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**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 & 7.30.m.

**Bank Holidays:** 11am

**MORNING PRAYER:** Monday – Friday: 8.00am

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

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm.**

With Special Prayers in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

**AUTUMN STATION MASSES:** will commence on **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.**

The Station list and envelopes will be sent out in the coming weeks. We ask the help of the distributors in giving out the envelopes.

**COLLECTION FOR STUDENTS FOR PRIESTHOOD:** The Annual Collection for the students of the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses **next weekend.** This year the Diocese of Cloyne has one student preparing for priesthood. The cost of educating a student for one year is €20,000. We also have a number of men being trained for Permanent Diaconate.

We thank you for your support for this collection in the past years and we ask you to be as generous as you can to the collection next Sunday. We also ask you to pray for the students and for the gift of more vocations.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN**

**MASS TIMES:**

**Sunday & Holy Day:** 9.30 a.m. **First Friday:** 7.30 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **Before Mass**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG**

**MASS TIMES:**

**Sunday & Holy Day:** 10.30 a.m. **First Friday:** 6.30p.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **Before Mass**

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**St. Teresa of Calcutta:** On Monday last, September 5<sup>th</sup>, the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Bishop Crean celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving in Blarney Parish Church to mark Mother's Canonisation the previous day. Mother Teresa visited Blarney in June 1996, the year before she died. Her Sisters came to Blarney in 1994, at the invitation of Bishop John Magee. A great crowd attended the Mass, and the Sisters led the participation, including some beautiful singing. A number of Priests concelebrated the Mass and the Bishop was assisted by Rev. John Magner, a Deacon of our Diocese, who is hoping to be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese next year. John is a native of Whitechurch and the Parish of Blarney. The Sisters invited everyone to the Convent afterwards for some refreshments. The Sisters have fifteen men, of all ages, in rehabilitation, resident in the Convent at present. Our Diocese is truly blessed to have the Missionaries of Charity among us to serve the needs of those seeking healing and shelter.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta and the Unborn:** At present it seems that a number of branches of our media are strongly campaigning to repeal the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to our Constitution guarantees the equal rights to life of the mother and the unborn child. If the Irish people and they alone have the power to do it by majority vote in a referendum, repeal the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment, they will remove the protection of life, now enjoyed by these silent souls and their mothers. St. Teresa of Calcutta, during her life on earth, was a staunch defender of these souls and was not afraid to speak out boldly on their behalf. She was once invited to the White House in America by President and Mrs. Bill Clinton. In conversation, First Lady Hillary Clinton asked Mother Teresa: "Why do you think we haven't had a woman President yet?" The little woman sitting at table with Mrs. Clinton did not hesitate in her reply. "Because she has probably been aborted," said Mother Teresa.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1994, St. Teresa was invited to speak at the National Prayer Breakfast in America and she spoke of the cultural corruption that arises out of crimes against the unborn. These are the courageous words of St. Teresa:

"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts... (Continued over the page)

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** Meeting this Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, At 7 p.m. In **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

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**CPR and Defibrillator Training** available. For more information and to place yourself on the waiting list, please contact Michelle on (085)1502008.

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**Bus to Ploughing from T.O. Park:** The bus will pick up at the Square, Mitchelstown on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.30am, back at 8.00pm approx. To book call T.O. on 086-8272761, Deci on 086-4005727 or Stella on 025-24009

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**C.B.S. Primary School – 5K FUN RUN & WALK  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.**

● Registration is from 6pm at CBS Primary Hall. ● €10 Adults, €5 Children and €20 for a Family. All monies donated, goes towards the benefit of our boys at CBS Primary. Refreshments will be served afterwards at CBS Primary. Remember to wear Hi-Vis Jackets. Many thanks for your continued support.

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The **Cork Autism Conference** takes place on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Cork from 9am until 4.30pm. In this conference 5 highly respected medical practitioners and specialists in autism and Asperger's syndrome share valuable resources for your child, family member, friend, student or yourself. You can avail of a special early bird rate of only €49 until September, 18<sup>th</sup>. Find out more details here: [www.bookwhen.com/corkautism](http://www.bookwhen.com/corkautism) or call Micheál on 0861719311.

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This September we are inviting all school, clubs, companies and individuals to "**Brew A Tea for Brú**". We would love to help you organise a tea & coffee morning in your local area to benefit Brú Columbanus. Brú Columbanus provides home from home accommodation to relatives of seriously ill patients in Cork Hospitals and the Hospice, especially relatives of sick children. Brú Columbanus relies on donations and fundraising initiatives to cover the running costs of the 26 bed facility, located in Cardinal Way, Wilton. For further details contact 021-4345754 or go to [brucolumbanus.com](http://brucolumbanus.com).

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**COFFEE MORNING:** Assumpta Roche is hosting her 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coffee morning in aid of **Marymount Hospice**, at her home in Ballybeg, on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 9am to 9pm.** Everyone Welcome!

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**Community Employment Scheme** are looking for the following:  
● 2 people to work as Assistants in the Day Care Centre and also the Centre in Cahir Hill. ● 1 person with a Bus driving licence, to drive for both centres. ● 1 Caretaker. Garda Vetting required. Please contact 025-86956 for more information.

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**MITCHELSTOWN SENIORS TONE UP:** On Wednesday's why not join Mitchelstown Seniors over 60, Tone Up classes in Tesco training room at 7-8 pm. Just ring 087.3589734 to check it out. It caters for all levels of fitness.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta and the Unborn continued:** Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion. Abortion, she said, is a rejection of the teachings of Christ himself who taught that those who receive a little child, receive him. Mother Teresa concluded that every abortion, as a refusal to receive a little child, is a refusal to receive Jesus. After these words, she paused, receiving a standing ovation.

Mother Teresa went on courageously. I will tell you something beautiful. We are fighting abortion by adoption—by care of the mother and adoption for her baby... Please don't kill the child. I want the child. Please give me the child. I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted and to give that child to a married couple who will love the child and be loved by the child. From our children's home in Calcutta alone, we have saved over 3,000 children from abortion. These children have brought such love and joy to their adopting parents and have grown up so full of love and joy."

For any mother a crisis pregnancy can be a frightening ordeal, but we must never forget a child is always a blessing, no matter what the circumstances or how long the child may live. Like St. Teresa, it is necessary to support all mothers and their unborn and protect them both. May St. Teresa of Calcutta intercede for the Irish people and its future generations at this critical time.

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**STANDING SIDE BY SIDE TO PREVENT SUICIDE.** TELL US WHAT YOU THINK! This coming Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September; the Fermoy Committee of Cork Mental Health are hosting a Community Engagement meeting in the Adair Hall, Fermoy from 7.00 – 9.30pm. An open invitation is issued to all members of our community to come along to this meeting and have your say about suicide prevention and promoting mental health. Your input will make the difference to your local community, family and friends. More detailed information available on [www.connectingforlifecork.com](http://www.connectingforlifecork.com)

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Join The **Great Cork Simon Supper** this September by hosting a meal at home, work, or in the community to raise funds for Cork Simon Community. Every €150 raised feeds 50 people who are homeless in Cork. Your support will help save lives. Contact Kate Hargrave on 021 4929415, or visit [corksmon.ie/supper](http://corksmon.ie/supper) for more information.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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

**Jim Smith, formerly of King St. & Thomas St.**

**Edward O'Donnell, Carrigane**

**John Ring, formerly of Glenatlucky**

Who died recently.

May They Rest In Peace

