

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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FIRST FRIDAY MASSES: Parish Church – 8.30am & 10.00am. Killacluig – 6.30pm (Confessions 6.00pm). Ballygiblin 7.30pm (Confessions 7.00pm)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with special prayers for Conversion and world peace and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Every Friday in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

Corpus Christi Procession: This Sunday we have the Procession after the 11.30am Mass in the Parish Church. The route will be **Chapel Hill, Main St., Upper Cork St., James St., George's St., Baldwin St., Lower Cork St. & Town Square, concluding in New Square with Eucharistic Blessing for our Town and Community**. We are hoping for a large attendance. The order of the Procession will be as follows: The Cross Bearer, Guides, General Public, Band and Choir, General Public, Banners, Confirmation Children, First Holy Communion Children, Servers, Blessed Sacrament and Guard of Honour. The Cross Bearer at Church gate. We ask you all to maintain a spirit of silence and prayer throughout the Procession.

Feast: Friday next is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Saturday the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Mass for Exam Students: The Parish Pastoral Council are preparing a special Mass for Exam Student in the Parish Church, on Monday week, June 6th at 7.30pm. All students are welcome, including family and friends.

Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection: will be taken up next Sunday, 1st Sunday, at all Masses.

Eucharistic Miracle Confirmed in Poland: On April 19th of this year 2016, a Eucharistic Miracle has been confirmed in Legnica, Poland, by the local Bishop. On December 25th, 2013 at St. Jacek Parish, while distributing Holy Communion, a Sacred Host fell to the floor, and was picked up and placed in a container of water. After some time it began to give a red appearance. The then Bishop of Legnica, Stefan Cichy, appointed a Commission, whose task was to observe the phenomenon. In February 2014, he removed a fragment of the red matter and deposited it on the corporal. In order to analyse the fragment, the Commission ordered the taking of samples and conducted appropriate tests by different competent authorities. The final judgement of the Department of Forensic medicine states: "The histopathological tissue fragments were found containing a fragmented part of the skeletal muscle. ... The whole image ... is most similar to the heart muscle ... as it appears under the strains of agony. Genetic studies indicate the origin as human tissue." This miracle of the Eucharist, as a number of other documented miracles down the centuries serves to confirm the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament. On this Year of Corpus Christi let us approach the Holy Sacrament with great faith, respect and reverence.

Does Satan Exist? The answer is a definite yes. This week again we witnessed his works in the shooting dead of a young man on the streets of Dublin. "Satan or the devil and the other demons are fallen Angels, who have freely refused to serve God and His plan. Their choice against God is definitive. They try to associate man in their revolt against God". (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 414)
Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls "A murderer from the beginning". Who would even try to divert Jesus from the mission received from His Father. (John 8:44 + Matthew 4:1-11). The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. The Catechism acknowledges that it is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity in the world. The evil being perpetrated by human beings in Dublin at the moment is a call to all of us to pray that the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ deliver us from it and protect our own community. The City of Dublin needs to be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and there is now an urgent need to make reparation to the Almighty for the committing of such evil deeds. We mustn't leave it all to the Guards, society and the Church must act.

Mass for Exam Students: The Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council is having Mass for all Exam Students on **Monday June 6th at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Before the Mass students will have an opportunity to write their first name on a piece of paper, which will be placed on the Altar during Mass. Parishioners will be invited to take a name and pray for the student throughout the exam period. All are welcome including family and friends.

Eucharistic Adoration: We are looking for someone to do Adoration on Wednesdays from 1 - 2 am. Please contact Nora Hogan, 025 24149 or Catherine Hanley on 087 7727496 if interested.

T.O. Park Bus to Bloom: From the Square, Mitchelstown, **Monday, June 6th** at 7.00am to Phoenix Park, Dublin. Cost €35 including entry ticket and coach. To book call T.O. on 086-8272761, Deci on 086-4005727 or Stella on 025-24009.

Bus to Knock: Leaving the Town Square on **Saturday June 4th at 7.15am.** Namesto Pat McEvoy, Sacristan or Patricia in the Parish Office.

