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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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- **Day for Life:** Today is a special Day for Life. Two important letters from our Bishops. Please take them home and study them.
- **First Friday Masses** as per list below.
- **First Saturday Devotions:** In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary after 10.00am Mass **next** Saturday.
- As today is the 1st Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes collection** will be taken up after Holy Communion.

Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

MASS TIMES:

Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: 7.30pm

Sunday & Holy Day: 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.

Weekdays: 8.30am & 10.00am

FIRST FRIDAYS: 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.45am

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

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with special reflections in honour of St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and Blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30am.**

First Friday: 7.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **7.00pm.**

St. Joseph's Church, Killaclaug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am.**

First Friday: 6.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm.**

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DAY FOR LIFE 2017: There is currently a campaign to remove Article 40.3.3 (the pro-life article) from the *Constitution of Ireland*. It is exactly fifty years since the 1967 Abortion Act was passed in England, Scotland and Wales. Abortion, though less available in Ireland than in the UK, is lawful under certain circumstances on both sides of the border.

As we face the immediate challenge here in Ireland, and mark the fifty years since the passing of the 1967 Act on the neighbouring island, we are drawn to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support to those in need. We pray especially for those who have lost a child and for those who are concerned about their pregnancy. (Irish, English, Scottish & Welsh Catholic Bishops)

Bishops submission to citizen's assembly. Some people argue that the right to life of the unborn should be a matter of personal choice on the part of the mother. Others argue that, while they are opposed to abortion as a general principle, they believe that there are some children to whom the right to life does not apply, either because they have been diagnosed with a serious medical condition or because they have been conceived as a result of rape. We wish to state our firmly held belief, based on reason as well as faith, that there is no such thing as a human life without value. We accept, of course, that death is part of our human condition. What we reject is the suggestion that any person can decide when it is time for another person to die.

The Cork Association for Autism needs Volunteers. They will be holding their **Annual Flag Day Collection on Thursday, October 26th** and they need volunteers to lend a hand in Middleton and Youghal. The Cork Association for Autism provide support services to over 300 individuals in Cork affected by Autism. These services include residential, respite, day service, home supports and an Asperger Support Service. If you are available to help raise much needed funds for adults on the autistic spectrum, please e-mail c.walsh@corkautism.ie or call 021-453 3642. For more details log onto www.corkautism.ie

Special Talk by Fr. Michael Gaitley: Fr. Michael Gaitley from the U.S.A., Author of several books on Our Lady and Mercy, will give a talk in **St. Augustine's Church, Cork, at 7.30pm on Sunday next, October 8th**. You are also invited to join thousands of Irish People in making a 33 Day Consecration Prayer to Our Lady for Ireland from November 5th. Details will be given at the talk.

Powerful Catholic Bible Study and Healing: Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic Lay Preacher will lead a day of Bible meditation, prayer and healing through scripture in **Mitchelstown Town Hall on Saturday, 7th October from 11.00am to 6.00pm.** Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm. He will share his profound insights into the Bible, unveiling the power of the word of God. Experience the healing and freeing power of the Lord's word in your life. Please bring a Bible and notebook for taking notes. All are welcome. Contact: Catherine 087-7727496.

Safe Talk – Suicide prevention talk: Safe Talk is an evening's training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities. The Safe Talk takes place on **Tuesday October 10th, 7 – 10pm.** Whilst this training is suitable for everyone who wants to help prevent suicide and is prepared to become suicide alert, it is not suited to someone who may be recently bereaved by suicide. The training is provided free by the HSE. One must first submit an application form that is available from Ballyhoura Development Ltd, Baldwin Street or email sallen@ballyhoura.org or Tel: 025 85213.

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL: Dear hearts and gentle people, it's that time of year again when we are asking you to fill a shoe box for a child less well off. There are children in the poorest countries of our world who have never experienced the joy of receiving a Christmas present. If you would like to help a poor child this Christmas please visit the Team Hope website, www.teamhope.ie or contact your local co coordinator **Christine on 087 2514099.**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a specially designed **Support Programme** for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one.

