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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.

Cork Autism Online Conference 2020 - Autism: Beyond Behaviours. Sunday, October 11th. 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

I'm Fine

There's nothing whatever the matter with me.

I'm just as healthy as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees

And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak and my blood is thin

But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I think my liver is out of whack

And a terrible pain is in my back.

My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,

Most everything seems to be out of trim.

But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I have arch supports for both my feet,

Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.

Sleeplessness I have night after night,

And in the morning I'm just a sight.

My memory is failing, my head's in a spin.

I'm peacefully living on aspirin

But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is, as this tale we unfold,

That for you and me who are growing old,

It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin

Than to let them know the shape we're in.--- Cardinal Cushing

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Saturday next, the 15th August, is the Feastday and is a Holy Day of Obligation:

Vigil Mass: Friday evening at 7.30pm.

Masses on Saturday at 8.30am & 11.30am in the Parish Church only.

No Confessions at 12noon.

Confessions before Vigil Mass on Friday Evening at 7.00pm.

Thank You from Canon Michael Fitzgerald:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the people of Mitchelstown for the very generous collection I recently received. My appreciation also to the Parish Pastoral Council for organizing it. As a token of my gratitude I will offer Mass on August 15th next The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the Parish, and I will also especially include the late Canon Tim and all the deceased souls of the Parish. May God bless and reward you all and may the Blessed Virgin Mary keep you safe from all harm “.

Many thanks Canon Michael Fitzgerald

Congratulations:

On the 1st February 2020, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Rev. Monsignor Michael F. Crotty, a Priest of the Diocese of Cloyne, as the Apostolic Nuncio to Burkina Faso, elevating him to the dignity of Archbishop, and appointing him to the titular See of Lindisfarne.

On behalf of the parish I would like to wish Msgr. Michael God's blessing on Saturday 15th August as he will be ordained to the Episcopate in St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh. Due to Covid 19 restrictions attendance is limited but the ceremony can be viewed by Live Streaming by logging on to cobhcathedralparish.ie. Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated in Cobh on Sunday 16th August. A mass of thanksgiving will also be celebrated in Mitchelstown on Monday 17th August at 7.30pm. This will also be live streamed and Covid 19 restrictions will be followed.

“Monsignor Michael is a native of Mitchelstown. His appointment as Archbishop and Papal Nuncio to Burkina Faso is a great honour for Michael, his family and the people of Mitchelstown. We wish him every blessing and success in his new role.”

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 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)

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

Thought for the Day.

Have you ever used the expression ‘My heart sank’? It is usually used to describe an experience of extreme disappointment or anxiety; a moment when our courage or hope fails and we feel that things are about to turn out very badly indeed. We might be going along just fine, confidently navigating life’s twists and turns, when something knocks us off balance. It could be an illness, a financial blow, falling out with a family member or friend, worry about a son or daughter. Especially when we lose someone close to us, grief can make us feel as though we are sinking. What strikes me about today’s gospel is that Peter doesn’t hesitate about taking that first step out of the boat. Once he sees who is calling him, out he gets and begins to walk towards Jesus. But then, as soon as he feels the force of the wind, as soon as he realises that the conditions around him are challenging and frightening, he loses courage and starts to sink. Wind and storm are metaphors for situations we face. Sometimes it is a single thing that knocks us back. Sometimes it is a build-up. A few months ago, at the early stages of ‘lockdown,’ we thought it wouldn’t be so bad to take a break and stay at home for a few weeks. But as the weeks turned into months, many people were overwhelmed by increasing feelings of loneliness, fears for health and anxiety about the future. It can feel like sinking. The good news of today’s gospel centres around the line, ‘Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.’ As soon as Peter starts to falter and sink, Jesus reaches out to steady him and pull him to himself. When we are in trouble, sometimes all we can do is trust in God. When our faith and hope are shaken, and we are sinking, he will reach out and hold us close.

Easter Envelopes - We would be most grateful if the Spring distributors could collect the Easter envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, it would greatly help us.

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –
Nellie (Ellen) Wiley (née Rice), *Silkwood, Mulberry*
Patrick Harrington, *formerly Upper Skeheen*
Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism –
Robbie King.
Tomás O’Brien.
Michael Stack