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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**

● **Knock Novena:** The Novena to Our Lady of Knock concludes on Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> next, the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

● **Buses to Papal Mass in Phoenix Park:** Two Buses will leave the **Town Square Sunday Morning August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.00am Sharp.**

● As next Sunday is last Sunday of the month, the Parish Maintenance and Development Collection will be taken up.

**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 Pope Francis and 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, Killaclug**

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

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

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**We Welcome Pope Francis:** Pope Francis will arrive at Dublin Airport next Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. After the welcome ceremony he will travel to Áras an Uachtaráin. Then he will travel to Dublin Castle to meet civil authorities and Diplomatic Corps. Then a visit to pro Cathedral followed by visit to the Day Centre of the Capuchin Fathers and concluding the day with Festival of Families in Croke Park at 7.30pm. On Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> he will take a flight to Knock, landing at the Airport at 9.20am, arrival at Knock Shrine at 9.45am. He will return to Dublin at 11.50am and conclude with Mass at 3.00pm in the Phoenix Park. He will return to Rome at 18.45pm that evening.

It is a very short visit, but we are privileged that he is able to come. Two Buses will travel to the Papal Mass on **Sunday Morning at 6.00am from the Town Square.**

Pope Francis is our God given leader at this time. He is the Vicar of Christ and the successor of St. Peter the Apostle. Pope Francis is appointed by God to lead His people in the Ways of Faith and Doctrine for our time. He is God's human instrument and that is why we pray for him and pay attention to his guidance. Pope Francis is not St. John Paul or Pope Emeritus Benedict, no more than Joshua was Moses. These are all chosen instruments of God for their time. Pope Francis is alerting us to take care of our environment, and as his chosen name implies, to reach out a hand to those less fortunate than ourselves. May the Lord bless us as we greet with love and affection the successor of St. Peter next weekend.

**The Twin Pillars of Victory:** In May of 1862 St. John Bosco had a prophetic dream about the Church in these times: the battle and the victory.

"Imagine yourselves to be with me on the seashore, or better, on an isolated rock and not to see any patch of land other than what is under your feet. On the whole of that vast sheet of water you see an innumerable fleet of ships in battle array. The prows of the ships are formed into sharp, spear like points so that wherever they are thrust they pierce and completely destroy. These ships are armed with cannons, with lots of rifles, with incendiary materials, with other arms of all kinds, and also with books, and they advance against a ship very much bigger and higher than themselves and try to dash against it with the prows or to burn it or in some way to do it every possible harm.

"As escorts to that majestic fully equipped ship (the Church), there are many smaller ships, which receive commands by signal from it and carry out movements to defend themselves from the opposing fleet.

"In the midst of the immense expanse of sea, two mighty columns of great height arise a little distance the one from the other. On the top of one, there is the statue of the Immaculate Virgin, from whose feet hangs a large placard with this inscription: *Auxilium Christianorum - 'Help of Christians'*'; on the other, which is much higher and bigger, stands a Host of great size proportionate to the column and beneath is another placard with the words: *Salus Credentium - 'Salvation of the Faithful.'* Continued over the page.