The next weekend is being held in the **Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork** from **Friday October 6th to Sunday October 8th, 2017.** For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or e-mail beginningexperience@gmail.com

CORK SCRIPTURE GROUP AUTUMN MODULE - For our instruction: For our time. Paul's Letter to the Christian Community in Rome. Presented by: Mary T. Brien PVBM Lecturer in Sacred Scripture, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Monday, 2nd / 9th / 16th / 23rd October in SCALA Retreat Centre, Blackrock. Cost: €50 for entire module All are welcome. Booking Essential To book a place simply email us at: corkscripturegroup@gmail.com. Module also includes our upcoming autumn workshop: **Jesus and the Gospel Call to Social Justice. Presented by: Fr Peter McVerry SJ. 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Saturday 25th November 2017, in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Western Road.**

Monthly Family Mass: The 11.30am Sunday Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month at the Church of Our Lady Conceived, Mitchelstown will have a special focus on family. Children and parents are invited to take part in the Mass. Please contact Catherine 087 7727496 if you would like to be involved. All parishioners are welcome to come to the Mass.

AUTUMN STATIONS 2017

Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.

OCTOBER

Mon.	2 nd	Gurrane & Coolenave	Jane & Neil Egan
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Tues.	3 rd	Ballyarthur	Patrick & Mary Barrett PARISH CHURCH
Tues.	3 rd	Derrylahan	David O'Keeffe PARISH CHURCH
Wed.	4 th	Knocknamuck, Ballygiblin & Parknakilla	BALLYGIBLIN SCHOOL
Wed.	4 th	Church St. Mitchelscourt, Kildorrery Rd., Ashfield Manor, Stagpark, Deerpark, Clonkilla, Carriganleigh, Cloonlough & Árd Na Gréine.	PARISH CHURCH
Wed.	4 th	New Stag Park Estate.	7.00pm STAG PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE
Thurs.	5 th	Upper Cork St. Lower Cork St. New Square, Arch Avenue, Railway Rd., Cross of the Groves, Brigown Rd Lower, Fermoy Rd. & Carraigroe	PARISH CHURCH
Fri.	6 th	Gortroe, Gortnamina, Killacluig & Booladorcha	6.30pm. KILLACLUIG CH.
Fri.	6 th	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough	6.30pm Eileen Sheehan KILLACLUIG CH.
Fri.	6 th	Corrogurum & Tangresa	6.30pm Larry & Margaret Coleman KILLACLUIG CH.
Fri.	6 th	Glenduff	Thomas & Mary O'Farrell BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Fri.	6 th	Croughevoe	Hannah Mai O'Donovan BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Fri.	6 th	Ballinamona, Brigown Road & Brigown Lane	James & Eileen Whelan PARISH CH.
Fri.	6 th	Marshalstown & Baunanooneeny	Christina Healy
Fri.	6 th	Ballinabrook & Ardglaire	8.15pm James & Olive Kenneally

Social Club Mitchelstown outing to Cork on Tuesday, 17th October. Cork City Gaol, Butter Museum, Blackrock Planetarium. Vienna Wood Hotel – Tea/Coffee & Scone / Dinner on return. Guided Tours at all venues. Leaving the Mart at 9am sharp. All included for €60.00. Deposit of €20, to be paid by 13th October. Diane 087-1478030.

RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES – Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts **6th – 8th October 2017.** For **Confidential information** about

Retrouvaille or to register for the Programme contact **Tony & Anne 01-495 3536,**

Mike & Anne 01- 450 0922, text or call 086 – 413 5440 or, e-mail

info@retrouvaille.ie visit www.retrouvaille.ie

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

David (Davy) Condon, formerly 10 Mandeville Park.

William (Billy) Dwane, formerly Killee

Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*

NEWLY BAPTISED:We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: Daniel Lyons