

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Parish will lead the Stations of the Cross on Corrin Hill, Fermoy, Today, Sunday February 21st at 3.00pm. We invite you all to come along.

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am
Evening Mass during weekdays of Lent at **7.30pm****

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm, with special prayers for our Country and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.**

SPRING STATIONS:

Mon.	15 th	Kildrum & Garryleigh	James & Geraldine O'Brien
Mon.	22 nd	Gortroe, Gortnamina, Killacluig.	6.30pm KILLACLUIG CHURCH
Thurs.	25 th	Captain Keane's Grove, Roche's Heights & Sarsfield Casey Drive.	PARISH CH
Thurs.	25 th	Robert St. Thomas St. George's St. & Edward St.	TOWN HALL
Thurs.	25 th	King's St. James St. & Tearmann Ui Chaoimh.	Tearmann Ui Chaoimh
Fri.	26 th	St. Fanahan's Pl. Barrack Rd. Cloonlough North & Ballybeg Rd.	PARISH CH
Fri.	26 th	Furrow & Gurteenaboul	Patrick & Aideen Harrington
Fri.	26 th	Ballinamona & Brigown	8.15pm Michael & Alice Ryan

All Station Masses are at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. We encourage you all to participate. **A reminder to return Mass times survey.**

Pope Francis & Patriarch Kirill:

In the year 1054 the Orthodox Christians of the East and the Catholic Christians of the West became divided over a number of issues. This division has sadly continued all these years to the present day. Efforts were made at various times to resolve the divisions. Since the meeting of Pope Paul VI with the Ecumenical Patriarch, Athenagoras of Constantinople, in the Holy Land in 1965, great strides have been made by both sides to foster unity and overcome the division. Constantinople (which is modern day Istanbul in Turkey) was regarded as the main centre of Orthodox Christianity. Pope Francis went to Istanbul last November twelve months and met the present Patriarch Bartholomew. While Istanbul (Constantinople) was the traditional historical centre of the Orthodox Christianity, the Russian Patriarch is the head of the largest Orthodox population. Up to last Friday, February 12th, 2016, previous Popes have never succeeded in a face to face meeting with the Russian Patriarch since the division in 1054. This is why the meeting of Patriarch Kirill and Pope Francis can truly be termed historic. It couldn't happen in Moscow or the Vatican, so it took place in the neutral location of Havana Airport in Cuba. The two leaders talked for two hours and issued a joint declaration, stressing their common Christian values and appealing for the welfare of all who are suffering because of the war in Syria. What happened on Friday is of major significance for the re-unification of the Christian family, which has been divided for so long. The prophecy of Our Lady of Fatima that her Immaculate Heart will triumph, is moving another step closer to fulfilment in the event that took place last Friday. Let us continue to pray for the conversion of the world and especially the Rosary for Our Lady's intentions.

Congratulations to the boys and girls who were Confirmed on Wednesday last. The celebration came upon us very early this year, but all our schools and teachers co-operated in a wonderful way to prepare the boys and girls. The families of the boys and girls also participated in a wonderful way to help prepare their children for the event. Let us all continue to encourage the boys and girls to practice their faith, use the gifts of the Holy Spirit and participate in the Spiritual and Social life of the Parish. Every involvement in the Parish, no matter how small, can contribute to making Mitchelstown a vibrant community and a wonderful place to live. Thanks to everybody who helped prepare for the celebration in so many different ways.

2nd Week of Lent:

As we enter the 2nd week of Lent, let us imitate Peter, James & John and follow Jesus into a quiet place, where we can rest, reflect and pray. These are the periods that prepare us for future challenges.

