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- **First Holy Communion:** The girls from Bunscoil na Toirbhirte will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at **11.30am Mass next Sunday**. We ask you to support the girls and their families and to pray for them.
- **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 Pentecost gathering on **this Wednesday Evening at 8.00pm in Marion Hall**. All welcome.
- **Bus to Knock:** will leave the Town Square **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.15am**. Adults €20, Children €10. Names to Sacristy and Parish Office.
- **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** The Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- **The Episcopal Conference Collection will be taken up next weekend.** This collection supports the following: Catholic Education and Formation, Pastoral Care, Planning, Communications and resources, Worship, Pastoral Renewal and Faith Development. Your support is greatly needed.

**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 Special Prayers for the Protection of Life in our Country 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, Killaclug**

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

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

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Bishop Crean's Pastoral Letter on the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment:** This week Bishop Crean directs in the process of discerning in making our decision. The following is a section from his letter:

In the middle of this vigorous debate, it is easy to be confused. Often people sow seeds of confusion, by way of inviting the confused to trust them because "they know best". We must not be naïve about what is at issue in this Referendum. It is a great struggle between light and dark, between life and death. In the work of discernment, we seek the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We search for the light in the arguments being put forward. We must be alert to the dark forces that hide their true intent. While we respect those who differ from us, we also know that in our midst there are wolves masquerading as sheep. The art of spin is common practice. We need to be alert to subtleties that seek to take us down side tracks.

**Corpus Christi Procession 2018: The Feast of Corpus Christi is on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Procession will take place after 11.30am Mass on that Sunday.**

The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates, with the greatest honour, the gift of the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics we believe that the Act of Consecration in every Mass the bread and wine are changed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

The Corpus Christi Procession reaffirms that Catholic Faith in a very public way. This is why it is so important to take part in the Procession. In a very public way and faith filled way we ask the Lord Jesus to bless our Community and our Town. We ask Him to deliver our Town from evil and to protect us all. We also, in a very public way, thank the Lord, for being with us and for all His blessings. Each year, we close a section of the Town for the procession. **This year we have chosen the following route: The Blessed Eucharist will be carried down Chapel Hill, turn right onto Main Street, down Lower Cork Street to the Traffic Lights, left onto Baldwin Street, left onto Thomas Street and finishing at the Town Hall grounds with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**

As you know the Town Hall was once the Parish Church of St. Fanahan. We will conclude the Procession this year in the grounds of the Town Hall, remembering all the great people gone before us. The Carmelite Lourdes Group will take charge of the Canopy and Guard of Honour, but **we invite volunteers to carry the Canopy at various intervals. Names of those who would like this honour, to be given in the Parish Office.**

The Procession includes the whole Parish of Mitchelstown, Killaclug & Ballygiblin. We invite all the First Holy Communion children from the Parish to make a special effort to participate and all our Servers. We invite various groups in the Parish to also show their respect to Christ. We also invite and encourage the homes and businesses along the route to be suitably decorated to honour the Presence of the Lord. **The next preparatory meeting will be held in the Parish Church Sacristy on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Volunteers needed for stewarding.**

