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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**

- **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Wednesday is the Feastday and is a Holy Day of Obligation:** Vigil Mass: Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. Masses on Wednesday in all three Churches as on Sunday, including Evening Mass on Wednesday Evening. Confessions before Vigil Mass on Tuesday Evening at 7.00pm.
- **Annual Mass at Cahir Hill Grotto:** Will take place at the Grotto on **Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.** We encourage you and your family to come along.
- **Novena to Our Lady of Knock:** Begins on Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Copies of Novena available at Church Doors.

**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

Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

**We encourage families to practice monthly Confession**

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

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with special reflections on Our Lady’s Apparition Knock and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

**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, Killaclaug**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am.** First Friday: **6.30pm.**

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **6.00pm.**

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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The Catholic Grandparents Association’s **Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage** will take place on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September in Knock Shrine at 2.30pm.** Everybody welcome to honour and thank grandparents for all they have done for us down through the ages. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio. Special guest Dana will sing ‘Our Lady of Knock’. In recognition of the great contribution that grandparents make to the Church, to family, and to society in teaching and passing on the faith, Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council have organised that the **11.30am Mass in the Parish Church, Mitchelstown on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September** will be a celebration for grandparents and families.

**A Special Time:** The month of August is a month of special Feasts dedicated to Our Lady. This week we celebrate the moment Our Lady left this earth and was taken Body and Soul from this earth to the throne of God in Heaven. The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven is celebrated every year on August 15<sup>th</sup> and all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this special day. Nothing pleases Our Lady more than that we honour Her Divine Son by attending Mass. We shouldn’t see it as an obligation, but as an act of love for Jesus and Mary. This practice is neglected by many and it is a sorrow to our Heavenly Mother, but Her heart rejoices for all those who are faithful to this practice. The Feast day is on Wednesday, **Vigil Mass Tuesday Evening at 7.30pm and Masses on Wednesday in all three Churches as on Sunday, including Evening Mass on Wednesday evening.** The Feastday of Our Lady of Knock is celebrated on Friday August 17<sup>th</sup>, even though the Anniversary of the Knock apparition of Our Lady is on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The Feast of the Queenship of Our Lady takes place on Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Of course, this August marks the opening of the ninth international World Meeting of Families in Dublin. All the Dioceses of Ireland are holding prayer events on **Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup>** to mark the opening of the international event. Bishop William Crean will lead evening prayer in the Cathedral in Cobh on Tuesday at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Then the whole week is dedicated to prayer, catechesis and celebration of the family and family life. The theme of the event is “**The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World**”. These events take place in the R.D.S. Dublin from Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>, culminating in the visit of Pope Francis. A family celebration in Croke Park on Saturday night and the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday. Two buses are travelling from Mitchelstown on Sunday to the Papal Mass and others are travelling privately to the different events, including the Papal meeting in Knock on Sunday morning. It will be an extraordinary time for the Irish Catholic Church and for all people of goodwill in Ireland. Catholic Bishops, Priests, Religious and laity from all over the world are coming to Ireland for the events. It is a time of celebration and faith reflection for us all and even though we may not be attending, we can participate on television and radio and be united with Pope Francis and with each other in prayer.

**Prayer:** Lord, we thank You for this special time in our country and for the blessings You are showering down upon us. We ask You to strengthen the faith of all of us, heal the wounds of our hearts and of our families, pour out Your love upon us and send us the illumination of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us. St. Joseph, St. John, St. Patrick, St. Brigid, all the Angels and Saints, pray for us.

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**WMOF18 Diocese of Cloyne Opening Ceremony:** We will join with every Diocese in Ireland, when we host an **Evening Prayer Ceremony to mark the opening of the World Meeting of Families. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, at 7.30pm, St Colman's Cathedral, Cobh.** Presider - Most Rev. Bishop William Crean Featuring the Cloyne Diocesan Choir Each Parish in the Diocese is asked to ring their Church Bell at 7.30pm. Refreshments served following the ceremony at the Park Road Centre, Cobh.

