

### **A Lenten Prayer called the Passion**

Dear Lord Jesus,  
by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world.  
But the glory of the Resurrection  
came only after the sufferings of the Passion.

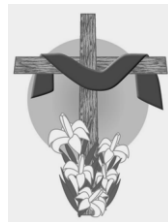
You laid down Your life willingly and gave up everything for us.  
Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross,  
Your clothing became the prize of soldiers,  
Your blood ebbed slowly but surely away,  
and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple.

Stretched out on the Cross,  
deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid,  
You cried out to Your Father that the end had come.  
You had accomplished the work given You,  
and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift,  
the little life that remained to You.

Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions after the example You have given.  
Let me place my death in Yours and my weakness in Your abandonment,  
Take hold of me with Your love, that same foolish love that knew no limits,  
and let me offer myself to the Father  
with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life.

#### *Easter Prayer*

God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son  
you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us the way to eternal life.  
Let our celebration today raise us up  
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.



## *Mitchelstown Parish Easter Letter 2012*



**Jesus, I trust in You  
“By means of this Image  
I shall be granting many graces,  
So let every soul have access to it”  
(Diary, 570)**

**Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and finishes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Easter. (April 15<sup>th</sup>) Feast of the Divine Mercy.  
Devotions in the Parish Church at 2 p.m.**

### **FAITH IN THE RISEN LORD:**

Many children from the Parish have just received their Confirmation in the faith by our own Canon O’Leary. Thanks to parents, teachers, Sr. Ann and all who have supported them and helped them to prepare. Let us continue by word and example to help them grow in the Spirit of God. Many children have also received their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession and are actively preparing for their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. May the Risen Lord bring us all closer to Himself and bless our community. Let us continue to turn to God in prayer: “You should not think of prayer as a matter of words. It is a desire for God, an indescribable devotion, not of human origin, but the gift of God’s grace. Once a person has tasted this food, they are set alight by an eternal desire for the Lord, the fiercest of fires lighting up their soul.” (*St. John, Chrysostom*).

Names for the buses to the Eucharistic Congress are now being taken in the office. There are two buses from the Parish, one on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and one on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope to fill both buses. It’s a once in a lifetime faith event and we exhort you to book now and dedicate one of the days to Jesus, who has given us the amazing gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

Have a very Happy Easter and thanks for all your support.

Fr. Michael Fitzgerald P.P.

## **HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES & THE EASTER TRIDUUM:**

### **PARISH CHURCH:**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL:** Palm Sunday – Palms blessed at all Masses (*please bring Palms with you*). Gospel account of the Passion of Jesus will be read.

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL:** Preparation for Confession. 7.30 p.m. A Redemptorist Priest will lead the Celebration and a number of Priests will be hearing confession.

**MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>:**

**Masses in Parish Church:** 8.30 a.m. 10 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. (*No evening Mass on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 p.m. due to Penitential Rite*)

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>:** Chrism Mass in Cobh at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that priests & people from every parish in the diocese attend this Mass. So if you can go, you will be very welcome.

**All Eucharistic Ministers** are asked to be present at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to renew their commitment. They are asked to line up at the sanctuary steps during the Prayers of the Faithful.

**Trocaire Boxes** can be handed in at the Church Door on Holy Thursday & will be presented at the Offertory of the Mass.

### **HOLY THURSDAY:**

**MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE READING AT 10 A.M.**

**MASS AT 5 P.M.:** This year's 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion classes will participate in this Mass. A boy's choir from C.B.S. Primary under direction of James Sherlock will sing.

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7.30 P.M.:** followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose.

**ADORATION OF THE LORD** at the Altar of Repose until 12 Midnight.

**CONDUCTED HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER:** 11p.m. to 12 midnight.

The Perpetual Adoration closes on Wednesday at 7 p.m. & resumes again after the 12 noon Mass on Easter Sunday.

### **GOOD FRIDAY:**

**A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE** (We are to abstain from eating meat & to fast in honour of the Lord's Suffering).

**Good Friday:** Morning Prayer & Bible reading at 10 a.m.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION & HOLY COMMUNION:**

3 p.m.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 7.30 p.m.

The usual collection for the ***Christian Shrines in the Holy Land*** will be taken up. This is a worthy cause & deserves support.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday & finishes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Special ceremonies in the Church on the day at 2.30 p.m. (Novena leaflets available at the Churches)

### **HOLY SATURDAY:**

**Holy Saturday Morning:** Morning Prayer & Bible reading at 10 a.m.

**EASTER VIGIL MASS:** 9 p.m. (candles will be provided) **Please note that there will be no 7.30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday Evening.**

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Wed, Thur. & Fri.:	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> April	12.00 – 1.00 p.m.
Saturday:	7 <sup>th</sup> April	12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

### **BALLYGIBLIN & KILLACLUIG:**

**HOLY THURSDAY:**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:** 7.30 p.m.

Adoration until 9 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY:**

**Passion of the Lord & Holy Communion:** 3 p.m.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 7.30 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY:**

**EASTER VIGIL:** 9 p.m.

**EASTER OFFERINGS** for the priests of the parish will be taken up on ***Holy Saturday night & Easter Sunday morning.***

Dates for your Diaries:

### **1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Glenahulla National School:**

St. Joseph's Church, Killaculg: **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Bunscoil na Toirbhirte & C.B.S. Primary:**

Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown: **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Ballygiblin National School:**

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin: **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

### **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:**

This is a special annual event in the Parish, when we declare publicly our faith and love for Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. The procession will follow the usual route and finish with Benediction in the town square.

**This event will be held on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ, after the 12 noon Mass and it takes 45 minutes.** Please put it in your diaries.