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**Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week;
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PARISH MAIL ADDRESS:

● **Collection for Seminarians:** Will be taken up at all Masses **next** weekend. Even though the Diocese has no Seminarian this year, the Diocese has six candidates being ordained for Diaconate and three more continuing their studies at a cost of €40,000, so your support is greatly needed to help the Diocese.

● **Fatima Centenary Celebration:** On **Wednesday evening next, September 13th**, we will celebrate the Centenary of the Fatima Apparitions with a special Mass in the Parish Church at 7.30pm, followed by a candlelight procession. We encourage you and your family to join in the celebration.

● **Station Masses:** The Autumn Station Masses will commence on **Thursday September 28th**. Again we ask your help for the distribution of the Station envelopes. The Autumn distributors can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, it would greatly help.

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 special prayers for peace in the world, for God's help in the refugee crisis 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.**

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Security Cameras: Because of the serious interference of a number of cars in the past year and in order to provide greater security in the Parish Church grounds, the Parish has installed 6 External HD CCTV Cameras and 2 Internal HD CCTV Cameras. We hope this will give greater security to Church property and to the property of all who come to worship and pray in the Church, alone or for various liturgical events. But, it is always wise, at all times, not to leave valuables exposed in our cars. As we are all reminded by the Gospel to be always ready for the coming of the Lord, because He will come unexpected, like the thief in the night!! Cameras are a great safeguard, but we must also employ other safeguards as well. May fear not prevent us from coming to Adore the Lord.

Parish Pastoral Council: On Monday last the P.P.C. held its 1st meeting in the Town Hall of this, the 3rd & final year of this Council's term. The Council committed itself again to continue to reach out and to help develop the faith life of the Parish. The Council has undertaken to help prepare a monthly Family Mass on the last Sunday of each month, this will be the 11.30am Mass. Families are already participating at the Ballygiblin & Killacluig Sunday Masses. We will begin in the Parish Church on Sunday, September 24th.

When this 3rd year of this 3 year term of Council ends in June 2018, a number of this present Council will retire, so in the intervening period the Parish will be seeking new nominations to replace them. We will be explaining the procedure in the coming months. The Constitution envisages the Council being renewed every three years, new faces and new ideas, while retaining a number of the members of the previous Council.

Annual Collection for the Education of Priests:

● While this year the Diocese of Cloyne does not have any students preparing for priesthood, however, we are engaged with some young men who are discerning their vocation.

● We have one priest studying for a doctorate in theology and others doing ongoing education.

● The Diocese is greatly blessed with the forthcoming Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of six men, who have been in formation for the last four years. This Ordination ceremony will take place in St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh on September 24th at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

● The Diocese has 3 other candidates for the Permanent Diaconate who are in their final year of formation. The overall cost of this formation is €40,000 per annum.

● The promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life must always be a priority of the whole Church. It is so important for families and parishes to pray for and support those considering priesthood or religious life. Such new vocations are the seeds from which the future of the Church will grow.

We encourage you all to support the collection next weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this Monday, 11th September, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. *New Members always welcome*

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a specially designed **Support Programme** for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one.

The next weekend is being held in the **Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork** from **Friday October 6th to Sunday October 8th, 2017**. For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or e-mail beginningexperience@gmail.com

"COME AND SEE" Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. Saturday, 16th September. For young women interested in finding out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork. Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

Ballygiblin National School – Invitation to Past Pupils & Friends of Ballygiblin N.S. to Retirement Party for Mary Dennehy on Friday, 22nd September. Mass at 7.30pm in Ballygiblin Church, followed by refreshments in Ballygiblin N.S.

