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● **Advent Prayer:** This Sunday Evening in the Parish Church at **5.00pm** with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite you and your family to participate during the Sundays of Advent.

● **Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** Saturday next, December 8th, it is a Holy Day of obligation. **Vigil Masses: Parish Church – Friday evening at 7.30pm.** After this Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 9.15pm and the Home of the Mother Sisters will lead prayer reflections. **Ballygiblin Vigil Mass – 6.00pm.** Masses on Saturday: **Parish Church 8.30am & 11.30am. Killacluig 10.00am.** Saturday Evening Mass is Vigil of first Sunday of Advent.

● **Youth 2000 Retreat:** Next weekend in Newbridge for 16-35 year olds.

● **Christmas Home Deliveries:** The boxes of Parish envelopes for the coming year, Parish Calendar & programme for Christmas, will be delivered to your homes in the coming days. We would be most grateful for the help of the Autumn distributors. If distributors can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon. This will help us greatly. Thank you.

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
Saturday morning: 10.00am only

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

Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

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

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special reflections on the life of St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and Blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: **6.00pm.**

Confessions after Mass on the First Saturday of the Month

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am.**

Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

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Advent: A Time Of Waiting And Giving: The word “Advent” derives from the Latin for “coming” and implies a kind of arrival for which welcome is due – like the arrival of an invited guest for dinner. We are told in today’s Gospel that in all the upheaval and turmoil of the world to “hold our heads high, for our liberation is near at hand”. For the Christian believer, Jesus Christ has conquered the sinful world, the revelation and manifestation of His presence is near at hand. Advent is a time to wait in prayer and expectation. This is not a time for lowering our heads, it is a time for confidence in the grace of Christ, in the Saviour of the world. We celebrate His presence with us in our sufferings and we treasure His promise of future glory. So as we wait in expectation, let us open our Bibles and take the Rosary in hand, for this is a time of grace and prayer. Let us open our hearts and families and share the love of the Lord.

Hail Holy Queen Conference: As we approach the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patron of the Parish Church, we raise our eyes and hearts, to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. To celebrate this great Feast, the Totus Tuus Magazine are bringing us a special conference **next Saturday, December 8th** in the Town Hall beginning at 9.30am. You are all welcome to join the conference for all or part of the day. It will be a special time to reflect and pray in the company of Mary.

Christmas Mission 2018 - "I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy!" Join the Parish as we prepare our hearts this Advent for the coming of Jesus! Upcoming Event: A Special Vigil and Holy Hour in Honour of Our Blessed Mother in the Main Church, **Friday, 7th December from 8:15pm-9:15pm.** Music, prayers and reflection led by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother.

Flowers Decorate the Altar and Tabernacle: A very dedicated group of women in the Parish make sure the Altars of our three Churches are suitably decorated with flowers throughout the year and for that we sincerely thank them for their faithful devotion and decorations. The **Annual Collection for flowers on the Altars** will be taken up at all Masses **next Weekend, 8th/9th December.** New members needed, you do not need flower arranging skills.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 9th – 16th September 2019: Cost €819: However if paid before 14th December €100 off, insurance included, full board. Single supplement €30: Flight from Cork to Lisbon return: Contact Pilgrimages Abroad Lauri Duffy Travel, Dublin, 01 6359300 or Local enquires from: Fr. Winkle, 024 92270, or Nora 0872509184.

Hail Holy Queen Conference: You are invited to a **Faith Conference** in the **Town Hall Mitchelstown** on Our Lady's Great Feast, **next Saturday December 8th, from 9.30am to 3.30pm.** The theme is: how Our Lady has preserved and helped the faith to flourish in Ireland in challenging times, and how she can do this once again. Speakers include Fr Eamonn McCarthy (Radio Maria), Canon Michael Fitzgerald, Dr Gill Doherty, Fr John Mockler, Fr John Walsh OP. Mass and confessions also included. Donation only. Time for lunch in Mitchelstown.

CBS Secondary Parent Council will host **Michael English in concert in the Firgrove Hotel on Friday Dec. 7th.** Tickets €25, available from the school office 025 24104, Firgrove, Centra and Mr. Mister. This is the main fundraising event for the Parent Council for this school year. Thank you for your support.

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes & Shoes Collection in Ballygiblin N.S. Tuesday, 4th from 9am to 3pm & 6pm to 8pm & Wednesday, 5th December up to 10am. No mobile phones. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

GET UP AND GO CLUBA.R.A. Thomas Street, Mitchelstown. Meeting every **Tuesday, in the Town Hall from 2pm to 4pm.A.G.M. on Tuesday, 4th December from 2pm – 4pm.Thursday, 6th December:** Sale – Coffee/Tea/Bring & Buy morning in Town Hall at 10.30am, a fundraiser for the Club. Bring a friend and chat. For more details contact Diane 087-1478030 or Mai 087-6283266.

Cork Association for Autism will hold our annual **Carols by Candlelight** event on **Friday 7th of December at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church, Lower Glanmire Road, Cork City.** Tickets are €15 each. 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. Tickets can be purchased through www.corkautism.ie or by email d.murphy@corkautism.ie or by calling 021 453 3642.

