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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.

**Light Humour** – ‘Sir, I wish to marry your daughter’. ‘Can you support a family?’ enquired the prospective father-in-law. ‘Yes sir, I think so.’ ‘Good! There are eight of us.’

A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million euro?" "To me, it's a cent." "God, may I have a cent?" "Wait a minute."

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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## Thought for the Day

Have you ever found the story of the Resurrection hard to believe? Don't worry ..... you're in good company. At first the disciples could hardly believe it either. Mary Magdalene's initial reaction was to believe Jesus' body stolen. Although it had been predicted that Jesus would rise from the dead, the disciples were not expecting it either. If they had have been expecting it, surely they would have been watching by the tomb. Instead, they were huddled together in the upper room terrified that they would meet the same fate as Jesus.

Think what the Resurrection meant to the disciples when the truth gradually dawned on them. Someone they loved and believed in was alive again! It's likely they would have wanted to shout the news from the rooftops. Today we have the valuable testimonies of these disciples to inspire us. The disciples travelled with Jesus, worked with him and watched as he preached and healed. They saw that he had risen from the dead, and this certainty gave them joy and courage. The risen Jesus turned them from a group of disciples too terrified to leave the upper room, to a group of men who travelled far and wide in the face of great danger spreading the good news with enthusiasm and conviction. If we believe the integrity of the disciples and the truth of their testimony, then the Resurrection can't fail but have exciting meaning for us too.



**A VERY HAPPY AND HOLYEASTER TO YOU**

From

**Canon Michael Leamy**

**Canon Tim O’Leary**

**Fr. Pat O’Donoghue**

### Weekly Services

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

**Easter Monday (13<sup>th</sup> April 2020)**

Mass 11.00am

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass 10.00am

Rosary 10.30am

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Holy Hour 8.00pm – 9.00pm

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Sunday Vigil Mass 7.30pm

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass 8.30am

Mass 11.30am

**Divine Mercy Novena – From Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

3.00pm daily

**Divine Mercy Devotions – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Rosary, Stations of Light, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration, Gospel Meditation and Act of Spiritual Communion. 3.00pm – 4.30pm

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### AN EASTER SUNDAY THOUGHT.

We all experience moments of dying in our lives.

We get a foretaste of death

when we live in bitterness,

when prejudice blinds us,

when loneliness enfolds us,

when fears oppress us,

when sadness overwhelm us,

and when we give in to despair.

In those moments the world is closing in on us,

and we have one foot in the grave already.

But we also experience moments of resurrection in our lives:

when we know true love,

when we are accepted,

when we are forgiven,

when we open our hearts to our neighbour,

and when hope returns.

In those moments our horizon is widening

and we are emerging from the tomb.

Lord Jesus,

may the power of your resurrection touch whatever is dead in us

and bring it back to life.

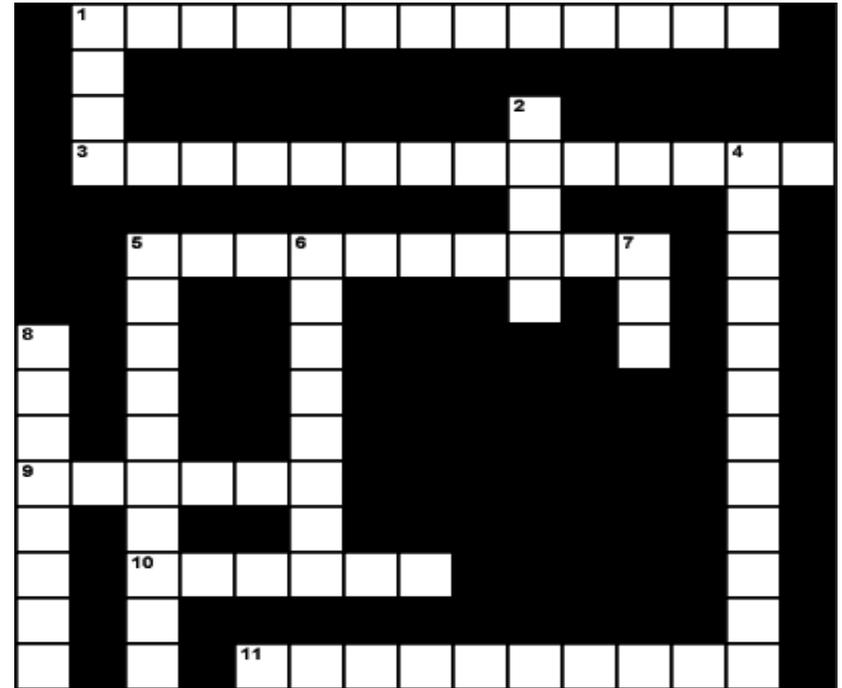
Let the splendour of your resurrection light up the world,

scattering the shadows of death,

and helping all of the Father's children

to walk in radiant hope towards the kingdom that is to come.

### Easter Crossword



#### Across

1 The Roman official who tried Jesus and sentenced him (7,6)

3 The day we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples (6,8)

5 The Garden in which Jesus was arrested (10)

9? Tuesday, the day before Lent begins (6)

10 On which animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem? (6)

11 The first day of Holy Week (4,6)

#### Down

1 People waved branches from which tree to greet Jesus? (4)

2 The disciple who betrayed Jesus (5)

4 The first day of Lent (3,9)

5 The day Jesus was arrested and put to death (4,6)

6 The last week of Lent (4,4)

7 An Easter symbol (3)

8 The religious ceremony Jesus came to Jerusalem to celebrate (8)

### AN EASTER PRAYER

God made you and God made me, He made the world for us to see.

God loves you and long ago, He sent his Son to tell us so.

Jesus showed us many things, To love and share and dance and sing.

To learn and pray, to help and care, He promised he'd always be there.

He died but then came back to life, Let's celebrate for he's alive!

Amen.