Join Cancer Survivor & Author Ber Bohan @ Grove Wellness Centre October 7th / 8th. Bernadette has inspired thousands world-wide with her amazing health journey, her programme and focused mind-set. She is truly an inspirational lady. Cancer & arthritis free for over 14 years. If in need of a kick-start to transform your health, learn how to stay disease free and attain perfect weight. Call Jacqueline 085 8660953 before CLOSING DATE for places, September 14th.

grovehealth@gmail.com www.grovewellnesscentre.com

Retirement Social Club outing to Cork on Tuesday, 17th October. Cork City Gaol, Butter Museum, Blackrock Caste & Observatory. Vienna Wood Hotel – Tea/Coffee & Scone / Dinner on return. Guided Tours at all venues. Leaving the Mart at 9pm sharp. All included for €60.00. Deposit of €20, all paid in full by 13th October. Diane 087-1478030. Can be handed into Spratt's Veterinary Hospital, Church St., Mitchelstown.

Powerful Catholic Bible Study and Healing: Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic Lay Preacher will lead a day of Bible meditation, prayer and healing through scripture in **Mitchelstown Town Hall on Saturday, 7th October from 11.00am to 6.00pm.** Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm. He will share his profound insights into the Bible, unveiling the power of the word of God. Experience the healing and freeing power of the Lord's word in your life. Please bring a Bible and notebook for taking notes. All are welcome. Contact: Catherine 087-7727496.

COFFEE MORNING: Assumpta Roche is hosting her 23rd Annual Coffee Morning in aid of **Marymount Hospice**, at her home in Ballybeg, on **Thursday 14th September, 9am to 9pm.** Everyone Welcome!

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

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Ballyhoura Development - Digital Skills for Parents Training aims to give parents the confidence, motivation and skills to take their first steps online, and to provide information and practical supports including; •Internet Shopping, •Everyday Transactions i.e. booking tickets, flights, concerts. •Setting up parental controls on your browser, search engine (Google), device. •Social Media, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, •Gaming & Live Streaming. •Creating a Family Safety Plan for online use at home. Ballyhoura Development will be delivering Internet skills for parents training in your local community in small groups of between 8 and 10 people, over five 2-hour sessions, and is FREE. Tuesday 12th September in Stag Park Community House, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Please contact 025-85213 to book your place.

Remembrance Hour for friends & family bereaved by Suicide.... As members of communities, it is our responsibility to look out for those who may be struggling, check in with them, and encourage them to tell their story in their own way and at their own pace. Offering a gentle word of support and listening in a non-judgemental way can make all the difference. As part of **World Suicide Awareness week** we will hold our **6th Annual 'Remembrance Hour'** for friends and family who have been bereaved through suicide on **Monday 11th September in the Cahill Room at Fermoy Resource Centre, McCurtain Street from 8.00 - 9.00pm.** We invite you to bring along a photo, poem, song or anything that is significant to you in relation to your loved one. Balloons will be released at the end of the Remembrance Hour. For further information on the event please contact Jacinta McCormack on 085 8742320.

The **SMA National Novena in honour of St. Thérèse** will begin on **Saturday 23rd September 2017** at the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road, Cork, and will end on **1st October 2017.** The Novena will be celebrated **each evening at 7.30 pm** (except Sat 23rd and 30th September at 7.00 p.m.) For further information please contact: SMA Blackrock Road at 021 4292871/4616314

The Imitation of Christ: Many listen more willingly to the world than to God, and are readier to follow the desires of their flesh than God's good pleasure. The world promises things temporal and of small value, and is served with great eagerness; I promise things most excellent and everlasting, and yet men's hearts remain sluggish. Who is there that serves and obeys me in all things with that great care with which the world and its lords are served? But, the shame of it! for an unchangeable good, for an inestimable reward, for the highest honour and ever-ending glory, they are loathe to undergo even a little fatigue. Blush, then, slothful and querulous servant, that they are actually more ready to labour for death than you for life. They rejoice more in vanity than you do in the truth. Sometimes, indeed, they are disappointed of their hopes; but my promise deceives no man, nor sends away empty him that trusts in me. What I have promised, I will give, what I have said, I will make good, if only a man continue to the end faithful in my love. I am the rewarder of all the good, and the mighty power of all the devout.