## **CLERGY:**

V. Rev. Canon Fitzgerald P.P., V.F. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary P.E., C.C. Rev. Fr. Burke C.C. Parish Office – Patricia Dwane: **12pm**  Phone: 025-84090. Phone: 025-84088. Phone: 025-84077. Phone: 025-84062.**Open 9am-**

# Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week; Phone Number: 087 – 2524979

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Celebration for Grandparents: Grandparents will participate in the 11.30am Mass in the Parish Church, Mitchelstown on Sunday9<sup>th</sup> SeptemberGrandparents are invited to hand in family photos for the event by next Thursday6<sup>th</sup> September.
Carmelite Lourdes Group will participate in 7.30pm Mass next Saturday evening as part of their preparation for their Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

•Friday next is 1<sup>st</sup>First Friday, Masses& Confessions in all three Churchesas per list below.

### Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve	e of Holy Day: 7.30pm
Sunday & Holy	<b>Day:</b> 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.
Weekdays:	8.30am & 10.00am
<u>FIRST FRIDAYS:</u>	8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.
Bank Holidays:	11am
MORNING PRAYER:	Monday – Friday: 8.00am
ROSARY:	Monday – Saturday: 9.45am
<u>CONFESSIONS:</u> Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm	
Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm	
We encourage families to practice monthly Confession	
<b>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:</b>	Friday at <b>3.00pm</b> . All welcome.

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with special prayers for Pope Francis and World Meeting of Families and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

#### 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, KillacluigMASS TIMES:Sunday & Holy Day:10.30am.First Friday: 6.30pm.CONFESSIONS:First Friday:6.00pm.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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# Pope Benedict's Church Prediction - In a 1969 radio broadcast, Professor Josef Ratzinger's concluding remarks:

"From the crisis of today the Church of tomorrow will emerge — a Church that has lost much. She will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning. She will no longer be able to inhabit many of the edifices she built in prosperity. As the number of her adherents diminishes, so it will lose many of her social privileges. In contrast to an earlier age, it will be seen much more as a voluntary society, entered only by free decision. As a small society, it will make much bigger demands on the initiative of her individual members. Undoubtedly it will discover new forms of ministry and will ordain to the priesthood approved Christians who pursue some profession. In many smaller congregations or in selfcontained social groups, pastoral care will normally be provided in this fashion. Along-side this, the full-time ministry of the priesthood will be indispensable as formerly. But in all of the changes at which one might guess, the Church will find her essence afresh and with full conviction in that which was always at her center: faith in the triune God, in Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, in the presence of the Spirit until the end of the world. In faith and prayer she will again recognize the sacraments as the worship of God and not as a subject for liturgical scholarship.

"The Church will be a more spiritual Church, not presuming upon a political mandate, flirting as little with the Left as with the Right. It will be hard going for the Church, for the process of crystallization and clarification will cost her much valuable energy. It will make her poor and cause her to become the Church of the meek. The process will be all the more arduous, for sectarian narrow-mindedness as well as pompous self-will will have to be shed. One may predict that all of this will take time. The process will be long and wearisome as was the road from the false progressivism on the eve of the French Revolution — when a bishop might be thought smart if he made fun of dogmas and even insinuated that the existence of God was by no means certain - to the renewal of the nineteenth century. But when the trial of this sifting is past, a great power will flow from a more spiritualized and simplified Church. Men in a totally planned world will find themselves unspeakably lonely. If they have completely lost sight of God, they will feel the whole horror of their poverty. Then they will discover the little flock of believers as something wholly new. They will discover it as a hope that is meant for them, an answer for which they have always been searching in secret.

"And so it seems certain to me that the Church is facing very hard times. The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals. But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: not the Church of the political cult, which is dead already, but the Church of faith. It may well no longer be the dominant social power to the extent that she was until recently; but it will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as man's home, where he will find life and hope beyond death."

**The Large Pilgrim Statue of St Michael the Archangel (5Ft in height)** will visit the **Church Of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown** on **NEXTThursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018**, accompanied by Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA, Poland. Holy Mass will be celebrated at **7.30pm**. Homily by Fr. Peter will be on St Michael and St Faustina. After Holy Mass, there will be a further talk on The Knighthood including the value of the Scapular. Following the talk, there will be an official enrolment of the Knighthood of St Michael, blessing of the scapular of St Michael and Veneration of the first class relic of St Faustina. All are Welcome.

