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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 government 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.

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### **Thought for the Day**

In our human relationships we would hardly be content with a third-party knowledge of another person. 'What's he or she like?' has somehow to be filled in through direct contact. It's simply the way things are done in getting acquainted.

Too many of us know God through the experience of others. We treat him like the dentist or the doctor. We know where they are, but only when we are hurting. Today Jesus says 'I will show myself to (you).' It is an invitation to get personal with him.

Unlike human relationships there are no orphans with Jesus. His friendship is intimate, available and constant. We may feel alone, but our feelings mislead. Jesus is at pains to assure us of this. Other friends may depart. He will not.

Every relationship needs minding and care. Yes, there is a price tag: keeping his commandments. Deeds speak louder than words. An authentic Christian life will make an impact (second reading). It will cause people to stop, stare and question. We should have an answer ready.

People talk a lot of 'full disclosure' in world affairs. Anything that hints of a cover-up is rightly suspected. 'Keep my commandments' is more than private adherence, it's about public witness.

### **Questions People Ask**

**Q. I heard somebody say that the *Hail, Holy Queen* has too much emphasis on being 'banished in this vale of tears'. What do you think?**

**A.** This prayer was composed by Herman the Cripple, a paraplegic of the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. His crippled body housed a brilliant brain and charming spirit. Yet every movement he made brought him pain. His sufferings paled in comparison with his anticipation of Heaven. He composed the words and music of the *Salve Regina* (Hail, Holy Queen). It is a beautiful prayer of hope, to be prayed for all who are experiencing the valley of darkness.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

### Weekly Services

(All services will be Live Streamed and can be accessed through Mitchelstown Parish Website [www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie))

Monday– Saturday,

*Mass:* 10.00am *Rosary* 10.30am

Thursday,

*Holy Hour* 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Every Friday

*Divine Mercy Prayers* 3.00pm

Saturday

*Sunday Vigil Mass* 7.30pm

Sunday

*Mass* 8.30am *Mass* 11.30am

**Mitchelstown Parish Church** will reopen for personal prayer and devotion on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 11am – 6pm. **No formal or informal gatherings will take place.** We ask that all who visit the Church, to respect the guidelines issued in relation to Covid-19. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

**Some Light Humour - Angry Girlfriend - A man came through my lane at the grocery store with a bottle of wine and a bouquet of roses. But before paying, he set the two items aside and said, "I'll be right back." He ran off, only to return a minute later with a second bottle of wine and another bouquet of roses. "Two girlfriends?" I asked. "No," he said. "Just one really angry one."**

### New life in the Spirit Holy Hour.

The Holy Hour on Thursday at 8pm will be livestreamed and will consist of preparation for the feast of Pentecost in asking for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit for our challenging times. You are welcome to join us in asking God to renew us individually, as a parish and as a community, on Thursday night from 8pm – 9pm will be Live Streamed.

**YOUCAT** – An online presentation of YOUCAT is being presented by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. This is available to connect to, through the parish website, [mitchelstownparish.ie](http://mitchelstownparish.ie) on Wednesday evenings from 8pm. Third session will take place on this coming Wednesday.

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

### Accord's new helpline identifies problems and offers advice to couples during pandemic restrictions.

Accord's free and confidential 'Relationships Support Phone Line' for marriages, families and relationships offers support to those experiencing extra pressure due to social restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The number is: 01 5313331

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**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** - ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling [0818 222 024](tel:0818222024).

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### Primary Schools and Access to Grow in Love online resources during Pandemic.

A reminder and sincere gratitude message to our Catholic Primary Schools and families. In order to facilitate teachers, students and parents at this difficult time Veritas is giving free access to its online **Grow in Love** resources. See email and password details below. Our schools and teachers are doing so well keeping up the relationship with all the boys and girls. So, to all the children, keep going with the school year – follow your Grow in Love as your teacher asks you. It's all learning for a big bright and happy future for you and all your family and friends. Website: [www.growinlove.ie](http://www.growinlove.ie) Email: [trial@growinlove.ie](mailto:trial@growinlove.ie) Password: [growinlove](http://www.growinlove.ie).

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**Virtual coffee morning to celebrate Cork Volunteers week 2020:** A reminder that Ballyhoura Development are hosting a virtual coffee morning on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am, via zoom to say thank you to all the volunteers across the Galtee District for their excellent work and dedication. Especially this year when communities and individuals would be lost without them during Covid-19.

Nominations for Cork Volunteer Awards 2020 will also open during Volunteer week. Please visit the Cork Volunteer website for details about how to nominate a volunteer. The link to nominate will be active from the 18th of May. <http://www.volunteercork.ie/cork-volunteer-awards-2/>

Join us Virtually for what will be a fun and entertaining morning with Volunteer groups sharing with us their stories and show casing some of their many talents. They are Corks volunteer heroes! Please RSVP to Laura Moloney McCarthy - [lmoloney@ballyhoura.org](mailto:lmoloney@ballyhoura.org)

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**Baptisms in the Parish** will be recommencing from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, with restrictions. All bookings through the Parish Office on 025 84062.

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

Michael (Mike) Howard, Gortroe.

Nora Donegan (née Fenton), Mitchelscourt.  
who died recently.

May They Rest In Peace