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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**

●The collection for the **Parish Defibrillator** will be taken up this weekend 7th/8th March.

●**Chrism Mass In Cobh:** In the Cathedral on Wednesday Evening, April, 8th at 7.30pm. A bus will leave the Square in Mitchelstown at 6.00pm. Names to be given to Patricia, Parish Secretary in the Parish Office by Tuesday, 24th March. There will be a charge for the bus.

● **Confessions Parish Church:** Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm

●**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:-** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm.**

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
Saturday morning: 10.00am only

FIRST FRIDAYS: 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

BANK HOLIDAYS: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.30am

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm.** All welcome.

CONFESSIONS: First Thursday of the month: 12 – 1.00pm & 8.00 – 9.00pm (during the Holy Hour) Saturday: 12 – 1.00pm & 7.00 -7.30pm in the Parish Church.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: **6.00pm.**

Confessions after Mass on the First Saturday of the Month

St. Joseph's Church, Killcluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am.**

Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

Stations of the Cross

Each Sunday of Lent at 3.00pm in the Parish Church

For the six Thursdays of Lent, there will be a Series of Mediations at the Holy Hour in our Parish Church led by Fr. Pat O'Donoghue, on understanding the Mass through the writings of the Saints. It is an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the parts of the Mass. All welcome.

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Thought for the Day: Lent is indeed how God draws us home as individuals, but it is also a very communal journey. We never journey alone, no matter how lonely we may feel. We are always journeying together. If we can experience our journey in communion with others, it makes it so much clearer that we are on a journey together. When we can share our experiences with a close friend or our worship community, we can enjoy support that allows grace to flourish. Let us pray for one another on this journey, especially for those who need and desire a change of heart on this pilgrimage to Easter joy. Choosing and acting Lent are so important because we are body-persons. We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations and we share in God's own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others.
(Andy Alexander SJ & Maureen McCann Waldron, Praying Lent.)

Lenten Calendar: *This Lent, you are invited to pray with a line of God's Word each week and to express that Word in action each day...*

2nd Sunday of Lent: I will walk in the presence of the Lord

Mon: Let God walk through your day with you
Tues: Give thanks for those who reveal God to you
Wed: Clothe those you meet in loving kindness
Thurs: Pray for those who feel they walk alone
Fri: Fast today in solidarity with those who never have enough to eat
Sat: Cherish those who are in your life today

What is Lent? The period of forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter is known as Lent. This is the time of year in Ireland when the days begin to lengthen with the coming of spring. The weeks of Lent were once the time when new Christians, who were to be baptized on Easter Eve, were taught about the Christian faith and life. Those who had already been baptized thought again about the promises they had once made and promise to be true to them. Lent was a time for spring-cleaning lives, as well as homes.

When does Lent end? In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent officially ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), with the beginning of the mass of the Lord's Supper.

Why does Lent last for 40 days? The 40 days mark the 40 years of the Israelites going through the desert and the traditional 40 days of Jesus fasting in the desert.

Why are Sundays not counted in the 40 days? Sundays are always a day of celebration in the Christian church and so they cannot be included in the 40 days of Lent.

