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Route of Procession:

The following is the route of this year’s Corpus Christi Procession: The Procession will immediately follow the **11.30am Mass on Sunday May 29th from the Parish Church:** Down Chapel Hill, left onto Upper Cork Street, onto James Street, right onto George’s Street, Baldwin Street, right onto Lower Cork Street and finishing in the Town Square with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite owners of homes and premises to place some decorations, to welcome Christ the Lord, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords: As it is the Year of Mercy, we will especially ask God’s Mercy on our Community and upon the World. We invite you all to make a special effort to participate.

Today is World communications day – and we offer special prayers for all who work in Media.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with reading from the Messages of Our Lady of All Nations and prayers to the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

Feast of Pentecost: Sunday next is Pentecost Sunday. This week is a special time of fast and prayer in honour of the Holy Spirit. Special vigil of prayer next Saturday night in Marian Hall: **10.00pm – 12.00 Midnight. All welcome.**

Divine Mercy Prayers: Every Friday in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**. All welcome. Friday next is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

Episcopal Conference Collection: This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. This important collection helps the Church in Ireland to provide many services in Pastoral Care, Teaching, Helplines and many others. Your support greatly helps these important works.

Canopy Bearers: If you would like to volunteer as Canopy Bearer for Corpus Christi Processions. Please give your name in the Sacristy this weekend.

The Ascension of the Lord: Throughout the Easter period many families have had to part because of the death of their loved ones. The sorrow that the death of loved ones brings is very deep and heartfelt. It takes time to heal and to let go. The Disciples of Jesus were shattered by the cruelty of His death, it took time for them to accept the reality of His Resurrection from the dead. The Risen Lord not only appeared to them, but allowed them to touch His Risen Body and He even ate food to convince them that He was real and not a ghost. St. Luke says this continued for forty days before He Ascended into Heaven and brought to an end, His Resurrection apparitions. Then their attention had to turn to the promise gift – the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Once they understood, believed and accepted Jesus’s Resurrection, they were ready to prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.

During the coming week let us prepare again to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday, the Feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let us intensify our prayer, make a fast and receive Confession, that our hearts may be ready to welcome anew the gift of the Holy Spirit. **A period of prayer will be held in the Marian Hall, Convent Hill, on the Vigil of Pentecost Saturday, May 14th at 10.00pm – 12 Midnight. All welcome.**

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: Friday next, May 13th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. On this day in 1917 Our Lady appeared more brilliant than the sun, to three Children, Lucia, Francesco and Jacinta. Our Lady called the children to sacrifice themselves in reparation for sin. She assured them of a place in Heaven and she called them to pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world and end to the ongoing 1st World War.

Divine Mercy – Every Friday. Chaplet of Divine Mercy: In His revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked for a special prayer and meditation on His Passion at the three o’clock hour. “At three o’clock, implore My Mercy, especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion” (Dairy 1320).

Each Friday at three o’clock the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in the Parish Church in Mitchelstown. Please come and join us in praying for our communities, our country, the whole world and your own special intentions. All are welcome.

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: A meeting of all Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be held in the **Parish Church on Monday May 23rd at 7.30pm.** The meeting will include a short period of Eucharistic Adoration and will be followed by a few announcements. We ask all Ministers to attend.

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2nd, 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th & 30th of May. Booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

Month of May – Month of Mary:

Rosary at Grotto: Throughout the month of May, a group will lead the recitation of the Rosary **every evening** at the Grotto of Our Lady, Cahir Hill, at **8.00pm**, except on **Thursdays**, when it will be at the earlier time of **7.30pm**. All welcome

URGENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND: A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish Secretary on 025 / 84062, *Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon* and she will reissue one for you. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing of the refund. **Please complete, and return forms, in the stamped addressed envelope sent to you, no later than Wednesday, 11th May.** Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes and Mobile Phones Collection 11th & 12th May. “*Old phones to be placed in a separate bag*”. On Wednesday, 11th May items can be dropped off to the school up to 3pm and at the Old Ballygiblin School Hall between 6pm to 8pm. On the day of the collection Thursday 12th, items can be dropped off at the Old School up to 10am. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

The Irish Cancer Society’s Volunteer Driver Service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital & The Mercy University Hospital, Cork. We are looking for volunteers to pick local patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. Driver expenses are paid. Telephone Rebecca on 01 2316 642 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

Afternoon ECCE Group at Bright Sparks Sept 2016 - 12.30pm to 3.30pm FREE ECCE spaces available. Please ring 025/86799 for more details.

Day of Prayer and Reflection: Cloyne Diocesan Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, Mallow, Saturday, 14th May. Eucharistic Adoration in the Year of Mercy. Holy Mass at 10am – St. Mary’s Church, Mallow. Followed by Morning & Afternoon Talks and Discussion & Holy Hour at the Mercy Centre, Mallow, Concluding at 4.30pm. All welcome – especially those involved with Eucharistic Adoration. Suggested Offering for the day €10. (Please bring a packed lunch). For more information, please contact: Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, Macroom 085-8585308 or Fr. Pat O’Donoghue, Cobh 021-4813601

Cloyne Diocese is running a **Faith Camp** for boys (aged 12-16) in the beautiful coastal village of Knockadoon (East Cork) from **June 5th – 11th**. Activities include catechesis, sports, hillwalking, music, prayer and more. To book or get more information telephone Kieran on 083-4620610 or Fr. Eamonn Roche on 086-9972539. www.cloynediocese.ie/knockadoon.

Change of Mass Times in Parish Church:

As and from Sunday May 29th the Sunday morning Mass times in the Parish Church will be changed. At present we have three Masses at 8.30am, 10.30am, & 12.00 noon. This will be reduced to **two** Masses **8.30am & 11.30am**. This change will commence on Sunday May 29th, the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Annual Eucharistic Procession will follow the 11.30am Mass.

The Saturday Evening and Sunday Evening Masses will remain the same at 7.30pm.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 7th – Sunday 10th July 2016. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic Faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690

“St Thérèse – The Little Flower” Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. The aim of the camp is to give children the opportunity to form a personal relationship with Jesus, through activities such as Arts & Crafts, Drama, Dance and Action Songs, Music, Team Games, prayer and plenty of fun! The leaders for the week are local volunteers supported by local clergy and members of the Family of Mary Community, and also members of Youth 2000, young people who are deeply committed Catholics and all give voluntarily of their time. In accordance with Cloyne Diocesan Policy, all volunteers will be Garda Vetted. **The Faith Camp runs from 10am – 3pm daily from Monday 18th – Thursday 21st July 2016.**

COST OF CAMP:

- **€40 for first child & €25 per additional child from the same family.** If paying by cheque/postal order, please make payable to “Mitchelstown Faith Camp”.
- Should cost be a concern, please talk to Canon Fitzgerald.
- Please ensure that full payment is made before the first day of the camp.
- The number of places available is limited.
- This is a non-profit venture – money will be used for materials, equipment and subsistence of visiting youth leaders.

Application forms available at the back of the three Churches, from the Parish Office or from any of the Primary Schools. For more details please contact Catherine Hanley (087) 7727496. **Closing date 17th June 2016.**