

MASS TIMES:

CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, MITCHELSTOWN:

Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30p.m. Sunday & Holyday: 8.30am. 10.30am. 12noon & 7.30p.m.

1st Friday: 7.30p.m. - Weekday: 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in Parish Church: Mon. to Fri. at 8a.m.

Rosary in Parish Church: Mon. to Sat. at 9.45a.m. Before: 10a.m. Mass

Perpetual Adoration: Sunday 12.30p.m. & Saturday 7p.m.

Eucharistic Healing Hour of Adoration: Every Thursday night from 8p.m. to 9p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:

Sunday & Holyday: 9.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 7.30p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 8.15p.m.

CONFESSION TIMES:

MITCHELSTOWN: Saturday, Eves of Holydays: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

1st Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

NEW: After Saturday Evening Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month.

BALLYGIBLIN: 1st Friday 7p.m. **KILLACLUIG:** before 1st Friday Mass.

CLERGY:

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Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognise his voice and call.
Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our
own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.
Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love,
especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when
our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be
light for our path.

And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of
that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

Amen

*This prayer is taken from Lumen Fidei,
the recent Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis.*

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IRELAND IN THE HANDS OF OUR LADY:

Cardinal Seán Brady made a national act of Consecration / Entrustment of our country to Our Lady on Thursday last in Knock. Many people had petitioned the Bishops to make this Act in response to the messages of Our Lady at Fatima 1917. During those apparitions to three children, Lucia, Francisco & Jacinta, Our Lady said that God wished to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart in the world. Heaven wishes Marys' role as intercessor to be appreciated by the world.

Our Lady always points us to Our Saviour Jesus Christ, as she did at the wedding feast of Cana. Since her apparition at Knock in August 1879, Our Lady teaches us not to despair, but to look up to the Almighty God with hope. May this timely act of the Bishops obtain for us the protection we so desperately need.

MASS AT THE CAHIR HILL GROTTO:

Thanks to everybody for participating in the Mass at the Grotto on Monday night last. Special thanks to Michael & Margaret Boland who had prepared the Grotto so beautifully, with an array of magnificent flowers and for their devoted and selfless care of the Grotto to Our Lady & St. Bernadette throughout the year. Thanks to our FÁS workers Dick & Verling, our sacristan Pat, Pat Tangney Firgrove Hotel, Aida O'Brien (Amplification), Séan & Michael (Seats), Paddy & Colm, Carmelite Lourdes Group for all their help in organising the event. It was a beautiful celebration.

Extra Readers Needed:

Extra Readers for the **Sunday 10.30am and 12 noon Masses** in the Parish Church are needed. We encourage you to come forward and put your name on the rota for readers. It is a great privilege to serve in Church and to proclaim Gods Word. All age groups are welcome and an opportunity to train and prepare will be given. Contact Catherine at 086 – 3369377 or the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATION TO EXAM STUDENTS:

It's a relief for our young students to have got their Leaving Cert exam results. Whether you are thrilled or disappointed, it is time to move on to the next stage of your life. Remember God is always with you, He loves you and He has great plans in store for you.

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## Pope John Paul I