

Catholic Prayer for the Easter Virtues

Lord,
the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.
Amen.

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*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia,  
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,  
Has risen, as He foretold, alleluia;  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

*Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
For the Lord has indeed risen, alleluia.*

*God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our  
Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us  
to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***Easter Prayer***

God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son  
you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us the way to eternal life.



Let our celebration today raise us up  
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## *Mitchelstown Parish Easter Letter 2013*

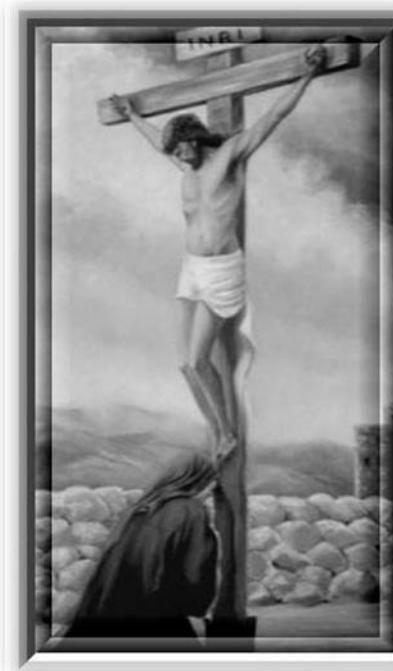
Dear Parishioner.

On behalf of Canon O'Leary, Fr. Greene and myself, we wish you a very Happy Easter and that your heart be filled with hope in the Risen Jesus. Lent began with the unexpected retirement of Pope Benedict, we now welcome our new Holy Father and pray that God may give him and all of us courage to face the future together.

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday and is a special day of God's healing and mercy. This Feastday was requested by Jesus through St. Faustina and He promises that on this day the floodgates of Heaven's Graces are open. The Novena begins on Good Friday and we encourage you all to participate.

Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement and support.

Fr. Michael Fitzgerald P.P.



**Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and finishes on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday of Easter. (April 7<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Divine Mercy).  
Devotions in the Parish Church at 2pm to 5pm.**

## **HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES & THE EASTER TRIDUUM:**

### **PARISH CHURCH:**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Palm Sunday – Palms blessed at all Masses (*please bring Palms with you*). Gospel account of the Passion of Jesus will be read.

**MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: Preparation for Confession. 7.30pm.**

A Redemptorist Priest will lead the Celebration and a number of Priests will be hearing confession.

**MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>:**

**Masses in Parish Church:** 8.15am 10am & 7.30pm Morning Prayer at 8am.

(*No evening Mass on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. due to Penitential Rite*)

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: Chrism Mass** in Cobh at 7.30pm. It is hoped that priests & people from every parish in the diocese attend this Mass. So if you can go, you will be very welcome.

**All Eucharistic Ministers** are asked to be present at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to renew their commitment. They are asked to line up at the sanctuary steps during the Prayers of the Faithful.

**Trocaire Boxes** can be handed in at the Church Door on Holy Thursday & will be presented at the Offertory of the Mass.

### **HOLY THURSDAY:**

**MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE READING AT 10 A.M.**

**MASS AT 5 P.M.:** This year's 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion classes will participate in this Mass.

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7.30 P.M.:** followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose.

**ADORATION OF THE LORD** at the Altar of Repose until 12 Midnight.

**CONDUCTED HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER:** 11pm to 12 midnight.

The Perpetual Adoration closes on Wednesday at 7 pm & resumes again after the 12 noon Mass on Easter Sunday.

### **GOOD FRIDAY:**

**A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE** (We are to abstain from eating meat & to fast in honour of the Lord's Suffering).

**Good Friday:** Morning Prayer & Bible reading at 10 a.m.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION & HOLY COMMUNION:**

3 p.m.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 7.30 p.m.

The usual collection for the ***Christian Shrines in the Holy Land*** will be taken up. This is a worthy cause & deserves support.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday & finishes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Special ceremonies in the Church on the day from 2pm to 5pm.

(Novena leaflets available at the Churches)

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

**HOLY SATURDAY MORNING:** Morning Prayer and Bible Reading at 10am

**EASTER VIGIL MASS:** 9pm (candles will be provided). Please note that there will be **no** 7.30pm Mass on Holy Saturday Evening.

### **CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: 12.00-1.00pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: 12.00-1.00pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: 12.00-1.00pm

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March: 12.00-1.00pm

### **BALLYGIBLIN & KILLACLUIG:**

**HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:** 7.30 p.m.

Adoration until 9 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY: Passion of the Lord & Holy Communion:** 3 p.m.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 7.30 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL:** 9 p.m.

**EASTER OFFERINGS** for the priests of the parish will be taken up on

***Holy Saturday night & Easter Sunday morning.***

Dates for your Diaries:

### **1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Glenahulla National School:**

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig: **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Ballygiblin National School:**

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin: **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Bunscoil na Toirbhirte & C.B.S. Primary:**

Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown: **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May**

### **CONFIRMATION:**

**Bunscoil na Toirbhirte, Ballygiblin National School & C.B.S. Primary:**

Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown: **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11am**

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** This is a special annual event in the Parish, when we declare publicly our faith and love for Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. The procession will follow the usual route and finish with Benediction in the town square. **This event will be held on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ, after the 12 noon Mass and it takes 45 minutes.** Please put it in your diaries.