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Mitchelstown PPC

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.

Some Light Humour

A toddler comes home from Catholic school

She asks her dad “dad, they said God made everybody, is that true?”

Her dad says “Yes that is true.”

She asks “So God made you?”

Her dad says “Yes, God made me.”

Puzzled, she asks “and God made me?”

Her dad replies “Yes, he made you... why?”

She then replies “Okay, at least God is getting better now.”

Totus Tuus Magazine - Due to the Covid 19 Outbreak Totus Tuus magazine is now being delivered straight to your door. If you would like to start receiving Totus Tuus to your home then please phone Fiona at [086 876 0058](tel:0868760058).

The Cross

While we are accustomed to regarding Christ's cross as an emblem of suffering and shame, there is also a strong tradition of the cross as a symbol of victory. Late medieval Gaelic Irish poets routinely depicted Christ as a warrior, riding into battle on the cross (his horse) and achieving a stunning victory on Calvary over the forces of evil. One poem, possibly composed in honour of the relic of the True Cross at Holy Cross Abbey, County Tipperary, has Christ use the cross as a battering ram to break down the gates of hell' and release the captive.

Anam Cara support groups provide parents a safe, comfortable environment where they have the opportunity to connect with other bereaved parents. Anam Cara is an inclusive organisation where parents do not identify themselves by their children's age, how they died, or if their death was recent or many years ago. What Anam Cara provides is a safe place for bereaved parents to connect with others who understand the intensity of the grief and loss.

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Thought for the Day

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful – but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel – taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.' (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

Annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood and Permanent Deacons, which will take place on the weekend of **September 19th / 20th**. This year the Diocese of Cloyne has 3 students preparing for priesthood. The diocese continues to promote and support our permanent diaconate programme. The cost of educating a student for one year is €25,000 (twenty-five thousand euro). The promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life must always be a priority for the whole Church. We must ensure that no man who is called to the diocesan priesthood is prevented from going forward due to lack of funds. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS: Weekday Masses 8.30am (Monday, Thursday & Friday) & 10.00am. (Monday to Friday)

Sunday Masses in all three Churches per usual times. - Masses will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Receiving Holy Communion – Please follow the instructions that will be given at Mass and maintain a social distance from people **not from your household**. Holy Communion will be administered in the hand while standing. Priests and Ministers will be wearing a face-covering while distributing Communion.

Missalettes will not be available for public use until later in the year.

Adoration Chapel will remain closed until further notice.

Church Collections will be taken up at the door of the Church as you enter. Second collections will be taken up at the end of Mass also at the door.

Sacrament of Baptism can be booked through the Parish Office, which is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 12noon.

We ask that you refrain from congregating outside the Church after Mass. Please ensure you **always follow social distancing guidelines**. In line with best practice within enclosed spaces, the **use of face covering is strongly recommended**. Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation, as we all adapt to new ways of managing our Parish liturgies. Working together will ensure that everyone is kept safe, well and protected from the Coronavirus. We ask for your cooperation and patience as we all adjust to new ways of doing things.

Weekly Services(All services in the Parish Church only, will be Live Streamed and can be accessed through Mitchelstown Parish Website www.mitchelstownparish.ie)

Mass:Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8.30am.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Wednesday, Thursday&Friday at10am

Rosary: 9.30am daily

Thursday:Holy Hour: 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Saturday: Sunday Vigil Mass: 7.30pm – Parish Church, 6pm – Ballygiblin Church

Sunday

Mass: 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm – Parish Church10am – Killacluig Church

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Sacristan in Mitchelstown Church – We are in the process of putting a team together on a voluntary basis, to take on the role of Sacristan in Mitchelstown Parish Church.

Fr. Pat and I took on the role of Sacristan since lockdown, but we are not now in a position to continue and we need your help. If you are interested and would like to assist it would be much appreciated. This role is open to men and women. If you would like to find out more, please have a word with me or contact the parish office.

Many thanks. Canon Michael.

The Sisters of the Home of the Mother—will be leaving Mitchelstown and taking up residence in Fermoy effective from 1st September 2020. They are not appointed to Fermoy, but will be working with Parishes in the Diocese of Cloyne. We thank them for their contribution to the Parish since their arrival nearly two years ago and we wish them well in their future work.

St. Cornelius – Wednesday 16th September

There was no pope for 14 months after the martyrdom of Saint Fabian because of the intensity of the persecution of the Church. During the interval, the Church was governed by a college of priests. Saint Cyprian, a friend of Cornelius, writes that Cornelius was elected pope “by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of most of the clergy, by the vote of the people, with the consent of aged priests and of good men.”

The greatest problem of Cornelius’s two-year term as pope had to do with the Sacrament of Penance and centered on the readmission of Christians who had denied their faith during the time of persecution. Two extremes were finally both condemned. Cyprian, primate of North Africa, appealed to the pope to confirm his stand that the relapsed could be reconciled only by the decision of the bishop.

In Rome, however, Cornelius met with the opposite view. After his election, a priest named Novatian (one of those who had governed the Church) had himself consecrated a rival bishop of Rome—one of the first antipopes. He denied that the Church had any power to reconcile not only the apostates, but also those guilty of murder, adultery, fornication, or second marriage! Cornelius had the support of most of the Church (especially of Cyprian of Africa) in condemning Novatianism, though the sect persisted for several centuries. Cornelius held a synod at Rome in 251 and ordered the “relapsed” to be restored to the Church with the usual “medicines of repentance.”

The friendship of Cornelius and Cyprian was strained for a time when one of Cyprian’s rivals made accusations about him. But the problem was cleared up.

A document from Cornelius shows the extent of organization in the Church of Rome in the mid-third century: 46 priests, seven deacons, seven subdeacons. It is estimated that the number of Christians totalled about 50,000. He died as a result of the hardships of his exile in what is now Civitavecchia.

The Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal: This year our Christmas Shoebox Appeal is going to be run differently. Due to the effects of Covid-19 restrictions, it is not possible to send gift-filled shoeboxes from Ireland this year.

You can do your shoebox any time up until 23rd December but from 9th – 15th November, we are running the Christmas Shoebox Appeal Week. During this time we will be encouraging schools, families and communities to celebrate the Christmas Shoebox Appeal by building and donating their shoeboxes online, sharing pictures on social media using #TeamUpForTeamHope, coordinating fundraisers to purchase shoeboxes, and learning about the Appeal and the importance of giving.

Although this year may be different, the need for shoebox gifts is more important than ever. Help us spread the word and continue to bring joy to children affected by poverty. Each gift-filled shoebox is €20. <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/>

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

Pauline McDonnell, (née O’Donoghue), Church Street
John Malone, formerly Brigown died in England 8th September
Who died recently. May They Rest In Peace