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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

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **after the Vigil Mass** with special prayers for our Country 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, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30 a.m.**

First Friday: 6.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Parish will lead the **Stations of the Cross on Corrin Hill, Fermoy on THIS Sunday March 12th at 3.00pm**. We invite you all to come along.

Evening Mass during the weekdays of Lent at 7.30pm

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK: Friday next is the Feast of St. Patrick, it is a Holyday of obligation. **Vigil Mass in Parish Church Thursday Evening at 7.30pm. Masses on Friday in all three Churches as on Sunday, including Evening Mass on Friday Evening.**

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“Pope Francis & The Cell Phone” Speaking to the crowds gathered in St. Peter’s Square last Sunday, Pope Francis urged those present to give the Bible the same daily place as cell phones. He asked “what would happen if we turned back when we forgot it, if we opened it more times a day, if we read the message of God contained in the Bible, the way we read the messages on our cell phones?” The Bible, he explained, contains the Word of God, the most effective tool in fighting evil and keeping us close to God. He said, “If we always carried God’s Word in our hearts, no temptation would distance us from the Father and no obstacle would take us off the path towards good.”

Referring to the temptation of Jesus in last Sunday’s Gospel, he said Satan wanted to divert Jesus from the path of obedience and humbleness and he wanted him to take the false shortcut toward glory and success. “But, he said,” the devils poisonous darts are all “blocked” by Jesus with the shield provided by God’s Word”. Jesus never uses his own words but only God’s Word and so filled with the forces of the Holy Spirit, he victoriously crosses the desert. Inviting the faithful to carry a pocket sized Gospel all the time, the Pope concluded with these words: “don’t forget what would happen if we treated the Bible as we treat our cell phones, always with us, always close to us”.

Now, of course, it is also possible to install the Books of the Bible in the phone itself, so then we can turn to read and reflect on it anytime of the day. It is also very valuable to carry a pocket sized copy of the four Gospels. It is, as Pope Francis says, a great shield against evil and against doubt and discouragement. Let us love the Word of God and listen to it with our hearts.

Keep Our Cemeteries Sacred: Just a reminder that the places where our dear ones and past generations are buried are Holy and very Sacred. They are places that we only visit with the deepest respect, remembering the many souls gone before us. Let us give a little time to keep our family graves clean and fresh and respect the graves of our neighbours. The Cemetery should never be used as a place for social gathering, we ask the young people to always keep this in mind. An important thing too, to always keep in mind, the Cemetery is not a place to bring dogs, people are entitled to the utmost respect be given to the Graves of their departed loved ones. We remember them all during this prayer filled time of Lent. May they Rest In Peace.

Invitation to a Lenten Talk by David Quinn: Monday, 20th March at 7.30pm in Saint Martin’s Chapel at Saint Mary’s, Pope’s Quay, Cork. David Quinn will be one of the speakers at a Lenten series of talks, organised by the Dominicans of Pope’s Quay, Cork. His topic will be, ‘Why Society Needs Christianity More Than Evil’. He will discuss what Christianity is, what the Church is, he will discuss the scandals of various kinds that have beset the Church, but despite this, society stills needs the basic message of the Gospel and what we would lose if this message was to disappear. All are welcome and no charge.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

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

New Members always welcome

Cycle Against Suicide arriving in Fermoy on Wednesday May 3rd 2017. Homestays needed to accommodate cyclists for one night for this worthy cause. Please contact John Hennessy (087) 4154301 or Ellen Downey at "fermoyhomestays@gmail.com"

The **Cork Association for Autism's** sixth annual *Light it up Blue Gala Ball* will take place at the Maryborough Hotel & Spa, Douglas on **Saturday April 1st**. The evening will include a champagne drinks reception and an exquisite four course meal. Followed by entertainment from the Love Bugs. Tickets for this will be for this wonderful evening of fine food, entertainment and dance are now on sale and cost €80 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling Carol on 021 4533642 (Ext 5), emailing c.walsh@corkautism.ie or online at www.corkautism.ie.

