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PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS:

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES & THE EASTER TRIDUUM:

PARISH CHURCH:

MONDAY 10TH APRIL: Penitential Rite. 7.30pm.

Fr. Bernardino (Moyross Friars) will lead the Celebration and a number of Priests will be hearing confession.

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 10TH, 11TH, & 12TH APRIL:

Masses in Parish Church: 8.30am 10am & 7.30pm Morning Prayer at 8am.

(No evening Mass on Monday 10th at 7.30 p.m. due to Penitential Rite)

WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL: Chrism Mass in Cobh at 7.30pm.

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to be present at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to renew their Commitment. They are asked to line up at the Sanctuary Steps during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Trócaire Boxes can be handed in at the Church Door on Holy Thursday & will be presented at the Offertory of the Mass.

PARISH CHURCH - HOLY THURSDAY- 13TH APRIL:

MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE READING AT 10 a.m.

MASS AT 5 p.m.:

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7.30 p.m.: followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose.

ADORATION OF THE LORD at the Altar of Repose until 12 Midnight.

CONDUCTED HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER: 11pm to 12 midnight.

The Perpetual Adoration closes on Wednesday at 7pm & resumes again after the 11.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

GOOD FRIDAY – 14TH APRIL: A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE (We are to abstain from eating meat & to fast in honour of the Lord's Suffering).

Good Friday: Morning Prayer & Bible reading at 10 a.m.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION & HOLY COMMUNION: 3 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7.30 p.m.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS: 9.30 p.m.

The usual collection for the *Christian Shrines in the Holy Land* will be taken up. This is a worthy cause & deserves support.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday & finishes on 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 23rd. Special ceremonies in the Church on the day from 2pm to 5pm. (Novena leaflets available at the Churches)

PARISH CHURCH - HOLY SATURDAY – 15TH APRIL:

Holy Saturday Morning: Morning Prayer & Bible reading at 10 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL MASS: 9 p.m. (candles will be provided) **Please note that there will be no 7.30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday Evening.**

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday 12th April. 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.

Thursday 13th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.

Friday 14th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & after Good Friday Ceremonies

Saturday 15th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

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Keep it Holy: Recently Wexford General Hospital renamed all its wards. Previously the wards had Saints names: “St. Michael’s Ward”, “St. Brigid’s Ward” etc. The management dropped the title “St.” and made it “Michael’s Ward” and “Brigid’s Ward” etc. We can only guess what the motivation for this change was by the hospital authorities and how they can justify spending €35,000 euros on it. It seems to the Christian onlookers, another attempt to undermine our Christian heritage. It is heartening to see Wexford Council passing a motion calling on the HSE to reinstate the “proper title” of the individuals, after whom the wards had been named. We are about to enter the Christian Holy Week and the Church invites us all to relive the central events of the Life, Death and Resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. While we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us restrain our desire for shopping and amusement and make a special effort to participate in the ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Let us remember with love and devotion all that Jesus has done for us, so that our sins are forgiven and our place in Heaven is guaranteed. Let us worship and adore Him and give Him thanks with all our heart. By fulfilling our Christian duty to the Lord, we will be withstanding the force of the secular world to exclude Christ and His Saints from public life. Let us remember the Gospel words of Jesus “whoever declares himself for Me in the presence of men, I will declare Myself for him in the presence of My Father in Heaven”. Let us encourage and inspire the children and the youth to participate in the beautiful ceremonies of Holy Week.

Penitential Services & Individual Confession: Fr. Bernardino from the Moyross Limerick Franciscan Friars will lead our Penitential Service on **this Monday Evening at 7.30pm**. Seven other priests will be available to hear Confession. The Ceremony is always a special experience of God's love and forgiveness. Let us avail of this special opportunity.

The Eucharist is always Central: For us Catholics the gift of Jesus Real Presence in the Eucharist is the greatest source of Grace. We thank all our Eucharistic Adorers for their sacrifices and for their time spent in adoration. The Parish is most grateful to you all and we encourage new people to take on this apostolate. We have one hour that is needing someone, especially at this time. If anyone can take the **3pm – 4pm hour on Sunday afternoon** we would be most grateful.

Divine Mercy Novena: Through the Polish Priest, St. Faustina, the merciful Jesus requested a special Novena to begin on Good Friday and to conclude on the 1st Sunday after Easter. Jesus requested that this Sunday be a Feast of His Mercy for all mankind. The Novena leaflets will be available in our Churches and we encourage you all to make the Novena. Throughout the nine days of the Novena, beginning on Good Friday, the Novena will be recited in the Parish Church each day at 3.00pm. We will have a special celebration in the Parish Church on the Feast day as usual 2.00 – 5.00pm (i.e. Sunday April 23rd)

CHRISM MASS IN COBH: In the Cathedral on Wednesday Evening next, April 12th at 7.30pm. A bus will leave the Square in Mitchelstown at 6.00pm. Names to be given after Mass in the Sacristy or in the Parish Office by **Monday, 10th April.**

