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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

<u>MASS TIMES:</u>	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 & 7.30.m.	
Bank Holidays:	11am	
<u>MORNING PRAYER:</u>	Monday – Friday: 8.00am	
<u>CONFESSIONS:</u>	Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm	
<u>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:</u>	Friday at 3.00pm . All welcome.	

SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN THE PAST YEAR: On Thursday night next, 10th November at 8.00pm. The names of those whose funerals took place in the Parish will be mentioned and a candle lit. If you would like the names of those who died outside the Parish to be mentioned, please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday. There will be special prayers for the bereaved. Fr. Brendan Mallon will be the Main Celebrant of the Mass. All are welcome to the Mass.

PRAYERS IN CEMETERIES: Today Sunday: Adjoining Cemetery at 3.00pm. Brigown Cemetery at 3.30pm. Marshalstown Cemetery Next Sunday, November 13th at 3.00pm.

NOVENA TO ST. FANAHAN: The Novena begins **Wednesday November 16th** and will conclude with Concelebrated Mass on Friday evening November 25th. The Well Path will be electrically lit from 4.00pm – 12.00 Midnight each evening

Diocesan Assembly:

As the Priests of the Parish will be attending a Diocesan Assembly this week, Fermoy Parish will take sick calls on **Tuesday**, at **086-8153476**

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WHY OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUES ARE SOMETIMES DEPICTED WITH THREE DOVES: In 1946, Portugal celebrated its 300th anniversary of her consecration to the Immaculate Conception. In order to manifest their great love for Our lady of Fatima, the people wished to celebrate it with great pomp and grandeur. A great procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was organized which began in Fatima at the Cova de Iria where She appeared to the three children and ended at the Church of Our Lady of Fatima in Lisbon, 70 miles away. Men carried the statue on a platform the entire way on foot, with the changing of the “guard” in each city along the way. In every city, massive crowds came to show their devotion with different festivities including all night adoration and concluding with Holy Mass in the morning before She began her journey again.

As a mark of honour and thanksgiving, six white doves were released into the air on December 1st, 1946. Three of them flew down to Our Lady's feet and remained at Her feet during the whole journey to Lisbon. They refused to eat or drink and they ignored all the commotion and noise which attended the Statue as She passed through the villages. Rose petals were tossed at Our Lady and brushed against the doves, lights and thunderous fireworks blazed in the night skies, crowds pressed all along the path of Our Lady. Once in a while the doves would drift up a little off the statue, as to prove that they were not tied there. This remarkable event became such a sensation that the local newspapers recorded all the details and aroused the interest of all of Portugal.

With the white doves still perched at Our Lady's feet and still having refused to eat, the statue finally arrived in Lisbon at Our Lady of Fatima Church on December 5th, in time for the great Feast on the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. It seems as if all of Portugal was wondering what the doves would now do, since they had reached the destination of great import.

On December 7th at 3:00 p.m., thousands of children were consecrated to the Blessed Mother. There was an enormous evening candlelight procession at 9:30p.m. Masses were then offered throughout the night and the solemn High Mass was held in the morning. While this Mass was progressing, there was a sudden fluttering of wings. One of the doves flew to the Epistle side of the altar and the other to the gospel side. As the bishop straightened to elevate the Consecrated Host, they alighted and folded their wings, one on each side, as if they were adoring the Host.

The third dove was still at Our Lady's feet. Then all of a sudden, at the moment of Holy Communion, the third dove flew up to the top of the crown of the statue. As the bishop turned and held up Our Lord saying “Ecce Angus Dei” (“Behold the Lamb of God”), astoundingly, the dove spread its white wings and held them open.

It seems Our Lady held the doves at Her Feet, on this special occasion, so that they could give glory to God at Holy Mass Who, in turn, confirmed the glory that He has given to Our Lady – Our Lady of Fatima.

St Fanahan's College will be holding their **Open Night** on **Thursday, 10th November 2016**, 7pm - 9pm. With the Principals address at 8pm.

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Dear Parent, we invite you to an information evening for parents to support children and teenagers around anxieties **Thursday 17th Nov 7.30pm-9.30pm in the Firgrove Hotel**. Guest speaker Pat Maher Psychologist, local GP & others. This is an initiative of the Mitchelstown & Fermoy TUSLA Child and Family Network. Free to attend.

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Marriage Encounter – Weekend in Killarney: The weekend will take place at the Lake Hotel, Killarney on 18th – 20th November. Phone/Text 087-2162436. www.marriageencounter.ie. We would encourage couples to consider the weekend, many couples have been greatly enriched by these weekends.

