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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.

**KnockShrine** continues as a Place of Pilgrimage during the Covid-19 crisis, pilgrimage Masses have been broadcast online from Knock Basilica every Sunday at 3.00 pm. each weekend there has been a special welcome for the pilgrimage groups that traditionally travel to the National Marian Shrine for their own celebrations. Pilgrims have been able to place their petitions online on the Knock Shrine website in advance, so that they can be placed on the altar for the Mass. Many pilgrims light candles during their visit to Knock Shrine. This service has also been made available online: a candle is lit at the outdoor candelabra for each request received.

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**Marshalstown Cemetery: The Annual Mass will be held in the Cemetery on tomorrow Monday night, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.**

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**Cork Autism Online Conference 2020 - Autism: Beyond Behaviours.** Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. This online conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support autistic people with behaviours of concern. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistics, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit: [www.autismcork.ie](http://www.autismcork.ie)

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**Some Light Humour** - A German Shepherd, Doberman and a cat have died. All three are faced with God who wants to know what they believe in. The German shepherd says: "I believe in discipline training and loyalty to my master."

"Good," says God. "Then sit down on my right side. Doberman, what do you believe in?"

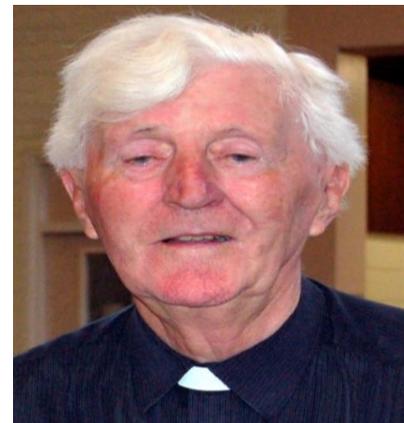
The Doberman answers: "I believe in the love, care and protection of my master." Ah," said God. "You may sit to my left."

Then he looks at the cat and asks, "And what do you believe in?"

The cat answers: "I believe you're sitting in my seat."

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**V. Rev. Canon Tim O'Leary**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 1932 – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

<b>Appointments:</b>	1958	Cardiff, Wales.
	1960	Doneraile
	1965	Ballymacoda
	1974	Kilcorney, Banteer
	1980	Fermoy
	1994	Mitchelstown

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Canon Tim celebrated the 8.30am Mass in the Parish Church assisted by Fr. Pat O'Donoghue. The celebration of the Eucharist was very important to him and in celebrating, he reached out to all those who joined him on the parish radio and on Live Streaming. On Sunday evening Canon Tim died and returned to the Lord that he loved and had served so well as a Priest for the past 62 years.

On the very First Sunday of the Lockdown, Canon Tim celebrated the Saturday evening Mass and on returning home he received a phone call from the U.S.A. thanking him for the Mass he had celebrated. He also received an email that weekend thanking him for his ministry and wishing him well as we faced a very challenging time ahead.

When I arrived in the Parish in late September 2019, Canon Tim was very welcoming and caring. He offered me his total support as I took up my new appointment. As he said over the past months "If I can help in anyway don't spare me". He was a very important part of our Parish Team and both Fr. Pat and I will miss him very much. His life experience and practical outlook was both informative and encouraging. He was a man who lived for the future and never dwelt too much in the past. Life was to be lived and he lived it very well.

### V. Rev. Canon Tim O'Leary

The people of Mitchelstown will miss Canon Tim very much, as he has been a constant in your lives for 26 years. He has baptised your children, celebrated your First Holy Communion, officiated at your weddings, anointed the dying, celebrated funeral masses and the list goes on. His support for our parish schools was exemplary and his practical approach to issues and problems was much appreciated. Mitchelstown was his home and now as he is buried in the Church grounds, he will remain with the people he has loyally served as Priest. As you pass by, stop and pray for him and ask his prayer for your intentions.

He would have been moved and humbled by the people who payed their respects to him in the Chapel of Rest, stood on the roadside as his cortege passed by and by your attendance at his funeral and burial within the restrictions that apply at this time.

The prayer Canon Tim normally said at the end of Mass is much loved by people and is produced in this newsletter. On the suggestion of Fr. Pat, we have ordered the printing of a memorial card, with the prayer, so that the people of the Parish would have it as a remembrance and support.

Peoples thoughts – “He was a gentle man and a 'down to earth' Priest. He has truly earned his place with God”. .....”one of nature’s gentlemen”. “he was always a lovely man to meet and he will be sorely missed. May his gentle soul Rest InPeace.” “He will be fondly remembered by all who went to Lourdes with him over the many years and especially when he was director of the Pilgrimage to Lourdes.” May he Rest In Peace.

#### “Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam”

Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work

I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my eyes to see as you do.

I give you my tongue to speak your words.

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all,

I give you my heart that you may love in me,  
your Father, and all mankind.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,  
so that it is you, Lord Jesus,  
who live and work and pray in me.

Amen

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

Canon Timothy O'Leary, King Square

Patrick (Paddy) Twomey, Stagpark.

Mary (Maureen) Egan (née Lyons), formerly Killee

Who died recently. May They Rest In Peace

### RETURN TO THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

**Weekday Masses 8.30am (Monday, Thursday & Friday) & 10.00am. (Monday to Saturday)**

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

A return to public worship will be a source of great joy and hope to our parish communities. Public health considerations will, however, require some practical adjustments to the way we celebrate our liturgies. These should not in any way compromise the integrity of the liturgy and every effort will be made to support active participation and prayerful and joyful celebration. The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being for the most vulnerable in our parish community. **If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend church services** in order to protect the safety of all in our community. Public health authorities advise that people should maintain physical distance from each other. In our churches this will mean that every second row of seats will be kept vacant to protect all parishioners. Signage will indicate seats not to be used.

**Sanitisers** are available at all entrances to our Churches. Please **sanitise** your hands on entering and leaving the Church. Public Health and Government authorities advise that we must maintain a social distance from each other. In Church this means that **every second row of pews** will be closed off.

**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 at 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 from 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](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie))**

**Mass: Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8.30am .**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 10am**

**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 Church 10am – Killacluig Church