

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Throughout the Sundays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**, beginning this Sunday. This is a very important Lenten devotion and we encourage you to participate. **The Parish will lead the Stations of the Cross on Corrin Hill, Fermoy, on Sunday February 21st.**

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

Evening Mass during weekdays of Lent at **7.30pm**

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

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

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Crean will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish Church on Wednesday next at 11.00am. Please pray for the boys and girls of Bunscoil, C.B.S. Primary & Glenahulla. Parking in the Church Grounds for special needs only. **Confessions** for Confirmation Families on **Monday Evening 6.30-7.30pm.**

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thurs. evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with reflections on the Passion of Christ and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

TROCAIRE BOXES: are available today, if you have not already got one. Remember that by denying ourselves a little during Lent, we can offer life to someone in poorer countries.

SPRING STATIONS:

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| Mon. | 15 th | Kildrum & Garryleigh | James & Geraldine O'Brien |
| Mon. | 15 th | Kiltrislane & Cloonlough South | James & Michael Dunne Parish Ch. |
| Tue. | 16 th | New Stag Park Estate | 6.30pm Stag Park Community Centre |
| Tue. | 16 th | Clonmel Rd. Baldwin St. King's Sq. Bank Pl. & Castle Park. | Parish Ch. |
| Tue. | 16 th | Kilshanny | David & Martha Kent |
| Wed. | 17 th | Church Rd. Church Rd. Flats, Mulberry, Mulberry Crest, Kali Magdan, Brigown Cottages, Abbey Farm, Abbey View, The Meadows, Woodlawn, Stonewell & Sliabh Alainn. | PARISH CHURCH |
| Thurs. | 18 th | Gurrane & Coolenave | Michael & Breda McElroy |
| Thurs. | 18 th | Glenduff | Michael & Eileen Carey |
| Fri. | 19 th | Ballybeg, Turbeigh & Glenatluckey | 8.15pm Eugene & Helen Sheehan |
| Fri. | 19 th | Boolakelly, Gurteenatariff & Gortnasna. | Ciarán & Niamh Lewis |

All Station Masses are at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. We encourage you all to participate. **A reminder to return Mass times survey.**

Lent 2016: As we enter Lent 2016, we do so with the backdrop of a double gangland murder in Dublin City. It is a terrible thing in the eyes of God to take the life of another human being and to do so in such a vicious way. May God have mercy on those who died and on those who carried out such a terrible act. It has brought an ISIS style wickedness into our country. Let us bring to Mass this 1st Sunday of Lent 2016 an intention to make reparation to our Creator for such evil and wickedness. Such evil is a reminder to us that we need our Saviour Jesus Christ and we need His protection from evil.

Let us this Lent renew our faith in Jesus Christ. Let us place our homes and our families under His protection. Let us ask Him with faith to drive out evil from our communities and our country. Let us make a renewed effort this Lent to focus more on our relationship with God and in the keeping of His Commandments. Let us renew our efforts to live in harmony and peace with our families and neighbours. Without prayer we cannot live, let us decide again in the busyness of our daily lives to make time to rest with God in prayer. Let us encourage our children and teach them God alone gives true inner peace and joy.

Confirmation: Lent comes early this year and so too Easter and so too the celebration of Confirmation. For the last few months the boys and girls have been preparing for the celebration of Confirmation this Wednesday. We welcome Bishop Crean to the Parish and we pray that the Holy Spirit will come upon the boys and girls and their families in a very powerful way. The Church needs the enthusiasm of the boys and girls and so too the Parish. We hope they will become very active members of the Parish.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage: July 5th – 13th 2016. Visit the Shrine of St. Maximin & St. Mary Magdalene in France. Visit the Holy Family Shrine in Cotignac, where Our Lady appeared with the Child Jesus on August 10th, 1519, and where St. Joseph appeared on June, 7th 1660. Visit Apt to venerate at the Shrine of St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Followed by a visit to Lourdes and Garabandal. Contact Nuala (087) 2313762.

Forms of Friday Penance: The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- Making the Stations of the Cross
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.

From the Statement on Friday Penance issued by the Bishop's Conference, 2011.