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**Mass for Healing of Families, in the Church of the Assumption, Ballylanders, on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm.** Celebrant: Fr. Brendan Walsh SAC Pallottines, Thurles. Hymns of Praise & Worship. Mass for Healing of Families and Ancestral Tree Eucharistic Blessing & Prayers for Healing. Enquiries: Mary 087-7873743.

All Welcome.

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**The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 14-22 August Ceremonies:** 3pm & 8.30pm Daily **Workshops:** 12 noon & 6pm Daily

This year will be the 41<sup>st</sup> celebration of the Novena, and such an important year as we prepare the way for the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Shrine as part of the World Meeting of Families <<https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>> in Dublin. The theme for this year's Novena is 'Faith & Family', and will draw from the key topics and themes related to Family from Pope Francis' teachings in The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia). See the full programme of Novena speakers at [www.knockshrine.ie/events](http://www.knockshrine.ie/events) <<http://www.knockshrine.ie/events>>

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**FAITH CAMP – LOST & FOUND:** A number of items were left in the Town Hall after the Faith Camp. Any lost items - please contact Catherine Hanley (087) 7727496.

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**Killacluig Choir:** New members are always welcome- singers and musicians - any instrument welcome e. g. keyboard (there is a keyboard and organ in the Church), fiddle, guitar, accordion, flute, recorder etc. Please contact Caitriona Fox Murray on [086-3760487](tel:086-3760487) or meet us after 10.30am Mass if interested. Practices can be arranged. All welcome! There will be choir on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August. There is no choir on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

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**Lough Derg One Day Retreat – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August.** Leaving Mitchelstown on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August at 8.30am for an overnight stay in Ballyshannon. Contact Bridget Fitzgerald for more details or to book your place, 086-3594571

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**Person wanted for Care Taking** position in the Tennis Club with the Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltd. Must be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. Contact Aileen on 025-86956

**Red Cross Fundraiser.** There will be a Trio Open Gardens' Fundraiser event for the Fermoy branch of the Red Cross on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August** from 12.30pm - 4.30pm in Fermoy. Shuttle bus will be available from the Adair Hall in Union Hill (around the corner from the Protestant Church) to take people to the gardens. Tickets sold on the day. Light refreshments available in Adair Hall. All welcome.

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**Altar Serving:** In September we begin the training of new Altar Servers for Mitchelstown, Ballygiblin and Killacluig. A number of boys and girls have already made their applications. We invite other boys and girls going into 4<sup>th</sup> Class in September and upwards from the National Schools to consider becoming Altar Servers. Application forms and child safeguarding requirements to be filled in before practice. Anyone who would like to serve, please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 or one of the Priests as soon as possible. It is a great privilege to assist the priest in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrifice of the love of Jesus for the whole of humanity, by which our sins are forgiven. The presence of Altar Servers at Mass greatly helps the priest and adds solemnity to the actions taking place on the Altar. We are grateful to all our present servers for their dedication and we look forward to preparing the new applicants.

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**The Large Pilgrim Statue of St Michael the Archangel (5Ft in height) will visit the Church Of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018,** accompanied by Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA, Poland. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm. Homily by Fr. Peter will be on St Michael and St Faustina. After Holy Mass, there will be a further talk on The Knighthood including the value of the Scapular. Following the talk, there will be an official enrolment of the Knighthood of St Michael, blessing of the scapular of St Michael and Veneration of the first class relic of St Faustina. All are Welcome.

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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

Margaret (Peg) Frewen (née Bullman), *Killicane*

Mary Coleman (née Walsh), *Liam Lynch Park*

Joe Devlin, *Fermoy Road*

Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*

#### **NEWLY BAPTISED:**

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

Izabella Slattery. Oceanna McDonagh. Carter Tobin.

William O'Donnell.