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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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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

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:

Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm**. 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**

Annual Christian Unity Celebration: All Christians are invited to join in a walk-together through Fermoy Town on Sunday 22nd January, in a Pilgrimage of prayer and unity, beginning in St Patrick's Church Fermoy at 3pm and proceeding to Presbyterian Church and Christ Church, followed by refreshments in Adair Hall.

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How much LOVE is in me?

We can only answer this question, when those in my home and family put me to the test. If we are honest, we all have our struggles in the family and that will always be the case. In the film 'The Field', the bull McCabe and his wife didn't speak to each other for many years and yet lived in the same house. Was John B. Keane reflecting what he knew was happening in some homes? Yet, as followers of Jesus, we must strive to imitate His sacrificial love in our families. Many loving relationships today are breaking up and going their separate ways. It may have happened to some of you reading this and only you can answer if you loved enough. It is said by many commentators that people are breaking up too easily. Where children are involved, it is an established fact, that they often suffer the most insecurity. Relationships aren't easy, but with a bit of work, conflicts can be resolved for the good of all. People are often unwilling to go to counselling and the last person they will go to, if at all, is a priest. That is a pity and a loss, we all need help sometimes and giving in to bitterness is destructive of everyone and of society. We can be too private about our relationships. We shouldn't talk about our relationships to everybody, but we should always seek help from trusted and wise sources. We must strive to imitate the Master, Jesus Christ and not the stuff we watch on the soaps!

Fr. Patrick Cahill: Fr. Patrick periodically ministered with us here for over seven years. He proved himself a devout and dedicated servant of the Master. He touched and challenged us all, by his questioning ways and teachings. He spent many hours in the schools and community, guiding and directing young people and leading them to a deeper faith in Christ. His work with the summer faith camps, has left a lasting impression on parents, youth, leaders and children. The Parish Pastoral Council felt that the contribution of Fr. Patrick to the Community should be acknowledged in some way and that the Community be given an opportunity to express this appreciation. So, the Council have invited Fr. Patrick to be the Main Celebrant at the Saturday Evening Mass on January 28th at 7.30pm. There will be a social event after Mass in Forrest Hall and a presentation will be made to Fr. Patrick. If you would like to make a contribution to the presentation, boxes will be left at the Church entrances next weekend. All are welcome to the social event. Fr. Patrick is now a director at the Holy Family Youth School of Catholic Faith Formation in Glencomeragh, but he will continue to visit the Presentation Secondary School. Thank you for all you have done among us, Fr. Patrick.