BINGO Special – T.O. Park, Labbamogga, Holy Thursday, April 13th at 9pm (to allow for Church Services). Usual Bingo Cash Prizes. Proceeds of Raffle to the **Mitchelstown Cope Sensory Garden Fund.** Bumper Prizes for Raffle. Refreshments served at interval. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK: Walk in the footsteps of Jesus. This unforgettable (fully guided) trip will take place from **October 8th – 16th 2017.** Highlights include: A boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, visits to Nazareth, Cana, Jericho, The Dead Sea, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, etc. The trip includes: Return flights ex Cork, a comprehensive daily programme, entrance fees, 4* Hotels, dinner, bed and breakfast throughout. Spiritual Director: Fr. Christy Fitzgerald. For further information and details please contact MAP Travel 01-8783111 or Tour Manager Jim Keogh 021-4885371 or 087-2678793. Please note that places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Mitchelstown Community Council CLG: The **Annual General Meeting** of Mitchelstown Community Council CLG will be held in Forrest Hall on **Tuesday, 25th April at 8pm.** The newly elected President of Muintir na Tire, Mr. Michael Sweeney and the Cork County Development Officer of Cork Federation of Muintir na Tire, Mr. Denis Kelly will be attending. This is the first AGM of the Company to be held in Forrest Hall and all are welcome. The Council are fundraising at the moment, in aid of Forrest Hall, book of four tickets for €5 or €2 per ticket, tickets are on sale at Reception in Forrest Hall or from any Council Members, please support this worthy cause. There will be a raffle on the night and we have many prizes, kindly sponsored by local businesses. Light refreshments will be served after the draw and meeting.

The **Spring Fair** in aid of **St. Joseph's Foundation, Charleville,** takes place **this Sunday, 9th April,** at Baker's Road, Charleville, commencing at 1.30pm. Great family day out assured. Your support would be much appreciated.

Mitchelstown Library is running a series of workshops to find out what you hold most dear in the locality and to celebrate 10 aspects of life here in the Mitchelstown area, that could truly be called 'Treasures'. The next workshop will be on **Thursday April 13th at 11am.** This workshop will form the planning module of the project. It is open to all and free. This project is for those who are interested in artistic, heritage and craft activities of all kinds. Over the course of 3 workshops you will create an artwork of your choice that will be exhibited in the town during the Bealtaine Festival in May. If you are interested in taking part please contact the Library on 025 41939 or email Mitchelstown.library@corkcoco.ie

CBS SECONDARY STUDENTS will be holding a **COFFEE MORNING** in **Forrest Hall on Holy Thursday morning** after Morning Prayer at 10am, to raise money for 4 students to travel to Lourdes as helpers on the Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage in June. Your support would be greatly appreciated, thank you

Mitchelstown Community Pre-School: Enrolments are now being taken for August/September 2017. Operating E.C.C.E. Scheme (*free school year*). Experienced and Fully Trained Staff. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Mary at 086-883 2533 or home 025-24697, or Tina at 086-8454870.

St Fanahan's Parents Council will hold a **Bag Pack in Supervalu on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th April.** Your support would be much appreciated. We wish you all a Happy Easter!

KNOCK – Eucharistic Adoration Day in Knock. Bus to Knock on **Sunday, 30th April 2017.** Coach leaving: **The Square in Mitchelstown at 6.45am,** Ballylanders Village (outside Church) at 7.00am, Galbally (The Square) at 7.15am, Garryspillane, Knocklong at 7.30am, Hospital (The Church) at 7.45am. Stopping in Gort for Breakfast & Evening Meal. Adults €20, Children €10. Contact Anna Buckley, Ballylanders 087-7873743, Rena Upton, Glenbrohane 087-9831896, Catherine O'Neill, Galbally 062-37937. **Bookings BEFORE Wednesday 26th April.**

Mitchelstown Active Retired Group: The Group meet every Wednesday from 2 – 4pm at the Town Hall in Thomas Street. The programme of upcoming events is discussed and finalised. Suggestions are made by members for activities that might interest the group, all suggestions are considered. We are a small group and would be delighted to welcome new members. If you are too shy to walk in, why not phone Mary 025-86867 or 087-9337753. There is no membership fee, but members make a small contribution each time they attend.

Killacluig Choir: New members are always welcome- singers and musicians. Contact Caitriona on 086-3760487 if interested in joining the choir. Choir with Caitriona on organ at Easter Ceremonies as follows: Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday. Arrangements for Choir on Holy Thursday to be confirmed. All welcome to join in.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this **Monday, 10th April, at 7 p.m.** in **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

HOLY WEEK IN BALLYGIBLIN & KILLACLUIG:
HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7.30 p.m.
Adoration until 9 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY: Passion of the Lord & Holy Communion: 3 p.m.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7.30 p.m.
HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL: 9 p.m.
EASTER OFFERINGS for the priests of the parish will be taken up on **Holy Saturday night & Easter Sunday morning.**

NEWLY BAPTISED:
We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Clóna Scanlon.