

### **50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress:**

As you will be aware, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, announced last June that the next International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Ireland in 2012. As always the Congress will be hosted by a particular 'local Church' or diocese, in this case Dublin.

While the main events will take place in Dublin, the Congress is intended to provide the whole Church, both here in Ireland & further afield, with an opportunity to deepen our faith in the Eucharist and our understanding of its implications for our daily living. With this in mind it is envisaged that a programme of evangelisation, catechesis, solidarity and celebration will take place in every diocese in the country in the two-year period running up to the Congress.

The hosting of an International Eucharistic Congress will cost a considerable amount of money. The main justification for this expense will be the opportunity it provides to nourish the faith of the people. The provision of funding does, however, present some obvious challenges, particularly in the present economic climate. While it may be possible to attract some corporate sponsorship, recent trends suggest that the bulk of the funding will come in the form of the more modest contributions of ordinary Catholics.

The Irish Episcopal Conference has agreed to the holding of *a special collection* in every Church in Ireland on the *Feast of Corpus Christi*, which falls this year on **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

### **Papal Web Page for Youth:**

The Vatican has unveiled a new website to bring the Pope's messages to young people. [www.Pope2You.net](http://www.Pope2You.net). The site will allow young people to send cards to friends with an attractive image of the Pope and a quote taken from one of his addresses.

A soul arms itself by prayer for all kinds of combat. In whatever state the soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer. **(Diary of St. Faustina)**

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### **Corpus Christi Procession:**

On Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>, after 12 o'clock Mass, we invite all the people of the Parish to come and proclaim publicly our faith in the Lords Presence in the Eucharist: "He who declares himself for Me in the presence of men, I will declare Myself for him in the presence of My Father in Heaven." (Matt: 10-32).

The route will be Church Hill, Upper Cork St., James St., George's St., Robert St., Lower Cork St., and finish in New Square with Benediction.

It is a very special event every year, during which we honour the Lord and ask Him to bless our Town and our Parish.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion children will strew flowers along the way, the choir & the Fitzgerald Brass band will lead the singing and the Carmelite Lourdes group will give a guard of honour. The boy scouts & girl guides will also march.

After the concluding Prayer of the Mass, everyone assembles in the Church yard, please follow the direction of the stewards. The procession usually takes about 45 minutes.

We would be grateful if the homes along the route would again decorate their houses as they have done so beautifully in the past.

The Church bell will ring when we are ready to start.

### **Theology Scholarships:**

From next autumn, free places are being offered to study theology at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. The new scholarships are offered by the Theology Department at Mary Immaculate College as a response to the economic situation, with the generous support of the Mercy Sisters. Contact NOSTRA (New Opportunities for the Study of Theology and Religion for Adults at **061 – 774727**).

**Clergy:**

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**Priest on Sick call this week is:**

Canon Timothy O’Leary  
Emergency Contact  
Number: 087 - 2524979

**Confession Times:**

**Mitchelstown:**

Sat, Eves of Holydays  
& Eves of 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays.  
12 p.m. to 1 p.m. & 7  
p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

**Ballygiblin:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday  
7 p.m.

**Killacluig:** before 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday Mass.

**Knock Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

June. Organised by St.  
Joseph’s Young Priests  
Society. Bookings:  
087-2268113 or 025-  
31499 or 025-32993

**Marymount Hospice Sunflower Collection:**

The above collection will take place, in Mitchelstown, on Friday,  
June 12<sup>th</sup>. Let us put our best foot forward and make this year’s  
collection another great success. If you would like to help, please  
contact Patricia at 025 / 24539.

All previous collectors will be contacted automatically.

**Mass Times:**

***Church Of Our Lady Conceived  
Without Sin, Mitchelstown:***

Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30 p.m.  
Sunday & Holyday: 8.30 a.m. 10.30  
a.m., 12 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30 p.m.

Weekday: 8.30 a.m. & 10 a.m.

***Church of the Holy Family,  
Ballygiblin:***

Sunday & Holyday: 9.30 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30 p.m.

***St. Joseph’s Church, Killacluig:***

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 8.15 p.m.

**Notes for June 2009:**

**The Pope’s Intentions**

**General:** That international attention  
towards the poorer countries may give  
rise to more concrete help, in  
particular to relieve them of crushing  
burden of foreign debt.

**Mission:** That the particular Churches  
operating in regions marked by  
violence may be sustained by the love  
and concrete closeness of all the  
Catholics in the world.

**Balance Needed:**

In the past a lot of children were badly treated – they suffered  
violence and fear. Children with dyslexia and other conditions, now better  
understood, suffered in a particular way. A number of children suffered  
from lack of confidence in their later adult life and could not develop their  
full potential. Advances in child psychology in recent years have greatly  
improved the quality of life for many children.

But we all know that over confidence in a child is not a good thing  
either. Every child has a right to respect and consideration, but every  
child must also be taught to respect other people, especially parents,  
teachers and others. This is a balance that we must always be careful to  
keep.

Fr. Michael

A man from the  
Department of  
Agriculture called to a  
farm and told the  
elderly farmer that the  
EU had laid down  
several directives in the  
agricultural line – one  
of which was that all  
livestock had to be  
branded.

“Alright,” said the  
farmer, confused.

“I’ll give it a try.”

Several weeks later, the  
civil servant returned to  
the farm to see how the  
old man was coming  
along.

“Not too bad,” said the  
farmer. “I’ve just  
finished the chickens,  
but the bees are a devil  
to get hold of!”

**Recipe For A Family Cake**

Add:

- 1 handful of FORGIVENESS
- 1 heaping cupful of LOVE
- 1 pound of UNSELFISHNESS
- 2 tablespoons of GOOD NATURE

Mix: Together smoothly with complete  
FAITH in GOD

Then sprinkle generously with  
THOUGHTFULNESS....

This makes a wonderful Family cake....  
Enjoy!!

**Did you know?**

- Only one in two billion people will live to be 116 years of age or older.
- Pigeons are the only birds that can drink without raising their heads to swallow.