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Mitchelstown Men's Group invite men to join them in a Horticulture Tools Maintenance Course. The course will teach you to use & maintain hand held tools including two, Stoke engine powered trimmer, hedge cutter, rotavator, scarifier, knapsack sprayer, pedestrian mower, ride on mower & trailing mower. This course will run for 3 full days 9.30am-4.30pm, 3rd, 7th & 15th November. This course is free to attend. Please book a place by contacting Ballyhoura Development CLG, Kings Arm, King Square on 025-85213.

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Every Tuesday Morning from 10am till 1pm @ Mitchelstown Community Centre **Social Coffee Morning** with an emphasis on knitting and crochet. Bring your own work with you or start something new, learn something new, share some idea's

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Starting **Sunday, November 13th the 7.30pm Mass** will be a Special Mass for the **Youth of the Parish**. Young people between the ages of 13 to 18 are especially encouraged to participate in the Liturgy, by doing Readings, Prayers of the Faithful or sharing their musical gifts in the Youth Choir. The Parish would like to invite the Youth to participate in the Mass in a very special way. Please stay tuned to the Newsletter for more details in the following weeks. Thank you.

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Killaclaug Church Choir: If you'd like to join us, just come along to 10.30am Mass any Sunday or contact Caitriona on 0863760487. We will begin practising with new members for Christmas shortly. Thanks also to our new singer/organist, Miriam Coughlan who recently joined us. (Note: There will be choir every Sunday in November except Sunday 13th November). All welcome, singers & musicians!

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Fashion Show - Ballindangan Monday Morning Club: Ballindangan Hall. Monday 7th November @ 8pm sharp. Doors open @ 7.30pm for Cheese & Wine reception. Tickets at the door €15. Compere: Claire Cullinane. Prizes include Best Dressed Lady, Raffle & Door prize. Arrive early to guarantee a seat.

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5 Week **Mindfulness Course** (beginner / intermediate) commencing in Ozanam Centre, Mitchelstown on Thursday November 10th to Thursday December 8th inclusive (7.30pm - 9.30pm), cost €60. This course is facilitated by Kevin McCormack; who will guide you through practical tips for living more mindfully every day. Spaces are limited contact Kevin at 087- 2176410 to book your place.

A Poem on Grief by John O'Donoghue.

When you lose someone you love,
Your life becomes strange,
The ground beneath you gets fragile,
Your thoughts make your eyes unsure;
And some dead echo drags your voice down,
Where words have no confidence.
Your heart has grown heavy with loss;
And though this loss has wounded others too,
No one knows what has been taken from you, When the silence of absence deepens.

Flickers of guilt kindle regret, For all that was left unsaid or undone.

There are days when you wake up happy; Again inside the fullness of life,
Until the moment breaks, And you are thrown back, Onto the black tide of loss.

Days when you have your heart back, You are able to function well
Until in the middle of work or encounter, Suddenly with no warning,
You are ambushed by grief.

It becomes hard to trust yourself.
All you can depend on now is that, Sorrow will remain faithful to itself.
More than you, it knows its way, And will find the right time
To pull and pull the rope of grief, Until that coiled hill of tears
Has reduced to its last drop.

Gradually, you will learn acquaintance, With the invisible form of your departed;
And, when the work of grief is done, The wound of loss will heal
And you will have learned, To wean your eyes
From that gap in the air, And be able to enter the hearth
In your soul where your loved one, Has awaited your return, All the time.

These beautiful words express our grief in a very touching way.

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Talk for Married Couples: As we prepare for the International Family Gathering in August 2018, we are inviting married couples to a special talk on **Monday, November 21st** in the **Town Hall, Mitchelstown, at 8.00pm**. A presentation will be made by a married couple and we invite couples to participate. We ask you to make a special effort to attend. The meeting will help us reflect on ways we can enrich family life in the Parish.

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Three Talks on Our Lady in November:

Wednesday, November 16th – Fr. Gerard Dunne (Dominican, Ennismore)
Wednesday, November 23rd – A Talk for all young people – given by Gerard Hanley (a sportsman who discovered his faith)
Wednesday, November 30th – Fr. Seán Corkery (C.C. Mallow)
These talks have been organised by the Parish Pastoral Council and we encourage you all to attend. The talks will be held in the Town Hall at 7.30pm and should be very uplifting.