is the time to act, your Diocese urgently needs you and many souls are waiting for you to help them.

**A Catholic Hospital:** Is a place blessed by Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world? As Catholics we have something to offer the sick and expectant mothers, greater than ourselves. A Catholic hospital offers the healing blessing of Jesus Christ. A Catholic hospital offers to the terminally ill, a hope of future happiness, in a world beyond our present life. Our Doctors and Nurses do wonderful work, but we must never forget, that without the Divine Physician, Jesus Christ, we are limited. A hospital that excludes Him, limits its services enormously. May all our hospitals be built on rock and not on sand. We thank the Sisters of Charity and all the Nuns for the great work done caring for the sick over many generations in our country. We thank the Lord for inspiring us to love and care for the sick and suffering. May the sick and suffering always have a special place in our hearts and know the comfort of the gentle Saviour, Jesus Christ. May Our Lady protect and guide the Church at this time in our country. May our decisions keep faithful to Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Heart of the world, we must not betray Him anew.

**Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council** presents a 'Night in Fatima', on **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in Bunscoil na Toirbhirte School Hall. Guest speakers Fr John McCarthy and Fr Patrick Winkle will give a presentation on the 3 Shepherd Children, the relevance of the Fatima message today and the 3 secrets. After a short break for light refreshments, we will go live to Fatima to join with Pope Francis for the recitation of the Rosary. May 13<sup>th</sup> is the Anniversary of the first apparition in 1917 and 2 of the shepherd children Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta will be declared Saints by Pope Francis on May 13<sup>th</sup>. **Special Mass on Saturday Evening May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Parish Church,** followed by **Candlelight Procession** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome to come to these very special events.

**May – The month dedicated to Mary, the Holy Mother of Jesus:** We invite you and the members of your family, to come together, to ask the help and intercession of Our Lady, for our troubled world. Let us all renew our love for Our Lady during the month of May and pray especially to her. We encourage all families and schools to make a special Altar to Our Lady, during the month of May. Throughout the month, the Rosary will also be recited at the Grotto on Cahir Hill **each evening at 8.00pm** (except on Thursdays, due to the Holy Hour, it will be on at 7.30pm).

Pray for us dear Mother, now and at the hour of our death.

