

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

- **Feastday:** Wednesday next is the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua.
- **Collection for World Meeting of Families:** will be taken up at all Masses **next Sunday**. This collection will be used to defray the costs of the Papal visit. Please give generously.

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
Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

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

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with reflections of the life of St. Anthony, the anointing of the sick will be given, and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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, Killaclaugh

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am**. First Friday: **6.30pm**.

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

Tragic Event: The Bank Holiday weekend was tragically marred by the violent death of Patrick O'Donnell, from Stag Park. We pray for Patrick and our hearts go out to his wife Leanne and his four children Joseph, Jason, Ruby and four month old baby Rosie. When these events happen in our community, we respond with faith in the Resurrection of Jesus. The Devil thought he had a great victory after he engineered the death and crucifixion of Jesus. But he didn't comprehend the plan of God, when three days after his death, Jesus Rose triumphant from the grave and gave salvation to all who come to Him in faith. Throughout the Country at the moment, we are witnessing a lot of the works of the Devil, but we are believers in the Resurrection of Jesus, the Devil has been defeated by the Cross of Christ. Even though Patrick died by an evil act, we pray now that the Risen Christ will have mercy on him and grant him eternal salvation. We pray too that God will comfort his mother Irene and all his family in the terrible and tragic loss they have suffered. It is important that we meet all these events as a community of faith in the Resurrection. The Hill of Calvary in the city of Jerusalem was soaked with the blood of Jesus and His mother, family and friends were pierced with sorrow. But Jesus Rose from the dead in three days as he foretold. This is why we are all at Mass this weekend. Christ is alive and Patrick O'Donnell is alive with Him. St. Teresa of Calcutta once said: "Never be so sad as to forget the Risen Christ". For us believers, death is not the end, no matter how it happens. Let us renew our hope and faith in the Resurrection Jesus. The Catholic community in Mitchelstown is being called to embrace the Cross of Christ and enhance our wounded brothers and sisters and to always give them hope when darkness descends. Let us proclaim anew: **Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!**

June Retreat Days at Glenstal Abbey Tuesday 26th – One Day Silent Retreat for Women. Wednesday 27th – Annual one Day Retreat for Women (not silent). Thursday 28th – Day Retreat for Men. Reflect, relax and pray in the peaceful and beautiful surrounds of the Abbey. Guided by monks of the monastery, the day will include a number of talks, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meals and Refreshment breaks are included. Cost €45. For more information; 061-621005 / events@glenstal.com

