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**Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week; Phone Number: 087 – 252 1272**

- **Today is: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.** Your prayers are asked for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and the Permanent Diaconate.
- **Bus to Knock:** A bus to Knock will leave the Town Square Sunday morning May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.15am. Names to be given in the Sacristy or in the Parish Office: Adults €20 & children €10.
- As and from today the **Offertory collection for the Parish** will be taken up **AFTER the Homily every Sunday.** When there is a **2<sup>nd</sup> collection** it will be taken up **AFTER the Parish Notices.**
- As next Sunday is the last Sunday of the month, **the new collection for Parish Maintenance & Development will be taken up.**
- Names being taken in the Parish Office at the moment, for the Bus going to the **World Meeting of Families** in August – **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.**
- These are the Parish Pastoral Council Members who are staying on the Committee: Canon Fitzgerald, Canon O'Leary, Fr. Burke, Ber White, Chris O'Sullivan, James Sherlock, Catherine Hanley, Margaret O'Doherty, Pauline Dillane & Kayren Hayes-Brennan. We wish to thank the following who are stepping down, for their service to the Parish: Pat McEvoy, Ger Colbert, J.J. Lynch, Michael Bermingham, Nora O'Brien, Martha Kent & Martin Kelly.

#### 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 specials prayers for Vocations 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 Parish & Community Newsletter

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**First Holy Communion in Killacluig:** For the first time in the Parish, First Holy Communion will be given at the 10.30am Sunday Mass in Killacluig Church next Sunday. The First Communicant children from Glenahulla School will be accompanied by their families and teachers. We invite the whole community in the area to support the children and their families by your encouragement, presence and prayers. The Blessed Eucharist is the heart of our Catholic faith and from the very beginning the first Christians celebrated the Eucharist every Sunday. We hope this special celebration will inspire a renewed devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist and a renewed devotion to weekly Sunday Mass.

**New Parish Maintenance & Development Collection:** The people of the Parish have been most faithful in their money contributions to the various collections being made at all our Sunday Masses over the years. Earlier in the year, the Parish Finance Committee felt that this new monthly Parish Collection was necessary going forward in to the future for the maintenance and development of Parish buildings. An envelope for this collection will be included in your box of envelopes next year, for the remainder of this year, the collection will be a basket collection only. The collection will be taken up on the last Sunday of every month, beginning next Saturday/Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> and will be put in a separate Parish account. On a point of information, because a number of people misunderstand the collections for the clergy, there are four collections in the year for the clergy: Easter & Christmas, Spring & Autumn Stations. The next collection for the clergy will be in six months' time, in October. All the other collections are for the running of the Parish and other purposes for the Diocese and for National and International Church services. One parishioner has suggested that we send an invitation to parishioners to contribute, who may not be regular Mass goers or who go to another parish and don't use parish envelopes. In the past also Parishioners, in making their Wills, left support for their parish after they have passed to their reward. We would like to remind parishioners such gifts greatly help large parishes, like Mitchelstown. St. Paul teaches that when we are giving to collections, we should decide in our minds what we can afford to give and give it with a good heart, the Lord loves a cheerful giver. There's a false rumour still going round, that the parish charges families to keep a coffin in the church overnight, that is totally untrue. Another malicious and false rumour that some clergy are buying their groceries on the parish account in the local supermarket, that is totally untrue. All goods bought on that account, are for the benefit of the parish only. We have a great parish because of the contributions faithfully given by people inside and outside the parish. Our accounts are strictly audited every year by the Deanery & Diocesan Accountants, Nelius O'Brien, Fermoy. Thank you all for your support and keep it up, any other comments or suggestions are most welcome.

