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**Next Friday is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month, Masses and Confessions in all Churches as per the list below**

**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 Prayers for Priests and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

**Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30 a.m.**

**First Friday: 7.30 p.m.**

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

**St. Joseph's Church, Killaclaug**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30 a.m.**

**First Friday: 6.30p.m.**

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** This Sunday afternoon in the **Parish Church** at **3.00pm**. This is a very important Lenten devotion and we encourage you to participate.

**Evening Mass** during the weekdays of Lent at **7.30pm**

**HOLY WEEK:** The Programme for Holy Week will be delivered to all homes in the Parish in the coming week. We would appreciate the help of the distributors, **they will be ready for collection from the Parish Office from next Thursday.**

**CHRISM MASS IN COBH:** In the Cathedral on Wednesday Evening, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. A bus will leave the Square in Mitchelstown at 6.00pm. Names to be given in Parish Office.

**The Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection** will be taken up today after Holy Communion, we ask you to give special attention to this monthly collection.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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## The Cause of Fatima Children Progresses:

The visit of the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, to the Parish last Wednesday, proved to be very inspiring for all those who attended. We were privileged to be one of the few locations in the Cork area to be chosen for the visit. We were reminded again that we have a great Mother in Heaven. We were reminded of the importance of the Rosary, the Brown Scapular and of our need to make reparation for sin. While the Statue image of Our Lady of Fatima was beautifully decorated, as Catholics we do not worship the Statue or indeed Our Lady Herself. We believe that she was given to us by Christ Jesus as He died on the Cross, to be our Mother, as in His dying words He entrusted Her as Mother to St. John. We believe that Almighty God entrusted Her to be Mother of us all, when He assumed Her into Heaven body and soul, at Her death. Our Lady is not a Statue, but a living person in Heaven, who is guiding and protecting all humanity on earth, under the direction of God Himself.

Our Lady appeared six times a hundred years ago in Fatima, Portugal to three small children: Lucia, Francesco & Jacinta, it was on May 13<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917. Pope Francis is going to Fatima for the coming Centenary celebration on May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Two of the children, Francesco and Jacinta were beatified in the year 2000, when also the famous 3<sup>rd</sup> secret of Fatima was revealed by the Vatican. Recently on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the required miracle for the children's canonisation was approved by Pope Francis. Francesco died on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1919 aged 10. Jacinta died on February, 20<sup>th</sup>, 1920 aged nine. Felipe Moura Marques was born with incurable Type 1 diabetes. His mother and grandmother were fervent devotees of Francesco and Jacinta and brought the child to their tombs. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2000, while watching on television the beatification of the children, the mother prayed for their intercession for the healing of her sick child and the child was completely cured. With the Church's approval of the miracle, it is now speculated that Pope Francis may Canonise the children, when he goes to Fatima on May 13<sup>th</sup>. If this happens, they will be the youngest non martyred Saints in the history of the Catholic Church. May Our Lady of Fatima and the Blessed Children pray for us all.

**Follow the footsteps of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. Take to TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.** Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). Contact Mícheál at 086-8337681 or e-mail [culturaltoursireland@gmail.com](mailto:culturaltoursireland@gmail.com).

**CBS SECONDARY STUDENTS** will be holding a **COFFEE MORNING** in **Forest Hall on Holy Thursday morning** after Mass to raise money for 4 students to travel to Lourdes as helpers on the Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage in June. Your support would be greatly appreciated, thank you

The Cork Youth Drama Festival will run an evening of special performances in aid of the **Cork Association for Autism (CAA)**. The event will take place during Autism Awareness Month on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm in Deerpark CBS, Friars Walk. A raffle will also take place on the evening with fantastic prizes up for grabs. Tickets are on sale for a great price of €10 per adult and €5 per child. Family passes are also available for just €20. Tickets can be purchased by calling Carol on 021 453 3642 (ext. 5) or by emailing [c.walsh@corkautism.ie](mailto:c.walsh@corkautism.ie)