**Killacluig Choir:**New members are always welcome- singers and musicians. Contact Caitriona Fox on 086-3760487 or meet us after 10.30am Mass if interested. All welcome! Please note there is no choir this week in Killacluig on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September & also on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Choir as usual on other Sundays.

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**IRD Duhallow Warmer Homes Scheme -** *Free Insulation Service*. <u>New Eligibility</u> <u>Criteria introduced (Carers Allowance)</u>. The eligibility criteria for the scheme is being further expanded to include those <u>in receipt of Carers Allowance</u> who live with the person they are caring for.Householders in receipt of any <u>one</u> of the following payments will be eligible to receive insulation services *free of charge* 

•Fuel Allowance•Working Family Payment •Domiciliary Care Allowance

•Carers Allowance •Jobseekers Allowance for more than 6 months and have a child under 7 years of age. •One Parent Family Payment

Houses must be owner occupied and constructed before 2006. <u>To apply, contact IRD</u> Duhallow on 029 60633 or email whs@irdduhallow.com

<u>Annual St. Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Knock -</u> Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Cost:  $\notin$ 20.00 Adults  $\notin$ 7 Children. Bus will leave the Old Mart Mitchelstown at 7.30am. Places can be booked through the office at Ozanam Centre 025/84733

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**Cork Autism Conference 2018**- Re-Thinking Autism - A Positive and Integrative Approach, **Sunday September 30**<sup>th</sup>, Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas Cork. Conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Adults with ASD, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in Autism and Asperger'sSyndrome. More info here: www.bookwhen.com/corkautism or call 089 239 8900

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On the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2018, a Concert Fundraiser for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association will take place in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Little Island, Cork. Two Time Polka and De Dannan will be performing on the night. Tom Jive will be giving a live jive dancing demonstration (audience participation is voluntary but all are welcome to dance along). There is a raffle with amazing prizes and the MC for the night is Tommie Gorman from RTE. Tickets are  $\pounds 25$  and can be bought from:O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Pro Musica, Cork, Mitchelstown Credit Union.

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**Killacluig Church - Be part of our Sunday Mass!** We invite primary and secondary school students to become involved in our Sunday Mass in the offertory procession, prayer of the faithful, music or collecting. You can make a difference. Please contact Samantha on 089-4415338, Johanna 086-8494191 or Catherine on 087-7727496 if interested.

**Mitchelstown Community Council** wish to thank the Parishioners of Mitchelstown, Killacluig, and Ballygiblin, for their generous contribution towards our Church Gate collection on  $25^{\text{th}} / 26^{\text{th}}$  September. Your ongoing support of the Council throughout the year is very much appreciated.

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Mitchelstown Forum Age Friendly Social Hub and Active Group will meet again Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11am and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2pm following a break for the Summer. These groups are open to anyone looking to meet for a coffee and chat once a week. We will be doing a variety of activities from arts, crafts, making ChristmasMangers, dancing, information talks and more. Everyone is welcome and all ages. €2 donation per session. See you all in Forrest Hall in the Square 10<sup>th</sup>September 11am. Tel: Ballyhoura 025-85213.

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**Cork Scripture Group** - *Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path*.Psalm 119:105. Cork Scripture Group would like to invite anyone who is interested in Scripture to join us for the following course.*The Gospel of Luke: Portrait of a God of Compassion*.Facilitators: Rev Geraldine Gracie, Fr Ben Hegarty OP, Marian Mortell and Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

**Mondays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018** from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. in Scala Centre, Blackrock (opposite Blackrock Castle). **Saturday Workshop:** The Acts of the Apostles: A Story of Mission and Church for Today facilitated by Fr Luke MacNamara OSB (Glenstal Abbey/Maynooth). **Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>** from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road. Cost:  $\in$ 50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop]. For those who wish to attend the workshop only, the cost will be  $\notin$ 10.To book a place or find out more please *email* <u>corkscripturegroup@gmail.com</u>.

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**Eucharistic Adoration** - Can you commit to one hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration. We are looking for people for the following hours: Monday 2-3pm, Monday 3-4pm to share and Wednesday 5-6am. Please contact Nora on 025 24149, Catherine on 087 7727496 orany one of the priests.

Adult Education Classes starting in Forrest Hall, New Square, Mitchelstown from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Ring Áine on 086-0484457 or call into Forrest Hall for more details'

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# **RECENTLY DECEASED**:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of – Margaret (Peggy) Noonan (née O'Donnell) Clonmel Road Sean Quane, Killacluig Who died recently. May TheyRest In Peace

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: Ruby Horgan