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A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and healing God,

we, the people of the Diocese of Cloyne turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their family and friends. Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe.

O God of creation and life,

we place ourselves in your protection.

May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.

St. Patrick, pray for us.

St. Brigid, pray for us.

St Colman, pray for us.

St Fanahan, pray for us.

May all the Saints of God, pray for us. Amen.

This is a simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion we are called to make in times which we are unable to attend Mass and receive communion.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**I had no shoes and complained,
Until I met a man who had no feet.**

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Thought for the Day

It’s interesting to note that after His resurrection, Jesus appeared to those who believed in Him. If we were stage-managing matters, it would be handled differently. Plenty of witnesses to the actual resurrection, followed by a visit to Pilate and his wife, then on to the Sanhedrin. A victory procession, this time on a magnificent horse, not a donkey. His sheer living presence would force anyone to accept Jesus as Son of God. It would have saved an awful lot of trouble in ink and blood.

Reasonable, but not faithful. Just like His birth, God passed by all the centres of power of the time. He appeared to no one except those who were disposed to believe. His followers may have lost hope in Jesus after He died, but they never lost their love for Him or faith in Him. It was this that gave the discerning eye to recognise Him, when others could not. Seeing the risen Jesus was not an experience of empirical data; it was an experience of faith.

A lesson that is as true for today. To those who don’t believe no evidence is enough, to the believer no evidence is needed.

Look on the Sunny Side

There are always two sides, the good and the bad,
The dark and the Light, the Sad and the Glad –
But in looking back over the Good and the Bad
We’re aware of the number of Good Things we’ve had –
And in counting our blessings we find when we’re through, we’ve no reason at all to complain or be blue –
So thank God for Good things He has already done,
And be grateful to Him for the battles you’ve won,
And know that the same God who helped you before
Is ready and willing to help you once more –
Then with faith in your heart reach out for God’s Hand
And accept what He sends, though you can’t understand For Our Father in Heaven always knows what is best,
And if you trust in His wisdom your life will be blest,
For always remember that whatever betide you,
You are never alone for God is beside you.

Weekly Services

(All services will be Live Streamed and can be accessed through
Mitchelstown Parish Website www.mitchelstownparish.ie)

Monday– Saturday, 20th – 25th April

Mass 10.00am
Rosary 10.30am

Thursday, 23rd April

Holy Hour 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Saturday 25th April

Sunday Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Sunday 26th April

Mass 8.30am
Mass 11.30am

PARISH YOUCAT

In response to the need for a Catechism that was youth friendly a group of writers came together to devise a basic text based the Catechism of the Catholic Church. They spent two summer camps discussing the text with a total of 50 young people. YOUCAT came into being based on the everyday practice of the faith of young people. This is what makes it so valuable.

Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church it is written for and by young people who want to know what they believe.

YOUCAT is full of quotations, references and explanations that help the reader to understand the statements of the Church. The official YOUCAT website is www.youcat.org. The book is widely available online and in bookshops and an e-version is downloadable from www.youcat.org.

During this lockdown we are planning on making an online presentation of YOUCAT which will be presented by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. This will be available to connect to through the parish website mitchelstownparish.ie on Wednesday evenings from 8pm. We hope to begin on Wednesday 30th April. More details next weekend.

We pray for all those in our country and throughout the world suffering from the Corona Virus. May its victims and their families be strengthened by the support of our community of faith and restored soon to full health. We also pray for our leaders and medical personnel who deal with the virus. May we keep calm and may we join together in solidarity with care and compassion to tackle this emergency. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –

Philomena (Philly) Sherlock, (née Keane), St. Fanahan's Place
Patrick (Paddy) Luddy, Gortroe
who died recently.
May They Rest In Peace

Easter Blessing

In this Easter season, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry — old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling — and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have.

We don't realize all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously. The dawn that is rising this Easter morning is a gift to our hearts and we are meant to celebrate it and to carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning.

John O'Donohue

Easter - Moveable Feast In A.D. 325, the Council of Nicaea was convened by Emperor Constantine. Until then Easter had been celebrated on different days of the week. That Council, however, decreed that Easter be celebrated on a Sunday -- between the dates of March 22nd and April 25th. The pagan festival of Eastre occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. As Christian converts were slowly won over, it made sense to alter the festival and make it a Christian celebration. The early name, Eastre, was eventually changed to its modern spelling, Easter.

Cork County Council COVID-19 Community Call Helpline



Here for you if you need ...

- ✓ Food, household items, fuel, medications collected or delivered
- ✓ Someone to talk to or other social supports
- ✓ Meals delivery
- ✓ Response to Garda related concerns
- ✓ Help with other medical or health needs



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