

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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

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## ● **World Day Of The Sick: Day of Prayer for Temperance.**

● **Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday next is a day of Fast and Abstinence (no meat), the beginning of Lent. **Masses Ash Wednesday:** Parish Church: 8.15am (earlier time), 10.00am & 7.30pm. **Killacluig:** 6.30pm. **Ballygiblin:** 7.30pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

**Rosary on the Coast Group** organising prayer again on **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2.30pm** at Mass Rocks in Ireland for Protection of Life & Faith. A **Special Eucharistic Healing Hour for the protection of life will be held in Mitchelstown Parish Church on that day, 2.30pm – 3.30pm.**

● This year's **Annual Lourdes Mass** will take place Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, in St. Patrick's Church, Fermoy at 7.30pm.

### **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**

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday Evening 8.00-9.00pm** with special reflections and prayers for Lent and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

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

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30am.** **First Friday: 7.30pm.**

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **7.00pm.**

### **St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig**

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

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

**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, 14<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

**Pope Francis – Lent 2018:** Describing a world marked by signs of “the end of time,” including false prophets and cold hearts, Pope Francis on Tuesday urged Catholics to use Lent to counteract this “great tribulation” through prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

In his annual message for Lent, released by the Vatican on Tuesday, Francis quoted a line from Christ in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold.”

Those words, the pope said, come as Jesus is describing the end-times, in which “false prophets would lead people astray, and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.”

Those false prophets, Francis said, come either in the form of “snake charmers,” “who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go,” or “charlatans,” “who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless.”

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES:** We encourage you today, to take home a Trócaire Box and to give any money saved during Lent, to help the poorer countries of the world. The boxes are on the seats.

**Kumba's Story** – Kumba was a bright happy little 7 year old, when an unexpected landslide destroyed her home and her family's livelihood. Hurt and frightened she watched many die, but thankfully her family survived. Kumba's life has changed dramatically, but she isn't giving up, and neither should we. Not until love conquers fear. Kumba and children like her need your love and support.

We in Ireland who are followers of Jesus Christ must continually try to shape our lives by his teaching. He taught us to love one another, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick. He said: “As you did it to one of the least of these brethren, you did it to me” (Matt 25:40).

We know that we cannot claim to love God if we do not love our fellow men. St. John tells us “If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in, deed and truth” (John 3: 17-18).

**Come and See - thinking about the priesthood?** 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Pallottine College, Thurles, from 6pm Friday to 3pm Saturday. An event for men discerning priesthood aged 18 to 40, to ‘come and see.’ Begins Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> with dinner at 6pm, followed by informal chat, discussion and prayer. Meet others discerning priesthood and some recently ordained priests. Stay overnight, and on the Saturday morning there will be prayer, breakfast and discussion. There will also be time for Adoration, with Mass at 11.30, followed by lunch at 12.30, final discussion and departure at 3pm. Advance booking is required. The event is free of charge.

