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Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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The Final Purification or Purgatory

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.⁶⁰⁴ The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come. (*St. Gregory the Great*)

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin."⁶⁰⁷ From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.⁶⁰⁸ The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them. (*St. John Chrysostom*)

(*From the catechism*)

● **Prayers This Sunday, 12th November in Marshalstown Cemetery – 3.00pm.**

● **Social and Family Services Collection:** The Annual Social and Family Services Collection will be taken up at all Masses **next Sunday**. These services include CURA, ACCORD and the Regional Marriage Tribunal. We would appreciate your support for this collection.

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

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm**

with special prayers for the Holy Souls 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, Killaclug

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

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

You are Invited to a

Healing Prayers celebrated by Fr. T.C. Antony, Indian Carmelite Priest from Kildare. On **Sunday, 19th November at 4.30pm.** In **Holy Family Church, Ballygiblin.** All Welcome

Eamonn Walsh, supported by the Bel Canto Choir and guests invite you to a night of Christmas Carols and Classical favourites on **Friday, 1st December 2017** at the **Firgrove Hotel**, tickets €15. All proceeds to Liam's Lifts and Breast Care Unit at CUH. Ticket now available from The Favourite, The Treasure Chest, Hyland's Bookshop and Diva

Day of Reflection at Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Mallow on Saturday, 17th November 10am – 4pm led by Fr. John Callanan SJ. Guided meditative prayer, taking account of our treasured memories, the situation of our lives and our hopes, opening up new pathways to God. Bookings to 022-26411 by 26 October.

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady: As Catholics, images and statues are reminders to us of God's presence and love. We don't worship statues, but we hold them and place them in our homes and in other buildings, to remind us that the living God is with us. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available for visitation to the homes of the parish. If you would like to have the statue for a week, contact the Parish Office, or the Sacristy.

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes Collection in Ballygiblin N.S. Monday 27th November from 6pm to 8pm & Tuesday 28th November. *No mobile phones.* Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this Monday 13th November, at 7 p.m. in **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

Cork County Older Peoples Council Event – Promoting Health, Wealth and

Happiness: When: **Monday 20th November 2017.** Where: Deerpark Suite,

Charleville Park Hotel. Time: 10.00am-14.00pm

Please contact Shane Winters on 086 0842356 or email; shaneawn@gmail.com

Cope says THANK YOU: The recent "Bring and Buy Sale" held on Thursday 26th of October was a wonderful success. The total raised was €685. The proceeds were for Mitchelstown Cope Residents. The Mitchelstown Cope Association wish to thank the local people, who donated many fine items for the sale, to all who came on the day and to those who supported the Hamper Raffle and those who gave a monetary contribution. We were very privileged to received lots of "Home Baking and Jams" which sold very well. A special Thank You to Seán Finn, Chairman of Mitchelstown Community Council for allowing us the use of Forrest Hall on New Square. It really was an ideal venue. A very big "Thank You" to the retired group of men who gave of their time and were of great benefit at the sale tables. All support is very much appreciated.

Family Tree Healing Mass: A Family Tree Healing Mass will be held in Leahy's Open Farm, Dungourney on Friday 17th November, commencing at 7.30pm with Rosary. All Welcome.

Diabetes Day - Friday 17th November- Free Screening Clinic from 10am to 1pm in the Living Health Clinic, Fermoy Road. All welcome.

Padre Pio: St. Pio (Padre Pio) was an Italian Capuchin Priest who died in 1968 and who bore the wounds of Christ on his body for fifty years. Here are some of his sayings: Padre Pio said of Heaven: *"Heaven is total joy, continuous joy. We will be constantly thanking God. It is useless to try to figure out exactly what heaven is like, because we can't understand it. But when the veil of this life is taken off, we will understand things in a different way."*

"... at night when I close my eyes the veil is lifted and I see paradise open up before me: and gladdened by this vision I sleep with a smile of sweet beatitude on my lips and a perfectly tranquil countenance ..."

"More souls of the dead from Purgatory than of the living climb this mountain to attend my Masses and seek my prayers."

"The souls in Purgatory pray for us, and their prayers are even more effective than ours, because they are accompanied by their suffering. So, let's pray for them, and let's pray them to pray for us."

"You will be surprised to find in Paradise souls you never expected to be there."

"Most of the saved pass through Purgatory before arriving at the fullness of beatitude."

Mitchelstown remembers our fallen sons. Throughout the Christian world, November is traditionally associated with remembrance of the dead. We pray for members of our families and community, candles are lit, Masses and prayers said for the intentions of guiding all souls to their eternal rest in Heaven. Almost 100 years ago, on the 11th of November 1918 this took on special significance as the guns on the Western & Eastern Fronts of The Great War fell silent. Over the course of the war more than 230,000 Irish men would fight with bravery and distinction in all theatres of war, over 49,000 Irish men paid the ultimate sacrifice. Due to events at home such as the Easter Rising of 1916 and subsequent struggle for Independence their names faded into obscurity, families grieved privately and the survivors found themselves strangers in their homeland. Current research suggests that at least 350 sons of Mitchelstown enlisted here, in the Market House or Military Barracks, in Fermoy or even in far-away lands like Canada or New Zealand. Official records list thirty-nine names from Mitchelstown of men who died in The Great War. Unfortunately their generation and those that followed chose to forget about these brave, sad men. W.W.I. has been described as Act. 1 of World War Two, ten Mitchelstown men died in this conflict. Next year Mitchelstown Heritage Society plans to unveil a permanent memorial to these men, this Remembrance month, please say a prayer for our war dead. If anyone has any other names that don't appear on the list in the Avondhu last weekor has information on any of these men or those that fought in and survived either conflict, please contact Andrew Dineen, Mitchelstown Heritage Society Co-Chairman 086-1987813 or email andrewdineen1@gmail.com.

12 Hour Concern Fast - on Friday November 17th in Mitchelstown from 9am to 9pm. Your Support would be greatly appreciated.

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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