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**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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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.

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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.

***Fratelli Tutti***

On 4<sup>th</sup> October Pope Francis, released a new encyclical, entitled Fratelli Tutti, (All brothers). It draws its title, from the writing of St Francis, and is an appeal towards unity and universal fraternity in the face of the many global problems of today. Here are two paragraphs from it appealing for renewal of the bond between all peoples.

Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals. By his actions, the Good Samaritan showed that "the existence of each and every individual is deeply tied to that of others: life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions". *Paragraph 52.*

Each day offers us a new opportunity, a new possibility. We should not expect everything from those who govern us, for that would be childish. We have the space we need for co-responsibility in creating and putting into place new processes and changes. Let us take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies. Today we have a great opportunity to express our innate sense of fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people's troubles rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment. Like the chance traveller in the parable, we need only have a pure and simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen. We may often find ourselves succumbing to the mentality of the violent, the blindly ambitious, those who spread mistrust and lies. Others may continue to view politics or the economy as an arena for their own power plays. For our part, let us foster what is good and place ourselves at its service. *Paragraph 77.*

## LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

[www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie) [www.churchservices.tv/mitchelstown](http://www.churchservices.tv/mitchelstown)

### In the Parish of Mitchelstown Sunday and Weekday Masses

will be available on our Live Streaming Service. Not open to the public.

([www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie) – Click the Live Streaming Link) at the following times.

- **Saturday evening: 7.30pm / Sunday: 8.30am & 11.30am.**
- **Monday to Saturday: 10.00am**
- **Thursday: Holy Hour 8pm**

In these difficult and uncertain times, people find strength, consolation and hope in prayer.

### Churches will remain open for Personal Prayer each day:

**Monday – Saturday: 11am – 6.00pm.**

**Sunday: 12.15pm – 6.00pm.**

This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families - to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have been directly affected by the illness.

### Autumn Stations 2020 – Being livestreamed at 7.30pm Parish Church

The Autumn Stations 2020 are starting next Friday night, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic and the restrictions associated with it, the Station Masses will not be open to the public, they will all take place in the Parish Church and will be livestreamed at 7.30pm.

You can drop off your offerings to the Parish Office during opening hours or into the post box on the inside Sacristy door of the Parish Church.

### Town & Country Stations: Livestreamed at 7.30 p.m. from Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin

Friday, 16th October 2020	Glenahulla & Cloughleafin	Robert & Kathleen Coughlan
	Marshallstown & Baunnaooneeny	Patrick & Maire Condon
	Corrogurm & Tangresa	Larry & Margaret Coleman
	Boolakelly, Gurteenarriff etc.	James & Mairéad Walsh
	Derrylahan	James O'Donoghue
	Ballyarthur	Pat & Maria Murphy
	Demesne	Pat & Mairéad Finn
	Gurrane & Coolenave	Michael & Breda McElroy
	Kilshanny	Seamus & Eileen Mannix
	Kildrum & Garryleigh	Joe & Tina O'Sullivan
Corracunna & Cooleregan	Pat & Peggy Hanrahan	

The Mitchelstown Church Flower Group are currently looking for new members to join our group. We are in teams of people and each team arrange the flowers for the Altar and water them about 3 or 4 times a year. "Social distancing is practiced" while arranging the flowers. It is a small commitment, but it means a lot to the people and the Parish of Mitchelstown. It is enjoyable and rewarding for all involved. Please contact 087-9816011 or the Parish Office at 025-84062 if you are interested and we will be in touch to give you more information and answer any questions you might have.

**October: The month of the Rosary:** This week on 7<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated the feast of the most holy rosary. The rosary is perhaps one of the icon Catholic form of prayers. It was a form of prayer than the Irish in particular have held onto through good times and bad. Famously, Oliver Cromwell complained of the family prayer of the rosary among the Irish as a reason he could not overcome them. He wrote to his superiors, "All is not well with Ireland yet. You gave us the money; you gave us the guns. But let me tell you that every house in Ireland is a house of prayer, and when I bring these fanatical Irish before the muzzles of my guns, they hold up in their hands a string of beads, and they never surrender." Now we have entered into stage 3 of lockdown, our parish has gone online again for our services. Our Churches are still open for private prayer, but this is also a new opportunity to renew our prayer at home to sustain our spiritual lives through this time. The month of October dedicated to the rosary is an opportune time for us to take up the family rosary as a prayer against the coronavirus. Archbishop Eamonn Martin has asked that Ireland would take up this rosary crusade, to create a "shield of protection" against the pandemic. Quote Pope Francis, he said "We're all in the same boat and the storm is out there and we're battling through, and we do not want to feel alone, so the Rosary Crusade is an attempt to spread this blanket of prayer over all of us to protect us ...to keep us safe under the protection of Mary during the month of October and on into the winter." The rosary is a powerful prayer of protection that takes away anxiety and draws families closer together, and strengthens and inspires us to overcome our problems. Pope Pius XII, the pope during World War II wrote that "We put great confidence in the Rosary for the healing of the evils which afflict our times" and "there is no surer means of calling down God's blessing upon the family that the daily recitation of the rosary".

**Pray the Rosary frequently, it costs so little but it's worth so much. Padre Pio**

*Fr Pat O'Donoghue*

**Pioneer Pledge for November for the Holy Souls:** November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise. Take the short-term Pioneer pledge this November. If interested please give your names to Catherine Hanley, Secretary 087 7727496 or any of the Pioneer Council members.

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

**Joan O'Shea (née Power), Lower Cork Street**

who died recently.

***May She Rest In Peace***

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism –

**Miah O'Keeffe-O'Sullivan. Olivia Fox**

**John O'Donnell. Michael O'Donnell**