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**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. Fifth 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

**Light Humour** - During a lesson about adjectives, my friend, a primary school teacher, asked her class to describe their mothers. One boy described his mother's hair as auburn.  
Impressed by his sophisticated word choice, my friend asked, "How do you know her hair colour is auburn?" Her student replied, "Because that's what it says on the box."

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.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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## Thought for the Day

Pentecost is often called the 'birthday' of the Church. The human experience of a birthday however, tends to be less happy, at least in adult life. All the cosmetics, exercise, plastic surgery, tummy tucks and positive attitude cannot change the fact that you are ageing. What's unfair is that you may well feel vibrant inside, but the mirror and whatever indignities of physical limitation that age puts upon you gives another story.

Still, while many might wish to be younger, few really want to return to a much younger life. You possess a much deeper wisdom and experience of life at 40, 50, 60, 70 years of age.

Sometimes we try to do a 'Mary Magdalene' in terms of preserving our youth. On an Easter morning she tried to cling on to the Jesus she once knew.

Pentecost is about accepting the spirit of our lives, as they are right now. Some of the happiest and unhappiest people in the world share the same age. The difference is not in who has kept themselves the slimmest or most youthful looking, but in Pentecost. Have you accepted the Spirit for someone your age?



**Mitchelstown Parish Church** is open for personal prayer and devotion from 11am – 6pm. **No formal or informal gatherings will take place.** We ask that all who visit the church will respect the guidelines issued in relation to Covid-19. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

## 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 via live streaming.

### Weekly Services

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

<b>Monday – Saturday,</b>	<b>Mass:</b>	10.00am	
	<b>Rosary</b>	10.30am	
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>	8.00pm – 9.00pm	
<b>Every Friday</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b>	3.00pm	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	7.30pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mass</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b> 11.30am

**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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**First Communion Boys and Girls** – These last weekends would have been very special weekends for you and your families, as they would have been the weekends that you received your First Holy Communion for the first time. We have remembered you at Masses over the past weekends and we look forward to celebrating this very special day with you when you return to school in September. May God bless you and may you all stay safe.

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### Saint Justin Martyr – 1<sup>st</sup> June

Justin never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies.

As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers.

Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher's mantle, and became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogue of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ.

Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate.

For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165.

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### Baptisms in the Parish with restrictions.

All bookings through the Parish Office on 025 84062.

### Cloyne Diocesan Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

Under the Patronage of Bishop William Crean D.D.

**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 9:00 am - Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 @ 10:00 am**  
Please use the following website <http://cloynediocese.ie/event/lourdes2020/> for more details and to follow the links.

This year, as we find ourselves in unique and challenging times, the Diocese will not be travelling to Lourdes due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**A Virtual Pilgrimage Programme** has been arranged, to help those who wish to join in prayer. You can access the Virtual Pilgrimage Programme through the Parish Website or through the Diocesan website [cloynediocese.ie](http://cloynediocese.ie).

**As part of the programme, Mass for the Sick will be celebrated by Fr. Pat O'Donoghue on Tuesday morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, at 10am and will be live streamed from Mitchelstown.**

Instead of a physical pilgrimage to Lourdes, the following programme outlines various liturgies that will serve as virtual pilgrimage. The various liturgies will be broadcast from Sanctuary Our Lady of Lourdes, St Colman's Cathedral (Cobh), Radio Maria Ireland and from various other Churches around the Diocese.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May:** Opening Mass celebrated by Most Rev. William Crean D.D., Bishop of Cloyne. **9.00am**

Rosary and Healing Service. Led by: Canon Donal O'Mahony P.P., Charleville **8.00pm**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May:** Pentecost Sunday Mass celebrated by Fr. Tobias Bluitt P.P., V.F., Kanturk **10.00am**

Stations of the Cross **4.00pm**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** Grotto Mass celebrated by Fr. Damien Lynch, C.C., Berrings. **10.00am**

Mass for deceased members of Cloyne Hospitality celebrated by Canon Donal Roberts P.P., V.F., Macroom **7.30pm**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** Mass for the Sick celebrated by Fr. Patrick O'Donoghue C.C., Mitchelstown **10.00am**

Holy Hour led by Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, Radio Maria Ireland **8.00pm**

When you click on the link, on the web page, click "listen" on the top right hand corner.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Closing Mass celebrated by Fr. Tobias Bluitt P.P., V.F., Kanturk **10.00am**

Concluding address by Mr Thomas Conway, President of the Cloyne/Lourdes Hospitality at end of Mass.

**Daily Rosary** recited at **2pm** from the grotto is available

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

**Sr. Mary Borgia Clancy, Dublin & formerly Cooleregan.**

who died recently.

**May She Rest In Peace**