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Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week;

- Advent Evening Prayer:** at 5.00pm this Sunday, to prepare for Christmas, with prayers of intercession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
- BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** Children are invited to bring the Infant Jesus figure from their Christmas Cribbs for Blessing on the **3rd Sunday of Advent, 16th December.**
- Christmas Home Deliveries:** The boxes of Parish envelopes for the coming year, Parish Calendar & programme for Christmas, will be delivered to your homes in the coming days. We would be most grateful for the help of the Autumn distributors. If distributors can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon. This will help us greatly. Thank you.

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
Saturday morning: 10.00am only

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

Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm.** All welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special reflections on the role of St. John the Baptist and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: **6.00pm.**

Confessions after Mass on the First Saturday of the Month

St. Joseph’s Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am.**

Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

Week 2 of the Christmas Mission 2018 – “Tidings of Great Joy” Virtue: Hope
Mission: Bring hope to others: visit someone lonely or go to the Nursing Home
This week’s event is **Christmas Carolling and a Family Movie Night.** We will meet in the **Town Hall on Saturday, 15th December at 6pm.** According to how the weather is, we will either go caroling nearby or sing Christmas Songs in the Town Hall followed by tea and biscuits. Feel free to bring something to share! At 7:30pm we will project a Family Christmas Film called "The Star".

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Dr. LaDonna Taylor:

“And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick”. (*Gospel of Matthew 14:14*).

Dr. Taylor started playing the violin when she was twelve years old. She came from San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A. She has played with several symphony orchestras and string quartets and in theatrical music productions. But whenever she played in Church, people would tell her that they felt the presence of God and that they would experience healing. In 1999 she began to share her gift in Churches all over the world, playing the violin, telling people that Jesus Christ loves them and that His healing is available to all. She has witnessed the Lord do amazing miracles, healing broken hearts, opening deaf ears, straitening crooked backs and healing many other types of diseases. LaDonna first came to Ireland in 2009 and shared her gift in Stradbally, Co. Laois. **She will share her gift during the Eucharistic Healing Hour in Mitchelstown Parish Church on Thursday December 20th, 8.00pm – 9.00pm and she will be available to pray with people afterwards.**

Dr. Taylor is a proficient and talented violinist; she has played with the San Jose and Knoxville Symphonies and has been a featured soloist at the Grand Old Gospel Hour in Branson, Missouri. As heavenly as it can be, excellence in music, however, is not all Dr. Taylor has to offer. She has spent the past decade of her life as an itinerant minister, using her gifts globally to encourage those in need of a special touch from God. Having experienced a miraculous recovery from rejection, low self-esteem and depression, she has a particular compassion for the broken-hearted. A tangible outpouring of God’s presence accompanies Dr. Taylor’s music, and those in attendance at her meetings have seen the lame walk, blind see, deaf hear and those in various forms of captivity set free!

St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh. Christmas Fayre, Saturday 15th December, 2-5pm. Handcrafted gifts and decorations, cakes and confectionary, raffle and more. Santa will be in attendance. All Welcome!

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:
PARISH CHURCH - MITCHELSTOWN
ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM.**

Conducted by Fr. Frank Downes O.P.

8 priests will be available to hear confession.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES:

CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, MITCHELSTOWN:

Friday, 21st December – 7.30pm to 8.30pm, - with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed.

Saturday, 22nd December – 12 noon to 1pm, 3pm to 4pm & 7pm to 7.30pm

Monday, 24th December (Christmas Eve) – 12pm to 1pm & 3pm to 4pm.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:

Confession after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, 22nd December

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:

Confession after 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 23rd December

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 9th – 16th September 2019: Cost €819: However if paid before 14th December €100 off, insurance included, full board. Single supplement €30: Flight from Cork to Lisbon return: Contact Pilgrimages Abroad Lauri Duffy Travel, Dublin, 01 6359300 or Local enquires from: Fr. Winkle, 024 92270, or Nora 087 2509184.

