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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 & 7.30pm.
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

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** prayers for Peace in the world and for families and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

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

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **7.00pm**

St. Joseph’s Church, Killaclug

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

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

Have you considered a Vocation to the Priesthood? If you are ever thinking of the Priesthood, then the following event is for you. The “Come and See” Vocations event will take place on the 17th & 18th February next, in the Pallottine House in Thurles. The event was also held last year and 18 men turned up. To book, contact Fr. Brian Boyle (029) 50061 or Fr. Damien Lynch (024) 92456 or e-mail: priesthood@cloynediocese.ie. Everyone will gather in Thurles at 6.00pm on Friday February 17th for dinner. Afterwards there is an informal chat, prayer, a talk and general discussion. The following morning, after breakfast, there is prayer, a brief talk from a young priest. There will be discussion time, individual chats and confessions. Mass will be at 12 noon followed by lunch. After lunch, there is a brief discussion and wrap up session. The event is open to men from the ages of 18 to 40. Advance booking required. If you know of anyone interested, pass the word on, and let’s all pray for the gift of more vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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“Other Spiritualities and Christian Faith” During the middle ages, just like now, the Christian Faith declined, but fortune tellers and other such pagan practices increased. Recently, Pope Francis strongly criticised the practice of going to Tarot Card Readers or other fortune tellers. It is contrary to Christian hope, a form of idol worship, he said, its worship of a god that can do nothing, is a liar, and so it is contrary to the First Commandment. In recent years a number of Catholics have been drawn away from Christ and His Grace in the Eucharist. But in their hunger and confusion, they have been drawn into Eastern therapies, spiritualities and old ancient pagan practices. But a growing number of people are beginning to discover the emptiness and falsity of these substitutes for the Truth, who is Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world? He promises the fullness of life and everlasting reward. The substitutes can only mean the loss of true peace and everlasting salvation. We want to alert people to the serious damage of these practices and so we have invited Fr. Mark Condon, in Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, to give a presentation on the subject. The presentation will take place **next Tuesday Evening in the Town Hall, Mitchelstown, at 7.30pm** and all are welcome. We encourage you all to be alert to the deceitful forces that are at work to draw us away from Jesus, the true source of Eternal Life. But also, aware that Satan is strong and fiercely at work to destroy in our hearts, our love for God and for Jesus.

Denying Motherhood: Recently the British Medical Association has stated that pregnant women should not be called “expectant mothers”, as calling a “pregnant person” female might offend transgender people. This surely is “political correctness gone mad”. To deny “motherhood” to women is surely, far more offensive to mothers and to women. Motherhood has been exclusive to females since the dawn of time, and women are entitled to claim it with pride and to be accorded respect, too, for their maternity. At the recent sitting of the Citizens Assembly some shocking statistics were given, which should inspire us all to keep the 8th Amendment, which protects mothers and their unborn babies. Between 2010 and 2014, 56 million abortions took place every year, worldwide.

Holy Ghost Missionaries: Every year the Diocese of Cloyne welcomes a Missionary Order to do promotion in the Parishes of the Diocese. This year the promotion will be given by the Holy Ghost Missionary Priests. **The Order will speak at all Masses next weekend February 18th/19th** and share their mission experience. Mitchelstown always gives a great welcome to our Missionaries and we encourage you to support this Mission appeal next weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Meeting this Monday, **13th February**, at **7 p.m.** in **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.**

New Members always welcome

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Knock Shrine Pilgrimage to New York: A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from **8th – 14th May 2017**. Flying directly from Ireland West Airport to JFK with Aer Lingus Private Charter, the pilgrimage offers the chance to be a part of a memorable and historic trip. The full itinerary includes a special Requiem Mass on Saturday 13th at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral for the re-interment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock witnesses, which will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. If you would like to find out more or make an enquiry, please contact the tour operators Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 241 0800 or e-mail bronwyn.clinton@joewalstours.ie

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Poor Clares: Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. "Come and See"

Saturday 18th February: *For women discerning a religious vocation:* Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd. Cork. Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie
Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook.

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Public Lecture on **Dementia in Ballindangan Hall on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30pm.** Admission is Free. Come Early.

By Prof Sabina Brennan, Trinity College, Dublin.

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Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2017: 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. Under the Direction of Bishop Crean, Bishop of Cloyne. September 7th 2017 - September 14th 2017. Contact Pilgrimages Abroad/Lauri Duffy Travel Dublin. (01) 635 9300. info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on **Sunday, 14th May**. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

Annual Lourdes Mass Friday, 10th February in St. Mary's Church, Mallow at 8pm.

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Michael (Mick) Finn, *Demesne,*

Catherine (Kitty) Hanley, *Formerly of Corracunna*

Who died recently.

May They Rest In Peace

NEWLY BAPTISED:

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Cassie Wiley, Ada O'Donoghue, Tessa Walsh,

Emily Russell, Jaxon Conroy-McCarthy

Humin Tech will hold an **Information Night** in **Glenahulla NS** on **21st of February** at **8.00pm** on Soil Fertility. Further info Martin O'Doherty 087-6850315

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - C.B.S. PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

BINGO - CBS Primary Parent Council are hosting **Bingo** at the Town Hall on **THIS Sunday, 12th February at 2.30pm.** Your support would be greatly appreciated.

FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA, At the Firgrove Hotel

On Friday, 3rd March at 8.00 p.m.

All proceeds to C.B.S. Primary School. A great night assured.

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Made in Cork- Mitchelstown Heritage Society Lecture: The Rebel County has a rich history of artistry, craftsmanship & also self-promotion, Mitchelstown Heritage Society will explore the Arts and Crafts Movement in Cork with a public lecture entitled; **Made In Cork on Wednesday, 15th of February at Forrest Hall, Mitchelstown at 8pm.** This talk delivered by renowned Art Historian and Author Vera Ryan, Guest Curator of an exhibition on the Arts & Crafts movement at the Crawford Art Gallery. There is a small cover charge for the lecture €3 for Society members, €6 for non-members. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

As well as this lecture in Mitchelstown, the Society is arranging a trip to view this exhibition in Cork, as well as an opportunity to view the amazing permanent collection of sculpture and paintings at the Crawford, and a tour of University College Cork and the Honan Chapel on **Saturday 18th February.** Leaving King Square, Mitchelstown at 9.15am returning by 5pm approximately. Final details, including the cost, are being finalised. Places are open to the public, but limited, if anyone is interested, please contact Heritage Society Secretary, Ann Morrison on 087-8289613 or Treasurer, Ina Keating 087-3142686.

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Word of God Outreach (Waterford/S.E. Region Charismatic Renewal) – JESUS – Celebrating The Golden Jubilee of Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. **Sunday, February 19th** at Edmund Rice Centre, Waterford 2pm – 6pm. All welcome. For more details contact Síle 086-8590 394.

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GLENAHULLA N.S. FUNDRAISER BINGO - Sunday 19th February in the **Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown at 2.30pm.** CASH JACKPOT. Loads of Prizes.

Come and Join the Fun. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Station Masses: The Spring Station Masses will commence on **Thursday March 2nd and continue throughout Lent.** Some Stations will take place in the Parish Churches and others in the homes of parishioners. The Station Masses are offered for the families of the Station area to invoke God's Blessings in all we do. It is also an opportunity to make an offering towards the income of the Parish Clergy. We always invite and encourage families to consider having the Station Mass in your home for your area. You are most welcome to have the Station Mass in your home, please contact the Parish Office and let us know. Again we ask your help for the distribution of the Station list.