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- **First Friday Masses** as per list below.
- **First Saturday Devotions:** In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary after 10.00am Mass **next** Saturday.
- **Bus to Knock:** On **Sunday May 13th**. Names to the Sacristy or Parish Office.
- Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes collection** will be taken up
- **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** The Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 3rd**. A meeting to organise the Procession will be held on **Tuesday week, May 8th at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Sacristy**. All helpers to attend please.

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 Special Prayers for the Country, Reflections on St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

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, Killacluig

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

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

● **MAY 2018:** We thank those who collected during April. The Collectors for May take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock,

8.30am: Con Hogan, John Seymour, Neil Egan, Michael Boland

11.30am: Liam Roche, Declan Casey, Seamus Mannix, Tom O'Brien

7.30pm: Brian Neville, Seanie Chamberlain, Tom Lucey.

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

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First Holy Communion: The 2nd Class children from Glenahulla National School, will receive Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, this Sunday at 10.30am Mass in Killacluig. The children have been preparing for this day since last September, supported by their parents and families, teachers and the parish community. Jesus left us the gift of Himself in Holy Communion. He said: "I am the living bread come down from Heaven, anyone who eats this bread will live forever". Through the consecration of the Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is not just holy bread or a symbol, but the true and living person of Jesus, under the appearance of bread. This is the heart of the Catholic faith and it is important that the Sacrament be received with faith and devotion. Holy Communion and Sunday Mass keep us close to Jesus and remind us of His great promise of Eternal Life. May God bless the boys and girls today and bring them one day to His glorious Kingdom.

Forty Hours of Adoration for Life:

On **Thursday week, May 10th** the Parish will hold a Solemn period of Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration, for the protection of unborn life, in our Country. **This Solemn period of Prayer, will begin with Mass at 7.30pm, on the Thursday evening and end with Mass on Saturday evening, May 12th**. The Blessed Eucharist will be exposed on the Main Altar of the Parish Church and will be continuous throughout the night and the day. Each Station area will be assigned an hour and the list will be available at the weekend Masses next week. We ask you to check the list and pass the time of your area to your neighbours and friends. Our Country is facing a major and critical decision in the Referendum on May 25th. We are asking all people of faith to make a very special effort to pray for our Country at this time. The Main Celebrant of the opening Mass on the Thursday Evening will be Fr. Marius O'Reilly from Cork.

Lough Derg 2018: Season opens for One Day Retreats on Saturday 5th May. Retreats continue on May 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 20, 22, 26, 27 & 28. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or e-mail: info@loughderg.org *Why not take some time and space for yourself on Lough Derg this May?* (Three Day Pilgrimage Season begins on Friday 1st June.)

The Spring Fair in aid of St. Joseph's Foundation, Charleville, takes place today, Sunday, 29th April at Baker's Road, Charleville. Commencing at 1.30pm. Great Family Day out assured. Your support would be much appreciated.