Ballyhoura are offering a new programme for young people between the age of 16-29 who have a disability and would like support around further training and employment. The course will run 2 sessions a week in Mitchelstown from now until July and includes confidence building, driver theory, HACCP, manual handling, work placement, work preparation training and more. This programme is free and will not affect your disability payment or illness benefit. Tel Sadie- Ballyhoura <tel:025-85213>

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY – The tradition, called Bambinelli Sunday, was begun by Pope John Paul II, to take place on the third Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete Sunday. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Holy Father blesses all the statues and figurines of Baby Jesus held up by the children in the crowd under the Holy Father's window, which the children then take back to their homes to be placed under their Christmas Trees, waiting for Christmas Eve, when the Bambinelli can be placed in the Manger to mark the birth of the Baby Jesus. We invite the children of the Parish to bring their Baby Jesus to Mass on the **3rd Sunday of Advent, 16th December.** After Mass we suggest that the Baby Jesus is wrapped up and placed under the Christmas Tree and on Christmas Day the youngest member of the Family places the Baby in the Crib.

Saturday 8th Dec: 'What's all the Fuss about Anyway?': Advent afternoon of prayer and reflection in an atmosphere of silence as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child. A mixture of guided prayer and time for your own reflection. 2pm— 5pm €20 incl. tea/coffee. *Booking Required. Nano Nagle Birthplace 022 26411 www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie*

Christmas Coffee Morning: Catch up with your neighbours over a cup of tea and some festive treats this Christmas season. On **Sunday 9th December,** the Parents' Association of Ballindangan NS will host a festive **Coffee Morning in Ballindangan School after 11.30 Mass.** All pupils, (past and present), parents, friends and members of our community are invited to attend. Christmas Carols by Ballindangan Folk Choir and the pupils of Ballindangan NS. **Ballindangan National School Christmas Show** On **December 12th at 7pm, Ballindangan N.S.** presents its Christmas Show, "The Inn-Spector's", a mix of songs, comedy and a true Christmas message. The children will also perform hip-hop dances and some familiar tunes on the tin-whistle. There will be a great raffle as well as spot prizes. All are very welcome.

CBS Primary 5th & 6th Class Carol Singers will be at the Foyer of the Firgrove Hotel on Sunday, 16th December, to greet our Senior Citizens, as they gather for their Annual Christmas Party. The boys will also perform for all at Tearmann Ui Chaoimh nearer to the Big Day. The Carol Singers will be performing outside **Supervalu, New Square,** Mitchelstown, on **Thursday 13th December.** School Staff and Friends will be around town with a bucket collection in aid of the **Local Branch of the St. Vincent De Paul Society,** (Garda permit granted). C.B.S. Primary looks forward to your continuing support, carrying on a tradition which is now spanning over 3 decades.

ALL WELCOME to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for their **Advent Ceremony,** which will be celebrated in the **Parish Church on Wednesday, 19th December from 11.00am.** Everybody at CBS Primary wishes the Community a Very Happy Peaceful Christmas and the very best for 2019.

'Lights of Love Remembrance Tree' - The Christmas season is a time to celebrate our blessings with family and friends, and also serves as a time to join together with them in remembering friends and loved ones who are sadly no longer with us.

Fermoy Community Health Project & Fermoy Community Resource Centre in association with the Fermoy committee of Cork Mental Health cordially invite you to attend the 3rd 'Lights of Love - Remembrance Tree' event, at which you may, if you wish, sponsor a light to remember your loved one by making a €5 donation. For your donation, you will receive a unique 'Lights of Love' Christmas remembrance card for each light sponsored, and you can also make a named dedication which will be placed in our special memory frame. This event takes place on **this Sunday 2nd December from 5 - 6pm in the Resource Centre.** Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

Heritage Society Christmas Quiz: Mitchelstown Heritage Society are hosting their **Annual Christmas Table Quiz, next Thursday 6th December in the Hunters Rest, Mitchelstown @ 9.15pm sharp.** The cost per team is €40, funds raised will go towards the cost of ongoing Heritage Society work and projects. Including, the refurbishment of the Heritage Trail Signage, maintenance of local historic features including our water pumps and built heritage, the future creation of a Mitchelstown War memorial and other initiatives. With John Hickey as Quiz Master, the night is suitable for all interests and abilities. Always an enjoyable social night out, with food and plenty of raffle prizes it's a great way to kick off the Christmas season. The Society wishes to thank everyone in advance for their support, especially the local businesses & The Hunters Rest team who always are incredibly supportive.

Fundraising Event: Glenahulla N.S. Parents Association – New & Used Clothes Collection, shoes in pairs, belts, handbags, sheets. *No duvets or pillows as the school will be penalised.* Collection times as follows Thursday 6th & Friday 7th from 8.45am to 9am, 2.40pm to 2.55pm & Monday morning 10th December from 8.45am to 9am. Any queries please contact Anne-Marie Murphy on 086 -8546689. Your support would be greatly appreciated.