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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.

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 - Late one night, a priest was driving on a country road and had a crash. A farmer stopped and said, "Sir, are you okay?" The priest said, "Yes, I had the Lord riding with me." The farmer said, "Well, you better let him ride with me, because you're gonna kill him."

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Thought for the Day

The tall Sixth Year stood at the exit door during the Ascension Mass in a school. Throughout, she examined her fingernails, folded the hymn sheet and took to a serious perusal of her diary. An adult delicately suggested that Ascension didn't mean much to her. 'Why should we celebrate his going away,' she said, 'he hasn't come here yet.' That brought everyone 'back to earth.'

Think about it. In saying farewell to loved ones in death, the sadness is usually tinged with thankfulness for having known them. Their physical presence made a difference, their memory inspires us still. Is this true of the way we honour Jesus? Is he just a historical figure, or a living power? Has he 'come here yet?' Do our lives betray that we know him? Or is he a prisoner in the church, limited to the time we give in worship and prayer?

Our forebears and we in turn built and supported schools, hospitals, churches, and presbyteries. In most we pay someone else to do the job.

The danger is that we leave out the essentials. No one can be a substitute for the job that God has called you to do. You are irreplaceable. So, be a sign of contradiction today, not a contradiction of the sign.

St. John I

Died AD 526

There have been at least 23 popes called John, but only one has been canonised – so far. Pope John I died as a martyr in 526, just three years after he was elected.

He was unlucky enough to get on the wrong side of the new ruler of Italy, Theodoric. Pope John was thrown into prison, where he died. His tomb records that John I was a 'victim for Christ', who once said:

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.'

St. John I, you paid the ultimate price for your faith: pray for us.

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.

Weekly Services

(All services will be Live Streamed and can be accessed through Mitchelstown Parish Website www.mitchelstownparish.ie)

Monday– Saturday,

Mass: 10.00am *Rosary* 10.30am

Thursday,

Holy Hour 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Every Friday

Divine Mercy Prayers 3.00pm

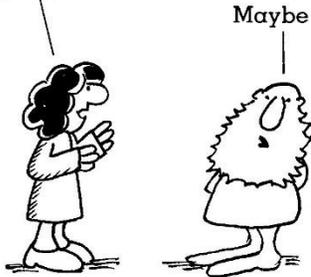
Saturday

Sunday Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Sunday

Mass 8.30am *Mass* 11.30am

If I ask you a question
will you give me a straight
YES or NO answer?



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 will be Live Streamed.

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 on Wednesday evenings from 8pm. Fourth 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

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).

This Sunday is the Church's World Communications Sunday. Many of the secular media would have us think that the only news about the Church is bad news. Maybe it is a backhanded compliment, they still expect a high standard of the Church. Pope John Paul once said: "where the respect for truth was lacking, the media could be a powerful voice for injustice".

The Church has the good news, but we must make sure it is heard and seen. We have Catholic newspapers and magazines and don't get the idea they are just pious reading. They have high journalistic standards, but they tell the truth in charity. In the Irish Catholic Breda O'Brien, the well known columnist of the Irish Times, writes stimulating articles that give us a lot of food for thought.

LOUGH DERG ONLINE RETREAT DAYS -JOIN THE LOUGH DERG TEAM DURING MAY: Sunday 24th May - Wednesday 27th May go to www.loughderg.live
A GUIDE TO YOUR ONLINE RETREAT

10:30am Go to loughderg.live
10:45am Welcome from the Prior, Msgr La Flynn
11:05am The Word of God - Reflection on the Good Samaritan with Mary
11:30am Prayer of Intercession with Rosary
12 noon Angelus followed by Way of the Cross
1:45pm Jesus the Healer with Deacon Martin
2:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:20pm Time of Contemplation
2:40pm Closing Prayer

Lough Derg phone lines are open 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday, during May Tel: [+353 \(0\) 71 9861518](tel:+3530719861518) Email. info@loughderg.org Website. www.loughderg.org

Trócaire: Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org 2. By phone: 1850 408 408 3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 4. Check with your local parish on how to safely return your donation – **convert money in box to notes/cheque and return to letter box inside sacristy door in Parish Church – Mitchelstown.**

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Baptisms in the Parish with restrictions.

All bookings through the Parish Office on 025 84062.

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

Sheila Kiely (née Cronin), *Ballinwillin*
who died recently.

May She Rest In Peace