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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.

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. **The Holy Hour will be live streamed on the internet.** The link can be got by going to Mitchelstown Parish Web Site.

Church Offerings & Parish Envelopes can be dropped in the box provided, in the Parish Church, or to the Parish Office during office hours (Mon to Fri. 9am to 12 noon)

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Thought for the Day

What a convoluted Gospel we have today. The healing of the blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded, the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with one another, and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man’s parents as witnesses.

The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, are called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinners. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, ‘Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?’

But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus’ healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. ‘If this man were not from God,’ he says, ‘he couldn’t do a thing.’ He understands that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.

Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees who Jesus is: ‘Lord, I believe.’ The Pharisees who think they see things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. ‘We are not blind, surely?’ is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus?

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...

4th Sunday of Lent: God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son

- Mon: Pray for loved ones who show us a glimpse of God’s love
- Tues: Make an effort with someone you find difficult
- Wed: Let the News today call you to pray
- Thurs: Fast with Jesus
- Fri: Take time today to believe in God’s love for you
- Sat: Show love for someone else today

Mother’s Day - Every mother needs a no-matter-what friend. Someone they can call, no matter what. Someone they can vent to, no matter what. Someone they don’t have to explain themselves to, no matter what.

Wishing all mothers, a very happy Mother’s Day.

