

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

- **Friday next is 1st 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.**
- **Bus to Knock:** will leave the Town Square **Saturday, June 2nd at 7.15am, for the All Ireland Rosary Rally.** Adults €20, Children €10. Names to Sacristy or Parish Office.
- **Corpus Christi Committee:** will meet in the Parish Church Sacristy on **Tuesday evening at 6.30pm.** All helpers and volunteers welcome.
- **Thursday next** is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 Reflections on the Sacred Heart of Jesus 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, Killaclug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am.** First Friday: **6.30pm.**

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm.**

Corpus Christi Procession: The Latin words for the Body of Christ are Corpus Christi, referring to the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics when we talk about the Eucharist, we are not talking about a “sign” or a “symbol”, we are talking about the Real Presence of Christ Himself. This is a doctrine that is not fully understood by a number of Catholics. It is an amazing expression of faith, of course, to believe that through the words and actions of a validly ordained Catholic priest, bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, during every Mass. During His many apparitions to St. Faustina, Jesus once gave a message and He said: “Many receive Me in Holy Communion, but they receive Me as if I am a dead object” (Diary). When we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi and when we carry the consecrated Host in procession, we are expressing our faith in the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ. On Sunday next, we invite you all to renew this expression of faith a public way, by participating in the Corpus Christi Procession after 11.30am Mass. This year we have decided to celebrate the Eucharistic Benediction in the grounds of the Town Hall. The Town Hall building was once the only Mitchelstown Parish Church of St. Fanahan. This was replaced in 1836 by a Church on the present site of the Parish Church. So this year, we are connecting in a special way, with generations and generations of Mitchelstown people, who have faithfully, through many trials, kept their Catholic faith in the Eucharist. May all those faithful souls pray for us, that in our generation we too will hold our faith and pass it on to future generations.

● **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** The Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 3rd after the 11.30am Mass.** The Route is; The Blessed Eucharist will be carried down Chapel Hill, turn right onto Main Street, down Lower Cork Street to the Traffic Lights, left onto Baldwin Street, left onto Thomas Street and finishing at the Town Hall grounds with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite all homes and businesses to be suitably decorated for the occasion. We encourage you all and your family to participate. We also invite Parish groups and particularly all the children of the Parish who have received their First Holy Communion to participate.

Data Protection: A new European Data Protection law, the **General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR")**, was introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.

