

**CLERGY:**

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**Canon O’Leary is on Sick Call this week;  
Phone Number: 087 – 2524979**

**PARISH MAIL ADDRESS.**

- **Monday – Bank Holiday:** Mass at 11.00am only
- **Legion of Mary Visitation:** We have invited Legion of Mary members from around the country to visit all the homes of the Parish **next Tuesday & Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.** You are all invited to a meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday at 8.30pm (Topic: Holy Mass) & Wednesday at 8.30pm (Topic: Confession).
- **Celebrating the Centenary of Fatima:** As August 13<sup>th</sup> falls on next Sunday, we will continue our celebration of the Centenary with a **Candlelight Procession after the 7.30pm Sunday Evening Mass.** You are all welcome to participate.
- **Collection for Maintenance of Adjoining Cemetery:** This important collection helps the Parish maintain the Cemetery and will be taken up at all Masses next Sunday. We would appreciate your generous support.
- As today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection** will be taken up after Holy Communion.

**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 Reflections on God the Father 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.**

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**Visitation of the Parish:** We have about 2,400 homes in the Parish. In order to help us to reach out to all these homes, a team of Legion of Mary members from around the country will be calling to all the homes of the Parish on next Tuesday & Wednesday. We encourage you to give them a special welcome and a word of encouragement. The event is being organised by Fr. Gabriel and the Mitchelstown Legion of Mary. **Two meetings** are being held on **Tuesday & Wednesday at 8.30pm in the Town Hall.** These meetings are open to everybody and the topics are Holy Mass and Confession. This event is very important for gathering the Parish and we ask you to pray and support its success. An information leaflet will be distributed during the visitation. We thank all our visitors for giving their time and sharing their mission with us. We place the event in the hands of Our Lady.

**What are we doing to help the Spiritual Life of our Youth?**

One thing we can do is encourage them to attend the Catholic Youth Festival taking place in Roscrea **August 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.** It is an amazing experience and is open to 16 year olds to 35 year olds. There is no set charge, donation only. The theme of the Festival is: “Come Closer, Hear My Word”. A weekend of fun, faith & friendship, live music, prayer and reconciliation, inspiring talks, workshops, drama, a chance to meet new friends. Contact details [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie), [office@youth2000.ie](mailto:office@youth2000.ie), Tel: 01-6753690. This is one event that will greatly help our young people. Encourage them and let them know about it.

**HOPE FOR TOMORROW**

We all face these seasons of heartache and pain,  
We find our dreams shattered and prayers seem vain.  
With hope disappearing, The heart has no song,  
We’re waiting for daybreak, But the night is so long.

There is hope for tomorrow, God is still in control,  
He will not forsake us, But keeps watch o’er our souls.  
God holds our tomorrow, Why should we despair?  
He counts every teardrop And hears every prayer.

*Regina Wiencek*

**Legion of Mary Visitation:** Legion of Mary Members from around the Country will be visiting our Parish on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August**. They will be visiting homes on behalf of the Parish. Please pray for success of the visit.

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**The Munster Pioneer Gathering and Spirituality Day** will take place in **The Woodland's House Hotel in Adare on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**. This will be a most important day for the future of the Pioneer Association in Munster. For more details contact Siobhán 087-2852155 or Sorcha 086-3642619

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**MASS FOR HEALING OF FAMILIES - Church of the Assumption Ballylanders**, On the **Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**. Celebrant Fr Brendan Walsh, Pallottine, Thurles. 087 7873743

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**August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> : 3 day Pilgrimage to Knock and Lough Derg.** All in Package includes visit to Knock, day retreat on Lough Derg, Coach for 3 days, Breakfasts, Evening meals and Accommodation in Bundoran. Early booking is advised. Deposit secures booking. Contact Cormac O'Connor Coach Tours on 023-8849196, 087-6167835 for further details.

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**Lough Derg 2017:** You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August. Advance booking is not necessary. Further information available regarding public transport, by telephoning Maureen or Lorraine on 071-9851518. E-mail: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org). Website: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

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**Post as Diocesan Co-Ordinator for Faith Formation in the Diocese of Waterford/Lismore:** *The successful applicant will have*

- A qualification in Catechetics / Religious Education/ Theology
- A qualification in Leadership and/or Pastoral Care/ Youth Ministry
- Familiarity with current directions in pastoral ministry and the mission of the Church, especially in the areas of youth ministry and adult faith development
- An ability to work collaboratively with priests and laity working in youth ministry, pastoral renewal and adult faith development in implementing the vision for pastoral renewal and faith development contained in Share the Good News – the National Directory for Catechesis in Ireland
- Effective pastoral, organizational and communication skills
- Excellent research, analytical and report writing skills
- Familiarity with social media and the use of Microsoft Office Professional (including Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
- A full Irish or EU driver's license

Applicants should send a cover letter and CV's electronically to [waterfordlismore@eircom.net](mailto:waterfordlismore@eircom.net) or by post to Diocesan Secretary, Bishops House, John's Hill, Waterford, X91 P2K8. The closing date for submissions is **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**. It is envisaged that interviews for successful candidates would begin on or near 12 September.

**The Power of Prayer – The Power of the Rosary:** Another Rosary Miracle occurred after World War II in the Country of Austria. After World War II, various parts of Austria were divided up and parcelled out to other countries. The most Catholic section of Austria which included Vienna, was given to Russia. Russia was still Communist at that time and was very happy to have been given the richest section of Austria. The Viennese were not happy about the divisions, since many of them were now under Russian governance. The Austrian people desperately desired to find a way to escape their oppressive political situation. The answer came through the Rosary. In 1946, a devout Priest named Fr. Petrus Pavlicek made a pilgrimage to the Principal Marian Shrine in Austria, the Marian Basilica in Mariazell. During his pilgrimage, he was reminded of what the Rosary had done for the Christian world during the Battle of Lepanto and heard an interior voice instructing him to do something similar. The voice said to him, "Do as I say and there will be peace". Desiring to obey this Heavenly instruction, Fr. Pavlicek organised a Holy Rosary Crusade of Reparation in 1947, consisting of the Viennese people conducting a public Rosary procession in the streets of their city. The explicit intention for the Rosary crusade was to bring about an end to Communism in their country and the entire world. Initially, the processions were not that well attended, but over time, the number of participants grew to enormous proportions. By 1955, after eight years of rallying support from among the Austrian people, the public recitation of the Rosary drew more than a half a million people, equalling one-tenth of the entire population of Austria. Then, to everyone's surprise, on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1955, the Soviets announced that they were leaving Austria of their own accord, with the last forces leaving in October of the same year. Everyone attributed this miraculous turn of events to the Rosary. In fact, a few months before she died in 1962, the German mystic and Servant of God, Theresa Neumann (1898-1962) was asked why Russia had left Austria. She said it had taken place because of the Rosaries prayed by the Austrian people.

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**Get your Summer Holiday Reading at the Ozanam Shop**, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown, 025 84733. Fiction €2; Non-Fiction €1; Children's Books 50c. Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 10am–1pm & 2pm–4.45pm, Sat: 10am–1pm. All proceeds go to your local Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:**

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

Edith McCarthy-Judge