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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

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
First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm**

with special prayers for the Country and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30 a.m.**

First Friday: 7.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **7.00pm**

St. Joseph's Church, Killaclug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30 a.m.**

First Friday: 6.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE COLLECTION: The Annual collection for the Episcopal Conference will be taken up next Sunday at all Masses. This important collection helps the Church support Pastoral Care, Helplines, Teaching and others, your support would be appreciated.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: The Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 18th**. The route is up James's St., George's St., down Church St., onto Upper Cork St., and return to Town Square for Benediction.

Bus to Knock: Leaving the Town Square on **Saturday June 3rd at 7.15am**. Name to Pat McEvoy, Sacristan, or Patricia in the Parish Office.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Darkness give way to Light: On Saturday morning May 6th, a massive crowd gathered at the Leisure Centre, Mitchelstown at 4.00am for the Pieta House fundraiser 5k Walk. Pieta House is a free counselling service for anyone who is suicidal, self-harming or bereaved because of suicide. Mitchelstown was one of a number of centres to hold the walk throughout the Country and the World. Michelle and her great team of helpers and the Gardaí, did an excellent job. As well as being a fundraiser, it was a great social event with music, reflections and refreshments. The breaking of dawn from darkness into daylight symbolises the relief of suffering and pain into peace and joy. Through its services Pieta House reaches out to those in pain and seeks to bring relief and comfort to those suffering depression, inferiority and grief. The massive response to the event reveals the enormous heartfelt goodness in people and their willingness to do their part to support people in their darkness and help bring them to the light of happiness and hope. Darkness is part of the cycle of life, sometimes we all need a helping hand through it and that is what Pieta House offers.

Welcome to the recently Baptised and their families: Throughout the past year the Parish has been striving to support families of newly baptised children. Through the members of the Baptismal Team, the priests of the Parish have received great help in reaching out to the families of the newly baptised and supporting them on their faith journey. This Sunday's 11.30am Mass we have invited families and their newly baptised babies and a special prayer of blessing will be given to them all. Following each baptism now every family receives a special prayer card to support them on their faith journey and to assure them of the support of the Parish Community. We welcome you all today.

Prayer in the Dáil: As Catholics we respect those who do not share our beliefs, all we ask is that they respect ours. The vast majority of Dáil members have agreed to begin proceedings with a short prayer and a short time of silence. That should be respected. We live in a democracy and as long as the majority want public prayer, that should be respected. As Catholics we can no longer be shy or silent about our beliefs. We believe in our need of God's Blessing for ourselves and our Country.

May – The month dedicated to Mary, the Holy Mother of Jesus: We invite you and the members of your family, to come together, to ask the help and intercession of Our Lady, for our troubled world. Let us all renew our love for Our Lady during the month of May and pray especially to her. Throughout the month, the Rosary will also be recited at the Grotto on Cahir Hill **each evening at 8.00pm** (except on Thursdays, due to the Holy Hour, it will be on at 7.30pm).

Pray for us dear Mother, now and at the hour of our death.

