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● **Stations of the Cross:** Throughout the Sundays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**, beginning this Sunday. This is a very important Lenten devotion and we encourage you to participate. **The Parish will lead the Stations of the Cross on Corrin Hill, Fermoy, Today, Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm.**

● **There will be a talk on pro-life at all Masses next Sunday.**

● **Friday next is 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Masses and Confessions in all three Churches at usual times.**

● **First Saturday Devotions in Honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary after 10am Mass.**

● **Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection Next Sunday.**

● The 1<sup>st</sup> collection for the **World Meeting of Families in August**, is being taken up today after the Homily. Your support will help the organisation of this great event. Please help the collectors.

#### **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**

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday Evening **8.00-9.00pm** with reflections from St. Pio, blessing with Relic of Pio and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:** Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

#### **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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**World Meeting of Families:** One of the speakers at last weekend's Divine Mercy Conference, was the Secretary General of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families. He is Fr. Timothy Bartlett, from the Diocese of Down & Connor. He told the large gathering, that a number of cities had requested Pope Francis to choose them for the three year world gathering, but Pope Francis specifically chose that it be held in Dublin, Ireland. Fr. Bartlett feels very strongly that Heaven has chosen Ireland in a special way for this important event. It is hoped that Pope Francis will confirm in March that he will attend. The event will take place at the R.D.S. Dublin and two other venues in the city from Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Families from all over the world will be attending and numerous presentations on various aspects of the family will be shared by people with special insights. For individuals and families, now is the time to prepare and plan to participate. Tickets for the events are limited and now is the time to book online <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. It is hoped to take a bus from the Parish on two different days. We encourage Parishioners to participate in the event and to let the Parish Office know if you would like to travel by bus on one of the days.

Fr. Bartlett wants to alert parishioners that this is going to be a huge spiritual event for the Country and he has asked us all to pray for its success.

The Parish welcomes any suggestions of ways we can enrich and support family life in the Parish.

**Pro-Life Speakers:** Respect for life is at the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Right now attacks on human life are Satanic. We must stand up and speak up for the respect of the Sacredness of life. Some visiting pro-life speakers, with the approval of Bishop Crean, will speak at all Masses next weekend. On Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, there is a special Rally for Life in Dublin. A bus will leave Mitchelstown (time to be confirmed). Bookings can be made in the Parish Office or with Catherine Hanley 087-7727496.

Irish people have a strong tradition of caring for life, the sick and the suffering. We must not allow the culture of death to undermine our medical profession and personnel. If we don't stand up now, in a few months it could all be thrown away, because we were asleep or listened to charming but lying voices.

**COLLECTORS - MARCH 2018:** We thank those who collected during February.

The Collectors for March take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, & Pat Manning.

8.30am: Neil Egan, Con Hogan, Matt O'Sullivan & Michael Boland.

11.30am: Donal Smith, John Crowley, Billy Ryan & Paddy Moloney.

7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald, Tom Lucey & Bridget Sherlock.

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** We thank Team "B". Team "C" take over next weekend.

