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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

- **St. Fanahan's Well Mass:** will take place at the Well on **Monday week, June 25th at 7.30pm.** Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. from Limerick will be the main Celebrant. All welcome.
- **Feastday:** Wednesday next is the Feast of the Irish Martyrs.
- **Caring for our Retired Priests:** The **Annual Collection for Retired Priests** will be taken up at **all Masses next Sunday.**

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 families, prayers for protection 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, Killaclaug

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

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

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A few months ago, the President of America and the President of North Korea weren't exactly great friends. There were threats and insults and name calling exchanged back and forth. World peace was thought to be in serious danger, as they are regarded as two unpredictable leaders. But all that changed two days ago, when the two men met in a neutral location in Singapore. They shook hands before the world, they sat down and talked and they signed an agreement to work for peace. And remember one of those men was 72 years of age and the other 36 years of age. It is hard to believe what happened in a few short months and we all hope and pray that the two leaders progress the agreement in a practical, down to earth way. It is a recent example of what Jesus is teaching us in the Gospel.

In moments of conflict and anger, our friends can be hurt and we all can hurl insults at each other and say things "in the heat of the moment" we don't really mean. On the other hand, we can give in to the bad side of us and be quite destructive and disrespectful to one another. Sometimes the hurt and harm done can be deep and profound and at other times, communication breaks down and goes on for years, over insignificant words and actions. But Jesus wants us to go the extra mile, Jesus wants us to reconcile with one another. He wants us to resist hatred and to keep the door of peace open. We pray today, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. May the Lord help to forgive past hurts and to make the effort to make peace and to keep the peace.

Annual Collection for Retired Priests will take place at all Masses next weekend, June 23rd & 24th. The retirement age for priests of this diocese is 75. When our present retirement policy for priests was brought in, the age profile meant that a commercial pension plan was not possible, so the Diocese had to provide for our retired priests. Funds to do this were raised in three ways.

- Money was invested so the interest could be used. Unfortunately, the return on this investment has declined seriously over the past year and looks likely to remain low for the foreseeable future.
- Parishes gave 5% of the door collection. Since 2001, this contribution has risen to 7.5%.
- Working priests gave an annual contribution, and continue to do so.

As the number of retired priests grew, more funds were needed to support them, so nine years ago an annual collection for retired priests was added. Last year that collection brought in around €51,361. A similar generous response to this collection this year will help the Diocese to continue to be able to care for our retired priests, many of whom have given over fifty years of service to us.

You may also help to support our Retired Priests in the following ways;

- Make a donation directly to the fund. A donation of €250 or over will allow the fund to claim back the tax you have paid on the amount you give, thus increasing the amount received at no cost to yourself. If you wish to do this, please specify so when you make the donation.

- Consider making a bequest for this purpose in your Will.