TIME FOR A NEW CHALLENGE: ACCORD, Diocese of Cloyne (Catholic Marriage Care Service) are recruiting Volunteers to train in presenting Marriage Preparation Courses, as part of a team. Benefits of this training include: ● The opportunity to work in a National Organisation. ● Excellent personal development. ● Develop presentation and group facilitation skills. ● Certificate in Marriage Education, Accredited. Interested persons, please contact 025-31899 Monday to Friday 10am 1pm.

Killacluig Choir: There will be no Choir in Killacluig today, Sunday 12th March. There will be choir on St. Patrick's Day. New members always welcome, singers and musicians. Practice will commence soon for Easter Ceremonies. Contact Caitriona on 086-3760487 if interested in joining the choir.

A TODDLER CLUB NOW OPEN at Bright Sparks for age 12 months upwards. 3 hours of fun, interaction and learning. Messy, Sensory, Great Outdoor, Music and Movement, Drama and Dance, Imaginative play. Snack included, €20. More details or bookings on 025 86799 or text 086 2653839

Catholic Bible Study and Healing: Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic lay preacher will lead a day of bible meditation, prayer and healing service in Mitchelstown Town Hall on Saturday 25th March 2017 from 10.30am to 7.00pm. 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

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

Zara Stack. Sarah Mortell

LENTEN STATIONS 2017

The Stations begin on Thursday, March 2nd

Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.

MARCH

Mon.	13 th	Captain Keane's Grove, Roche's Heights & Sarsfield Casey Drive.	PARISH CHURCH
Mon.	13 th	Knockagarry	Eily McGrath KILLACLUIG CHURCH
Mon.	13 th	Marshalstown & Baunanooneeny	Terence O'Donnell KILLACLUIG CH.
Tues.	14 th	St. Fanahan's Pl. Barrack Rd. Cloonlough North & Ballybeg Rd.	PARISH CHURCH
Tues.	14 th	Ballinabrook & Ardglare	Roger & Eileen O'Sullivan
Wed.	15 th	Ballinwillin, Cahir Hill, Ballinwillin Estate, Linden Hill, Árd-Mhuilinn & Lúí Na Gréine	PARISH CHURCH
Wed.	15 th	Knocknamuck, Ballygiblin & Parknakilla	BALLYGIBLIN SCHOOL
Wed.	15 th	Ballinamona, Brigown Road & Brigown Lane	Denis Roche

We encourage you all to participate in the Station Masses.

Fatima 1917 - 2017, Celebrating 100 years. This year celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, from May to October 2017. The message of Fatima - Prayer, Penance & Reparation - is a simple one but one that is very important for the Church today. The International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrived in Ireland on March 1st and is currently visiting the North and North West of the Country. Our Lady will be coming to Munster later this month and will pay a visit to **Mitchelstown Parish Church on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH FROM 10AM - 12NOON.** Even though this is a short visit we are incredibly lucky to be able to be in Her Presence in this most important year. **Mass will be celebrated at 10am** as soon as Our Lady arrives and everyone is invited to come along and pray with and to Our Lady. Boxes for petitions to Our Lady of Fatima are in all 3 Churches, so please feel free to write a petition. All the petitions will be offered to Our Lady during the offertory procession of the Mass on March 29th. The petitions will be taken to the shrine of Our Lady in Fatima in September as part of the Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage. This is a unique and very special opportunity, one we may not get again, so please do come and be in the presence of Our Beloved Mother. In Fatima on the Feast Days Our Lady is brought in procession around the Square and as She is returned to the Capelinha, Pilgrims wave white hankies. This is known as the Fatima Adieu. So do remember to bring your white hankie/tissue to wave goodbye to Our Lady when she leaves at 12noon.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Catherine (Kitty) O'Brien (né Walsh), Liam Lynch Park

Who died recently.

May She Rest In Peace