

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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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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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**.
We encourage you and your family to attend.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

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

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with
special prayers for our Country and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

SPRING STATIONS:

Mon.	7 th	Derrylahan	PARISH CHURCH
Wed.	9 th	Knocknamuck, Ballygiblin & Parknakilla	BALLYGIBLIN SCHOOL
Thur.	10 th	Knockagarry	Pat & Helena Norris
Thur.	10 th	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough	Vincent & Mary O'Brien
Fri.	11 th	Ballinabrook & Ardglare	Anthony & Maureen O'Brien
Fri.	11 th	Pollardstown & Killicane	John Finn
Fri.	18 th	Corracunna & Cooleregan	Olive Flynn
Fri.	18 th	Croughevoe	John Lonergan

All Station Masses are at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. We encourage you all to participate. **A reminder to return Mass times survey.**

“Bag a Bargain in Brú Columbanus”

Hundreds of donated handbags and dresses of all shapes, sizes, colours and brands will go on sale on Saturday 12th March, in Brú Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton, Cork. (Between 10am and 4pm). “We are also looking for donations of handbags and dresses. It doesn't matter what kind of handbag you have, all are accepted, although top-end brands will be warmly welcomed,” Those wishing to donate can call Anne-Maria on 021-4345754, email her info@brucolumbanus, or make a delivery to the Brú Columbanus office at Cardinal Way, Wilton before Wednesday 9th March, 2016.

Brú Columbanus is a charity that provides accommodation to the relatives of seriously ill patients in Cork Hospitals and the hospice, in particular relatives of sick children”

The Wonder of Conception: Medical science has made incredible advances in recent years, but those advances have also brought great challenges. Pregnancy tests and scans can now show us the wonder of a newly conceived baby after a very few weeks. But those same tests can also tell us a great deal about the well-being of the unborn baby. One of those tests can reveal what is now popularly called fatal foetal abnormality. This diagnosis may reveal that the baby's condition could cause death before birth or shortly after. This news is very traumatic for any parents and most especially the mother. The last item on the R.T.E. Late Late Show on Friday, February 26th had an interview with a young couple who found themselves in this difficult situation. They said they were faced with two options: terminate the pregnancy or let the pregnancy take its natural course. They decided to cherish every moment of the life of their unborn baby. The mother gave birth and their baby lived for three hours. It was very touching to hear the couple's account of their love for their child, despite the very difficult circumstances and the short times they had with their child. The interview would encourage any couple who may find themselves in that situation of the healing value of cherishing life, even though it may be only for a short while. The couple were not Catholics because they said they had a humanist ceremony for their baby.

The Irish Constitution in the 1983, 8th Amendment protects the equal right to life of mother and child and supports the life of both. All life is precious, human society has a duty to protect it, even in very difficult circumstances. A society that supports parents in cherishing life is a good society.

Prayer for the Child in the Womb

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator. Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift. Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all. Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature, Help us to choose life in every decision we take. We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

The Heart of God: The story of the Prodigal Son reveals the Heart of God and the Heart of the Bible. God loves us so much, that He has given us free will, even the free will to reject Him. But no matter what our response, be it that of the prodigal son or of his older brother, our God waits in love for our free return to Him.

He loves us. He loves us. He loves us.

Let us not be afraid of Confession or postpone the opportunity of receiving the love and forgiveness of God.

