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Pope Francis on Abortion and the Right to Life. “Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the church cannot be expected to change her position on this question... It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life...’ – *Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium #213-214*

● **Rosary on the Coast Group** organising prayer again on **Sunday, 18th March 2018 at 2.30pm** at Mass Rocks in Ireland for Protection of Life & Faith. A **Special Eucharistic Healing Hour for the protection of life will be held in Mitchelstown Parish Church on that day, 2.30pm – 3.30pm.**

● **Sunday next is World Day of the Sick.** Anointing of the sick will be given during the **10.00am Mass on Saturday morning.** We invite all who have sickness or burdened with age to receive the Sacrament.

● **Sunday next is also a day of prayer for Temperance.**

● This year’s **Annual Lourdes Mass** will take place Monday, 12th February, in Patrick’s Church, Fermoy at 7.30pm.

● **Spring Stations Delivery:** Ready to be collected now in the Parish Office.

Croughmore Station will be held in the home of Patrick & Catherine Casey next Friday, 9th February at 8.00pm.

● The monthly **Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection** is being taken up today after Holy Communion. As we mentioned today, the Bishop would appreciate a little extra support for this collection.

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

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday Evening 8.00-9.00pm with special reflections on Our Lady of Lourdes, prayers for the sick and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 9.30am. First Friday: 7.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: 7.00pm.

St. Joseph’s Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 10.30am. First Friday: 6.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: 6.00pm.

Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection: Bishop Crean has asked to highlight the importance and necessity of the **1st Sunday Collection for the Diocesan Religious Purposes** and to improve on it, if we can, due to a shortfall. Firstly, we want to thank everybody for your generous monthly contribution to this collection over the years and to thank you for your generosity to all the collections throughout the year. The Bishop has asked us to explain the work and services given by the Diocese to all the parishes throughout the year. The monthly collection finances the following; Office and administration expenses at the Diocesan Centre. Salaries and allowances for the following personnel at the Diocesan Centre: Diocesan Secretary, Administrative Secretary, Accounts Officer – part time and Designated Liaison Person for Child Safeguarding Service. Children safeguarding training programme, including the employment of a Training co-ordinator. Contribution to Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services. Services to 122 National Schools, Board of Management Training, Diocesan Religious Advisors.

These are the main Diocesan Services, that you have been maintaining over the years, through your contributions and for this we thank you. If you can increase your contributions to this collection a little to meet the shortfall, the Bishop and the Diocese would be most grateful.

The Diocesan Accounts are audited every year by Deloitte Accountants and the accounts are available on <http://www.charitiesregulatoryauthority.ie/> website for public viewing.

Votive Candles: It is a tremendous act of faith and devotion and a very great Catholic practice to visit the Church and light a candle in petition and thanksgiving. For many it is a consoling action in a time of trouble. For many years in Mitchelstown, Ballygiblin, and Killacluig Churches we have been using electrical lights. The Parish Pastoral Council have requested that we return to the practice of the lighted candle. This coming week, we have asked St. Killian’s Cahir on a trial basis to bring us their shrines for the Parish Church. For the present Killacluig and Ballygiblin Churches will continue with the electrical candles. With this experiment in mind, we would like very much to have the feedback from parishioners. If it is more popular we will retain them.

