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**Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week;  
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**Today is World Communications Day** – we offer special prayers for all who work in the Media.

**Bank Holiday:** Monday is a Bank Holiday Mass at **11.00am** only

**First Friday Masses** as per list below.

**First Saturday Devotions in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary:** After the 10am Mass next Saturday

**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  
First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

**We encourage families to practice monthly Confession**

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm**

with Reflections from St. Pio, Prayers to the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Healing Blessing. Blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

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

**Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30 a.m.**

**First Friday: 7.30 p.m.**

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **7.00pm**

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

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30 a.m.**

**First Friday: 6.30p.m.**

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

**Feast of Pentecost:** Sunday next is Pentecost Sunday. This week is a special time of fast and prayer in honour of the Holy Spirit. Special Pentecost gathering on this **Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Town Hall**. All welcome.

**World Meeting of Families 2018:** A special collection is being taken up today at all Masses after Holy Communion, to help prepare for this International event.. Your support will be a greatly appreciated.

As next Sunday is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes** collection will be taken up.

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**First Holy Communion:** As we come to the last weekend in May, all the boys and girls from 2<sup>nd</sup> class in all four National Schools of the Parish have received their First Holy Communion. We congratulate the boys and girls and their families. We also thank their parents and families for participating in the Parish programme throughout the year. We thank the parents groups for preparing the Masses and we thank Patricia, Úna and Catherine for co-ordinating the children's involvement. Our special thanks to the Class Teachers for their dedication in preparing the children for 1<sup>st</sup> Confession and for their reception of their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. At a time when there is a lot of negative talk about the teaching of the Catholic Faith in our schools, we are very fortunate in this Parish to have such supportive Principals and Class Teachers. The Parish is most grateful to you all. Thanks too to Pat, Mary and John, the Sacristans of the three Churches, who are always so helpful in preparing the Church Ceremonies.

The heart of our Catholic Faith is our belief in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass and the Real Presence of the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. In John's Gospel we have the solemn words of Jesus: "I am the Living Bread, come down from Heaven, anyone who eats this Bread will live forever". At the Last Supper, Jesus asked His followers to celebrate His Sacrifice in memory of Him and to receive His Body and Blood. After the Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost, this is exactly what Jesus followers did and continue to do today, every time Mass is celebrated. This is why the Eucharist is the soul of all Catholic action – "cut off from me, you can do nothing". As priests and people we must centre our lives more and more on the Eucharistic Lord. We encourage parents and grandparents to continue to cultivate in their children and grandchildren a belief and love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and to encourage them to receive Him well and often.

In conclusion these are the words of Jesus to St. Faustina: (Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1937), she had just received Holy Communion "I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object" (Diary, 1385).

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** The Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> after 11.30am Mass**. The route is up James's St., George's St., down Church St., onto Upper Cork St., and return to Town Square for Benediction.

