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

- **Novena to St. Fanahan concludes:** Rosary at the Well today at **3.00pm**.
- **First Sunday of Advent:** Next Sunday is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and the beginning of preparation for Christmas.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection:** This collection will be taken up at all Masses this **weekend**. Due to the present demands on the Association your support would be greatly appreciated. We thank all the Volunteers for their incredible work during the year and for the continuous support of you, the general public.
- **First Saturday Devotions:** Next Saturday after 10.00am Mass in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.
- **Next Sunday is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the Diocesan Religious Purposes 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  
Saturday morning: 10.00am only

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with prayers for the Holy Souls and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

#### Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

**MASS TIMES:** Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: **6.00pm**.

**Confessions after Mass on the First Saturday of the Month**

**St. Joseph's Church, Killacluire**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am**.

**Confessions after 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Mass**

**Mitchelstown Concern Branch** held their 21<sup>st</sup> 12 hour Annual Fast on Friday. Sincere thanks to all who contributed and to the many collectors who helped at the various points. A total of €3,262 was raised.

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### Red Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup>

The Aid to the Church in Need carried a staggering advertisement in a recent edition of the Irish Catholic (November 1<sup>st</sup>), giving the worldwide statistics on the persecution of Christians throughout the world. Here is the list given:

- Christians suffer the most discrimination, persecution and violence of all groups in the world, very often at the hands of State authorities.
- 80% of all acts of religious discrimination worldwide are inflicted on Christians, even though Christians only make up 33% of the global population.
- 100,000 Christians per year are martyred because of their faith, including thousands of babies and young children.
- 200 million Christians around the world live under extreme persecution, where receiving the Sacraments, attending Mass or wearing a crucifix is a crime punishable by death.

The Aid to the Church in Need is asking all of us to make a stand for faith and freedom on next **Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**, which they have deemed "**Red Wednesday**", encouraging all of us to Wear Red – Light Red. The purpose of this promotion is to awaken all of us to the persecution inflicted upon us, but most especially, to remember those who give their blood for Christ and suffer torture for Him every day.

We encourage you to remember this day by wearing red or show a symbol of Red in your homes or businesses.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** after the **11.30am Mass this Sunday** in the Parish Church, concluding with prayers to Christ the King and Benediction at **7.15pm before the Evening Mass**. We encourage you and your family, to come and make a special visit to the Church today. Perpetual Adoration will resume after the Evening Devotions.

**Christmas Mission 2018 - "I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy!":** Join the Parish as we prepare our hearts this Advent for the coming of Jesus! Upcoming Event: A Special Vigil and Holy Hour in Honour of Our Blessed Mother in the Main Church, **7<sup>th</sup> December from 8:15pm-9:15pm**. Music, prayers and reflection led by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother.

