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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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We welcome Sisters Maureen & Siobhan today and we pray that their Missionary work will bear much fruit.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

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

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm** – **9.00pm**, with reflections on the Fatima Message, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and Enrolment in Brown Scapular.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Every Friday in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

BRIGOWN NEW CEMETERY: The Mitchelstown Community Council invite you to the Annual Mass in Brigown New Cemetery, **on Monday Week, July 18th at 7.30pm**. All welcome

FEASTDAY: Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the receiving of the Brown Scapular.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: The Annual Collection for the Pope (Peter's pence) will be taken up at all Masses next Sunday. These offerings help the work of the Church throughout the world, your support is appreciated.

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless”.

Mother Teresa.

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On Forgiveness:

You don't forgive others for their sakes. You do it for yourself. For your own mental and spiritual health.

Forgiving doesn't change others. It changes you.

Nothing happens to others when you forgive them. You are not God. Nothing happens to them, but YOU are healed.

By refusing to forgive, you do not hurt those who have hurt you. You only hurt yourself more, and add it to all the other hurts. By not forgiving, you are carrying on hurting yourself long after others have stopped. What kind of sense does that make?

Forgiving others does not help them. It helps you. Not forgiving others does not hurt them. It hurts you.

You don't have to “FEEL” forgiveness. It is not a feeling like hurt is. You “DECIDE” to forgive, no matter how you feel. And then you keep renewing that decision until you are healed. When that happens, you will find that the hurts are not so massive anymore.

Forgiving is not forgetting. You don't forget the past by forgiving. Nothing is changed about the past, except your attitude towards it. You just put it, and leave it, where it belongs – in the past. And you begin to give proper priority to living a good life TODAY, and to hope for a better future. And that makes sense, doesn't it?

When you decide to forgive, you don't have to go around telling everybody about it. You just decide to forgive, quietly in your own mind, and you tell God about it, and that's that. A Public Confession is not required. Nobody else has to know. They'll know SOMETHING has happened soon enough, though, when they see the growthful change in your life.

If you have to forgive yourself, you do it in the same way. It's more difficult and it takes longer, but the rewards are just as great. It's worth the effort. Try it.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of -

Cornelius (Con) Ryan, Georges Street.

Who died recently.
May He Rest In Peace



Annual Knockadoon Music & Liturgy Course, Knockadoon

Camp, Co. Cork: We are delighted and privileged to announce the **Knockadoon Music & Liturgy Course 2016** will take place this summer from **August 7th – 13th**. This year we celebrate our 35th Anniversary with the theme 'Open to Mercy', carefully chosen by our team and inspired by Pope Francis' announcement of 2016 as the Year of Mercy. For more details please see website www.knockadoonml.com

Word of God Outreach (Waterford / S.E. Region Charismatic Renewal) YEAR OF MERCY RETREAT – Saturday July 16th & Sunday July 17th The Woodlands Hotel, Dunmore Road, Waterford. Speaker: Fr. Fio Mascarenhas SJ (Missionary of Mercy) Contact Sile 086-8590394 or Mossy 087-2136812. Starts 10am both days.

Fermoy Senior Citizens Association will be travelling to Donegal for 3 nights B & B and dinner on the 19th July until the 22nd July staying at Gallagher's Hotel, Letterkenny with breakfast and dinner in the Dromoland Inn Hotel in Ennis en route and visiting Knock, the Inishowen Peninsula, Daniel O'Donnell's centre in Dungloe and Kincasslagh. Total price €325 per person with a supplement of €60 for single room. To secure your place €100 deposit payable to any committee member. More details contact Frances on 086 8762355

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–5pm, Sat: 10am–1pm. All proceeds go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

After an initial meeting with Special Olympics Development Officer, Sandra O'Donoghue, we are now looking for interested members of the community to volunteer their time or become active committee members of a new **Special Olympics Club**. Volunteers and Committee members are essential to the formation of this club. Please contact MLC on 025 52102 to register your interest on or before Saturday the 30th of July 2016.

MITCHELSTOWN LIBRARY - Thurs 14th July - 11am - free - open to 7yr - 12yr olds - Dog's Trust Workshop - free - what canine career should I have? Please call the library on 025 41939 to reserve your place.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

On Saturday September 4th next, Pope Francis will canonise Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Here are some more interesting facts about her life, following on from last week;

10. It took two years of preparation before she was able to begin doing the work she felt compelled to do. She needed to receive permission from the Sisters of Loreto to leave the order – while retaining her vows – as well as permission from the Archbishop of Calcutta to live and work among the poor. She also prepared by taking a nursing course.

11. In 1948 Sister Teresa set aside her nun's habit – adopting instead the simple sari and sandals worn by the women she would be living among – and moved to a small rented hovel in the slums to begin her work.

12. Teresa's first year in the slums was particularly hard. She was used to a life of comparative comfort, and now she had no income and no way to obtain food and supplies other than begging. She was often tempted to return to convent life, and had to rely on her determination and faith to get herself through it.

13. One of her first projects was to teach the children of the poor – drawing on her experience with teaching the children of the rich. She didn't have any equipment or supplies this time, but she taught them to read and write by writing in the dirt with sticks.

14. In addition to promoting literacy, Teresa taught the children basic hygiene. She visited their families, inquiring about their needs and helping provide for them when she could.

15. Word began to spread about Mother Teresa's good works, and soon she had other volunteers wanting to help. By 1950 she was able to start the Mission of Charity – a congregation dedicated to caring for “the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone.”

16. She went on to open a hospice for the poor, a home for sufferers of leprosy, and a home for orphans and homeless youths.

17. Mother Teresa was honoured with many awards throughout her life, from the Indian Padma Shri in 1962 to the inaugural Pope John XXIII Peace Prize in 1971 to Albania's Golden Honour of the Nation in 1994... and, most famously, the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

18. She refused the traditional Nobel honour banquet, instead requesting that the \$192,000 budget be given to help the poor of India.

19. She continued her work with the poor for the rest of her life, leading the Missionaries of Charity until just months before her death Sept. 5, 1997.

20. The Catholic Church has begun to move Mother Teresa along the steps toward sainthood, and she was beatified in 2003. Her official title is now Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

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