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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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BANK HOLIDAY Mass on Monday morning at **11.00am only.**

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 on the Holy Spirit 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, Killaclug

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

First Friday: 6.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

As today is 1st Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection** will be taken up at all Masses after Holy Communion.

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Mass for Exam Students: You are all invited to a Special Mass, both parishioners and students, their families and friends, for all our exam students on **Monday evening next, June 5th at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.** The Mass is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council, in order to pray and support all exam students in our locality. We pray for all our young people involved in exams this year, including third level students, who have completed their exams. Our young people are very important to us and we want them to know that we understand the strains and challenges that face them. While we ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to success in their exams, we also pray for their happiness and protection in all their decisions and undertakings. So, you are all invited to come along to the Mass and to actively support and pray for God's Blessing on our young people at this important time in their lives.

The Duquesne Students and the Holy Spirit: On this Pentecost Sunday our focus is on the coming and renewal of the Holy Spirit. The 20th Century marked a revival of devotion to the Holy Spirit in the various Christian Communities. Duquesne is a Catholic University in Pittsburgh, America. In 1966 and 1967 some Professors at the College were filled with a desire to receive a "Baptism in Holy Spirit" i.e. a renewal of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. On the weekend of 17th-19th February 1967 about 20 students from the University went on a retreat. During the retreat the students were touched by the Holy Spirit in a special way. This is how one of them, Patti Gallagher Mansfield describes what happened: "Saturday night we were to have a birthday party, but one by one we were drawn into the Chapel and received what is called the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. It happened to different people in different ways. I became struck by a deep awareness that God is real and that He loves us. Prayers poured forth from my lips that I would have never had the courage to say aloud before. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifest now, I can testify to this, because I have heard people pray in tongues, heal, discern spirits, speak with extraordinary wisdom and faith, prophesy and interpret. I now realise that there is nothing we have to bear ourselves, no prayer that God doesn't answer, no need that the Lord is not rich enough to fill! And I feel such tremendous freedom in depending on Him, in truly praising God. We can try to live as Christians and to die to ourselves and sin, but without the power of the Spirit, it can be a rather discouraging struggle. There are still temptations and problems, but now I have the confidence and trust in God, now I have the strength from the Lord to really change and love with Him. It's true we receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation and then we are His temples, but we do not open enough to His gifts and His power in our lives. It's true that the Spirit is a teacher, because I have learned so much in such a short time from Him! Scripture lives! I'm sure that I could never come by so much knowledge alone, despite good intentions and efforts". It was the Duquesne weekend student's retreat that began the Catholic Charismatic Renewal fifty years ago this year. To mark the event, Pope Francis has invited all the Charismatic prayer groups to Rome this Pentecost Sunday to pray together with the Pope. – *continued over the page* →

Continued from the front: On this Pentecost Sunday let each of us ask for a Baptism in the Spirit and open ourselves anew to His Gifts.

You are all invited to a **prayer gathering in the Marian Hall this Sunday night at 8.30pm**. Some members from the Kingston College Community will attend.

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The Egyptians Coptic Christians: On Friday May 26th they were on a bus to a Monastery for a retreat. Their bus was stopped, there were filed off the bus and asked under threat of death, to deny their Christian Faith, they refused and they were shot through the neck and head. There were men, women and children. At his Sunday address, Pope Francis praised them as Martyrs for the faith. Come Holy Spirit give us all courage through these great Martyrs.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: The Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 18th after 11.30am Mass**. The route is up James's St., George's St., down Church St., onto Upper Cork St., and return to Town Square for Benediction.

A meeting to organise the Procession will be held in the **Sacristy next Tuesday evening, June 6th at 7.00pm**. All willing to help, please attend.

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Mass for Exam Students: The Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council is having Mass for all Exam Students on **THIS Monday June 5th at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Before the Mass students will have an opportunity to write their first name on a piece of paper, which will be placed on the Altar during Mass. Parishioners will be invited to take a name and pray for the student throughout the exam period. All are welcome including family and friends.

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St Thérèse – The Little Flower” Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. This year's Faith Camp will run from Monday July 17th to Thursday July 20th in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496

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“COME AND SEE” Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. Saturday, 17th June. For young women interested in finding out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork. Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

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Come home to the love of God's Family on Lough Derg: You may begin your Three Day Pilgrimage on any day from 1st June until 13th August. No need to book. Daily boats to the Island from 10.30am until 3:00pm, 7 days per week. There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518. (from NI 00 35371 9861518) Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

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ALL WELCOME to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for their **Annual End of Year Mass**, to thank God for a wonderful school year. This Mass will be celebrated in the **Parish Church on Friday, 16th June at 11.15am**. All at CBS Primary would like to sincerely thank the people of Mitchelstown and its environs for their continued support and co-operation

Mitchelstown Community Pre-school are holding a **Fun Table Quiz** in **Tod's Bar on Friday 16th June at 9.00pm**. €40 per table. Come along for a great night's entertainment and fun. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Come and have some good old fashion fun at **BALLYGIBLIN SUMMER FETE** at Ballygiblin School, **Sunday June 25th**. Great family fun day. All welcome. This is a Fundraising event, your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Prayer for success in exams:

Lord, you know the anxiety that I'm feeling right now.

Please calm my spirit, Come and still my nerves, for the questions I am about to be given.

Help me to read them slowly and correctly.

Come and flood my heart with Your peace.

For the words I am about to write, Help me to recall everything fully. Come and inspire my mind as I gather my thoughts.

For the examiners who read my work, Help them to mark with justice and fairness, Come and refresh them, please bless their lives.

I give all these prayers to You and ask that this day you would give me the success that my heart desires, For Your kingdom and glory. ~Amen~

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Prayer Before an Examination

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance,

but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. ~Amen~

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

Sofia Barry.

Amelia McGrath.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Maureen Herlihy (née Skehill), Georges Street

Who died recently.

May She Rest In Peace