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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**  
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- **Today is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.** Divine Mercy Devotions 2.00pm – 5.00pm in the Parish Church. Priests available for Confession. Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet, Adoration and Mass. Fr. Joe Malone S.J. Limerick, will be Main Celebrant of the Mass.
- **Legion of Mary Acies:** Mass on Monday Evening at 7.30pm. Auxiliary members and all are welcome.
- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Bishop William Crean will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday next at 11.00am**. All candidates are asked to be in their places at 10.45am. Parking in Church yard for Special Needs Only. Please pray for all those receiving the Sacrament. **No 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.**
- **Confessions:** For Confirmation children and their families on Tuesday Evening 7.00pm to 8.00pm.
- **Word of Thanks:** We, the priests of the parish, would like to thank you for your Easter offerings and for your generosity to all Church collections, may God reward you.
- **TRÓCAIRE BOXES:** All remaining Trócaire offerings should be handed in as soon as possible.
- **Nomination Forms to Pastoral Council:** All forms to be handed in at Masses next weekend.

**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.  
**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with anointing of the sick, prayers for healing 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, Killacluig**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am.**      **First Friday: 6.30pm.**  
**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **6.00pm.**

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Feast of Mercy – A Gift For Our Time:** This weekend we celebrate the FEAST OF MERCY. Jesus revealed His will for this Feast through His humble instrument St. Faustina. This Feast was approved by St. John Paul II. On one occasion the suffering Jesus appeared to her and said: “Souls perish in spite of my bitter passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation: this is the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My Mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My Mercy, write, tell souls about this great Mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My Justice, is near”. (965 Diary).

**Nomination Forms:** The three year term of the Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council is coming to an end this summer. You all received a nomination form with your Easter envelope. It is very important for the faith life of the Parish, that you nominate someone to the Council for the coming three year term. Please give this important matter prayerful consideration this week and bring your nomination form to Mass next weekend, boxes will be provided at all Church entrances.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** The Sacrament of Confirmation is received once in a lifetime. The ordinary minister of Confirmation is a Bishop. Bishop Crean will administer the Sacrament **next Wednesday in the Parish Church at 11.00am Mass**. Please pray for the Candidates and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at this important time.

**Do you know where Pope Francis gets his cheerfulness from?**

*In a book-interview "God is Young," the Holy Father reveals the prayer he's been reciting for 40 years to not be taken too seriously and maintain a touch of humour.*

Along with Pope Francis, humour and cheerfulness have entered the Vatican walls, shaking up the habits of the Holy See, used to a little more formality. His secret: his simplicity and a good dose of humour, allowing him to live harmoniously with himself and others — all sprinkled with much kindness and heaps of smiles.

“If one doesn't have a sense of humour, it's very difficult to be happy,” highlights Francis in the new book-interview *God is Young*, released March 21, 2018. In his conversations with the Italian journalist, Thomas Leoncini, he describes a sense of humour as a quality which should never be lacking in a Christian “because it's linked to the capacity to enjoy life, to be enthusiastic.”

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