

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week;**

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

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**MASSES DURING THE WEEK:** Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

**MORNING PRAYER:** Monday – Friday: 8.00am

**CONFESSIONS:** Thursday & Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with Special Prayers for the Country and the Election of a Government and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

**CLOYNE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** The Annual Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>**. A bus will leave Mitchelstown Town Square at **7.15am**. Names to be given to Pat McEvoy or Parish Office: Cost €20.

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** We thank **Team “D”**. **Team “A”** take over next weekend.

**CHURCH DOOR COLLECTORS FOR MAY:** We thank those who collected during April. The Collectors for May take over next weekend. They are;  
Vigil: Bridget Sherlock, Jimmy Walsh & Martin Cahill  
8.30am: John Seymour, Michael Kilkenny, Niall Egan & Con Hogan.  
10.30am: Liam Roche, Mike Condon, Declan Casey & Seamus Mannix.  
12 noon: William Ahern, Tom Lucey & Tom O'Brien.  
7.30pm: Mike Boland, Seanie Chamberlain & Brian Neville.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE:** Pope Francis has asked all Parishes throughout Europe to take up a Special Collection today for the suffering and displaced people of the Ukraine, following the recent war. This collection will be taken up today after Holy Communion, any help you can give will be appreciated.

**As next Sunday is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of May, The Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection will be taken up at all Masses.**

## **Amoris Laetitia:**

The above is the Latin title of the recent letter of Pope Francis, concerning the family. The meaning of these words is the “Joy of Love”. The formulation of the Pope’s Letter followed consultation throughout the Church and the world and two Synod of Bishops. Until we read the document, we rely on reports and commentaries of the media and other individuals who have read it. It is important that we all read it respectfully ourselves and be guided by its full message.

Let us all continue to pray for and support our families in a difficult and challenging world. May the Lord Jesus strengthen unity in our families and help us through our difficulties and problems.

**Permanent Diaconate:** Two weeks ago we carried some information on the role and work of Permanent Deacons. A number of men are training at present for the Permanent Diaconate for work in our Diocese of Cloyne. To explain further this role, John Taffe, a Permanent Deacon, working at present in the Diocese of Armagh will speak at a number of Masses next weekend, the **30<sup>th</sup> of April and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May**. John and his wife, Joan will stay in the Parish for the weekend. We extend a warm welcome to them and look forward to learning more about the role of Permanent Deacon in the Church today.

**May – The Month of Our Lady:** We encourage you all to renew the family Rosary for the month of May and to continue the tradition of the May Altar in honour of Our Lady in your homes and schools. As next Sunday is May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be Rosary at the Grotto on Cahir Hill at 3.00pm. Throughout the month of May, Rosary at the Grotto each evening at 8.00pm, except Thursdays it will be at 7.30pm.

**The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady:** As Catholics, images and statues are reminders to us of God’s presence and love. We don’t worship statues, but we hold them and place them in our homes and in other buildings, to remind us that the living God is with us. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available for visitation to the homes of the parish. If you would like to have the statue for a week, contact the Parish Office, the Sacristy or a Legion of Mary Member.

**Day of Prayer and Reflection:** Cloyne Diocesan Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, Mallow, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. Eucharistic Adoration in the Year of Mercy. Holy Mass at 10am – St. Mary’s Church, Mallow. Followed by Morning & Afternoon Talks and Discussion & Holy Hour at the Mercy Centre, Mallow, Concluding at 4.30pm. All welcome – especially those involved with Eucharistic Adoration. Suggested Offering for the day €10. (Please bring a packed lunch). For more information, please contact: Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, Macroom 085-8585308 or Fr. Pat O’Donoghue, Cobh 021-4813601