Family Mass: A **Special Family Mass** will take place on **Sunday 19th June** in the Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown at **11.30am**. All families and parishioners are invited to attend. We invite people to write the names of their family members who can't be present, who are abroad or deceased on cards that will be available in the Church in the next few weeks and place the cards in the box provided. The box will be brought in procession to the Altar at the start of this Family Mass.

A fitting Tribute to retiring organist Anna-Maria Russell as she played at the final half-ten Sunday Mass in Mitchelstown.

On Sunday 22nd May, the final half-ten Mass was celebrated in Mitchelstown Parish Church, prior to the change of Mass times which come into effect this weekend. On this historic occasion Parish Priest Canon Michael Fitzgerald acknowledged the commitment and dedication of Church Organist, Anna-Maria Russell, who has played the organ and sung at this Mass for the past thirty years. Fr. Gabriel Burke added his appreciation and spoke of his enjoyment of Anna-Maria's lovely singing and skilled organ playing.

At the end of Mass Anna-Maria was called to the Sanctuary to receive a presentation of a beautiful Genesis clock. The congregation gave a rapturous applause to her at this juncture and again after she sang and played her final hymn. After Mass many parishioners came up to shake hands with Anna-Maria and thank her personally. The good news is that Anna-Maria will continue to play the organ at the Thursday night Holy Hour and at other religious occasions during the year.

A meeting to give details of the outcome of **St. Joseph's Foundation Spring Fair** will be held on **Monday next, May 30th at 7.30pm** in the Board Room at St. Joseph's Foundation, Baker's Road, Charleville. All are welcome to attend.

The **100th Anniversary Mass of Edel Quinn's First Holy Communion** will be held in Cahir Church, Co. Tipperary at 7.30pm on next Wednesday 1st June.

NEW MASS TIMES IN PARISH CHURCH: Will begin **this Sunday, May 29th**. Sunday morning Mass times will be at **8.30am & 11.30am**. Saturday and Sunday Evening Mass times will remain the same at 7.30pm.

World Meeting of Families in Dublin 2018: Special Collection today after Holy Communion. Your support will help organize the great event and the visit of the Pope.

Prayer Before an Examination

Dear Lord, as I take this exam,

I thank you that my value is not based on my performance,
but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied
and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and clam, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm
in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. ~Amen~

LOUGH DERG - 4 day pilgrimage 2016. Leaves Cork Saturday, 11th June at 9am
returning Tuesday, 14th June. Booking & Information Ph. 021 4502572

Prayer for success in exams:

Lord, you know the anxiety that I'm feeling right now.

Please calm my spirit, Come and still my nerves, for the questions I am about to be
given.

Help me to read them slowly and correctly.

Come and flood my heart with Your peace.

For the words I am about to write, Help me to recall everything fully. Come and inspire
my mind as I gather my thoughts.

For the examiners who read my work, Help them to mark with justice and fairness,
Come and refresh them, please bless their lives.

I give all these prayers to You and ask that this day you would give me the success that
my heart desires, For Your kingdom and glory. ~Amen~

“St Thérèse – The Little Flower” Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. The aim of the camp is to give children the opportunity to form a personal relationship with Jesus, through activities such as Arts & Crafts, Drama, Dance and Action Songs, Music, Team Games, prayer and plenty of fun! The leaders for the week are local volunteers supported by local clergy and members of the Family of Mary Community, and also members of Youth 2000, young people who are deeply committed Catholics and all give voluntarily of their time. In accordance with Cloyne Diocesan Policy, all volunteers will be Garda Vetted. **The Faith Camp runs from 10am – 3pm daily from Monday 18th – Thursday 21st July 2016.**

COST OF CAMP:

- **€40 for first child & €25 per additional child from the same family.** If paying by cheque/postal order, please make payable to “Mitchelstown Faith Camp”.
- Should cost be a concern, please talk to Canon Fitzgerald.
- Please ensure that full payment is made before the first day of the camp.
- The number of places available is limited.
- This is a non-profit venture – money will be used for materials, equipment and subsistence of visiting youth leaders.

Application forms available from the Parish Office. For more details please contact Catherine Hanley (087) 7727496. **Closing date 17th June 2016.**