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**Cycle Against Suicide** arriving in Fermoy on **Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**. Homestays needed to accommodate cyclists for one night for this worthy cause. Please contact John Hennessy (087) 4154301 or Ellen Downey at "[fermoyhomestays@gmail.com](mailto:fermoyhomestays@gmail.com)"

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**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre – NEW TIME added On Tuesday**

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown. Tel: 0761 07 8030

E-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie). Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am to 1pm

Monday, **Tuesday** & Thursday: 1.30pm to 4.30pm

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**LENTEN STATIONS 2017**

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

**APRIL**

Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> Croughmore

**8.00pm Nellie Reidy**

**We encourage you all to participate in the Station Masses.**

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**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK:** *Walk in the footsteps of Jesus.* This unforgettable (fully guided) trip will take place from **October 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**. Highlights include: A boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, visits to Nazareth, Cana, Jericho, The Dead Sea, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, etc. The trip includes: Return flights ex Cork, a comprehensive daily programme, entrance fees, 4\* Hotels, dinner, bed and breakfast throughout. Spiritual Director: Fr. Christy Fitzgerald. For further information and details please contact MAP Travel 01-8783111 or Tour Manager Jim Keogh 021-4885371 or 087-2678793. Please note that places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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Mitchelstown will once again host the **Darkness Into Light 5k Run/Walk** in aid of Pieta House on **May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4.15am**. Registration is now open and an early bird discount applies until March 31st, 20 euro per adult, 15 euro per OAP, unemployed and students and children under 16 free. Register at [www.dil.ie](http://www.dil.ie)

**Mitchelstown Active Retired Group:** The Group meet every Wednesday from 2 – 4pm at the Town Hall in Thomas Street. The programme of upcoming events is discussed and finalised. Suggestions are made by members for activities that might interest the group, all suggestions are considered. We are a small group and would be delighted to welcome new members. If you are too shy to walk in, why not phone Mary 025-86867 or 087-9337753. There is no membership fee, but members make a small contribution each time they attend.

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**Grand Designs- Heritage Lecture on the Irish Landmark Trust:** Looking for unusual holiday destinations, packed with history & beautiful design? Well, Mitchelstown Heritage Society may just be able to help with your holiday plans for 2017. Join the Society on next Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Town Hall for a lecture on the work of the Irish Landmark Trust. If you've ever dreamed of renting out a castle, sleeping in a mill or in a lighthouse, the Trust has over 25 properties which may make for some of the most historic holiday destinations in Ireland. Set up 25 years ago the Irish Landmark Trust continues to breathe life into some of Ireland's most unique buildings. Proving that old buildings can become so much more than stuffy museums, housing dusty exhibits for hundreds of visitors to peek at over a rope as they file around a one-way system under the beady eyes of custodians. The ILT has been responsible for rescuing 25 of Ireland's most "eccentric and distinctive" properties — many of them small domestic buildings, found in ruins — and converting them into excitingly unconventional self-catering holiday accommodation. Often in remote and picturesque parts, they offer guests the opportunity of a tranquil retreat. Speaking to the Heritage Society next Wednesday is Mary O'Brien, CEO of the Irish Landmark Trust, she will explore the rich history of the lighthouses, mews houses, schools, gate lodges and castles which make up the ILT portfolio as well as revealing the extraordinary lengths which go into faithfully restoring these unique buildings. The lecture is open to the public, there is a small charge of €3 for Heritage Society members, €5 for non-members, light refreshments will be served afterwards.

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**Killacluig Choir:** New members are always welcome- singers and musicians. Contact Caitriona on 086-3760487 if interested in joining the choir. Choir with Caitriona on organ at Easter Ceremonies as follows: Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday. Arrangements for choir on Holy Thursday to be confirmed. All welcome to join in.

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On behalf of **The Irish Blood Transfusion Service**, please pass on our thanks to all who contributed to the running of this Clinic. **214** Donors attended our **Mitchelstown** Blood Donor Clinic. Their generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. This precious gift brings life & hope to the patients and to their families & friends

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of

—  
Margaret Ahern (née Colbert), Pollardstown

Who died recently. *May She Rest In Peace*

**NEWLY BAPTISED:**

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Dylan Murphy-Palmer.