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Canon O’Leary is on Sick Call this week;

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PARISH MAIL ADDRESS:

- **Vocations Sunday:** Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday and special day of prayer.
- **Powerful Catholic Bible Study and Healing:** Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic Lay Preacher will lead a day of Bible meditation, prayer and healing through scripture in **Mitchelstown Town Hall on Saturday, 5th May from 11.00am to 6.00pm.** He will share his profound insights into the Bible, unveiling the power of the word of God. Experience the healing and freeing power of the Lord’s word in your life. Please bring a Bible and notebook for taking notes. All are welcome. Contact: Catherine 087-7727496

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 Reflections on the World Meeting of Families 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, Killacluig

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

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

Mitchelstown & Fermoy Lourdes District Fund wish to thank the Parishioners of Mitchelstown and surrounding areas for their generous support of our recent Church Gate Collection, €980 was raised. A Special word of thanks to all the collectors who gave their time generously.

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The State of the Parish: If we read the first three chapters of the final book of the Bible (The book of revelation/apocalypse) the Risen Lord appears to St. John and reveals the state of seven parishes: Ephesus, Syriaena, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia & Laodicea. It makes interesting reading and reflection when you think: What might Jesus have to say today to the Parish of Mitchelstown? In each of the parishes in Revelation, Jesus has positive and encouraging things to say, as well as severe corrections and warnings. What is clear, from the Revelation messages, is that when a Parish is drawn away from Christ and the Gospel, that Parish will go into decline. We all have a responsibility to make sure that, does not happen to Mitchelstown. From the youngest to the oldest and by deed, word and prayer, we must all work enthusiastically to keep the Lord at the centre of the Parish. Our greatness depends on whether the Lord is at the center or not.

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations: Our first elected Parish Pastoral Council completes its three year term this Summer. There were fifteen members elected on the Council three years ago. The Constitution of the Council states that a member may remain for a 2nd term and when that member serves six years, he/she must take a break for two years, before they can be elected again. Nine of the present Council have decided to stay for a 2nd term. This ensures that there is continuity and that the new members are supported. Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council concerns itself solely with the faith life of the Parish. We encourage those of you who are newly nominated not to be afraid to come forward. Those with the majority of nominations will be contacted. Please hand in your nominations by this Sunday.

World Meeting of Families: The programme of the three-day Pastoral Congress for WMOF2018, from 22nd to 24th August, will include a daily programme of workshops, discussions, as well as fun and prayerful activities, for individuals and families, including a tailored programme for children (4-12yrs) and young people (13-17yrs). The highlight of each day will be the celebration of the Eucharist, in the main arena. Fun activities for all the family, will run throughout the day in the Conference venue, except during the celebration of Mass in the Main Arena. Themes from The ‘Joy of Love’ will be explored on each day of the Pastoral Congress. Friday 24th of August is the day designated for the Cashel Province, which includes the Diocese of Cloyne. When you book your tickets for Friday of the Congress you are guaranteed a ticket to the Festival of Families on Saturday evening 25th of August and for the Celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday 26th August.

There will be a bus going from the Parish on Friday, 24th August and Sunday 26th August. We encourage Parishioners to participate in the event and to let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you would like to travel by bus on the above dates, as tickets will need to be booked soon. Cost for both days is approximately €74 (Ticket for the Friday - €38, bus for both days - €36, no charge for the Sunday ticket – there may be a small concession for over 65’s). So please contact the Parish Office to book your place.