Mary Immaculate College will hold its **January Open Day on Saturday, 12th January, 2019 (10am-1pm)**. The MIC Open Days showcase the wide range of programmes that the College has to offer. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff, mingle with current MIC students and take a tour of the campus. In addition, attendees can find out about the range of accommodation options and student supports. For more visit www.micopenday.ie <<http://www.micopenday.ie>>.

Christmas Coffee Morning: Catch up with your neighbours over a cup of tea and some festive treats this Christmas season. On **THIS Sunday 9th December**, the Parents' Association of Ballindangan NS will host a festive **Coffee Morning** in **Ballindangan School after 11.30 Mass**. All pupils, (past and present), parents, friends and members of our community are invited to attend. Christmas Carols by Ballindangan Folk Choir and the pupils of Ballindangan NS. **Ballindangan National School Christmas Show** On **December 12th at 7pm, Ballindangan N.S.** presents its Christmas Show, "The Inn-Spector's", a mix of songs, comedy and a true Christmas message. The children will also perform hip-hop dances and some familiar tunes on the tin-whistle. There will be a great raffle as well as spot prizes. All are very welcome.

Ballygiblin Christmas Eve Nativity: If there are any children interested in taking part in the Nativity / Choir for Mass in Ballygiblin Church, Christmas Eve, **rehearsal this Monday Evening, 10th December in Ballygiblin Church at 7pm**. You can contact Úna on 087-2117111 or just turn up on Monday night at 7pm. The Nativity will take place at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve.

NCBI Mitchelstown would like to make an appeal for ladies, men's and children's winter wear. Busy time for all, but we would appreciate your support. Wishing you a Merry Christmas from Isobel and Volunteers from the NCBI shop Mitchelstown.

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

CBS Primary 5th & 6th Class Carol Singers will be at the Foyer of the Firgrove Hotel on Sunday, 16th December, to greet our Senior Citizens, as they gather for their Annual Christmas Party. The boys will also perform for all at Tearmann Uí Chaoimh on Monday, 17th December. The Carol Singers will be performing outside **Supervalu, New Square, Mitchelstown, on Thursday 13th December.** School Staff and Friends will be around town with a bucket collection in aid of the **Local Branch of the St. Vincent De Paul Society**, (Garda permit granted). C.B.S. Primary looks forward to your continuing support, carrying on a tradition which is now spanning over 3 decades. They will also perform at **Tesco on 18th December** in aid of their **Charity of the Year - Temple Street Children's Hospital**

ALL WELCOME to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for their **Advent Ceremony**, which will be celebrated in the **Parish Church on Wednesday, 19th December from 11.00am.** Everybody at CBS Primary wishes the Community a Very Happy Peaceful Christmas and the very best for 2019.

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Thursday 28th November 2018:

1st Prize: €1000 M. Rattigan, Knock, Co. Mayo

2nd Prize: €400 H. McNulty, Derry.

3rd Prize: €200 B. Walsh, Navan, Co. Meath.

4th Prize: €100 N. Harte, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each; ● E. McGarrigle, Co. Fermanagh. ● A. Costello, Co. Limerick ● S. O'Kane, Co. Tyrone ● B. Browne, Co. Donegal ● B. Gavagan, Co. Meath ● P. McHugh, Co. Mayo. *The next draw will be held on Wednesday 19th December 2018.* Local promoter John (087) 6477897. Best of luck to all in the draw. Wishing all our friends and supporters every blessing of Christ Child this Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a **Blood Donor Clinic** in **The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown. Wednesday 5pm – 8.30pm & Thursday 3pm – 5pm & 7pm – 9pm, 12th & 13th December 2018.** Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on www.giveblood.ie or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

The Staff and Pupils of **Coláiste Fionnchua (St. Fanahan's College)** will participate in the **10am Mass on Friday, 14th December.** They would like to invite parents and the local Community to join them in their Christmas Mass celebration.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of
Michael Burke, Ballinwillin Close.

Who died recently. *May He Rest In Peace*

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: *Carolyn Doyle*