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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

- **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Tuesday is the Feastday and is a Holy Day of obligation: **Vigil Mass** Monday evening at 7.30pm. **Masses on Tuesday in all three Churches as on Sunday, including Evening Mass on Tuesday Evening.** Confession before Vigil Mass on Monday evening at 7.00pm.
- **Mass at Cahir Hill Grotto on Wednesday evening August 16th at 7.30pm.** All welcome.
- **Celebrating the Centenary of Fatima: Candlelight Procession after the 7.30pm Mass this Sunday evening.** You are all welcome to participate.
- **Collection for Maintenance of Adjoining Cemetery:** This important collection helps the Parish maintain the Cemetery and will be taken up at all Masses this weekend after Holy Communion. We would appreciate your generous support.

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 **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with Reflections on Knock 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, Killaclaug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am.**

First Friday: 6.30pm.

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

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A Light In Darkness: Black famine ravaged the West of Ireland and Mayo in particular in 1879. The poor simple people had long been crushed by penal laws, religious persecution, rack rents and landlord evictions. It was Ireland's darkest night, Ireland's troubled hour. Yet the people kept faith, never failing in their love for the Mass and the Rosary. It was in this dark hour that 15 official witnesses declared that they saw an incredible Vision at the gable end of their Church at Knock, on August 21st, 1879. The Vision composed of Our Lady with a Queen's Crown in a posture of contemplation. To her right in a posture of bowed veneration was the figure of St. Joseph and to her left, that of St. John the Apostle, dressed as a Bishop with the book of the Gospels, preaching. Further to Our Lady's left was a young Lamb standing on an Altar facing west, behind the Lamb was a plain Cross surrounded by Angels. The first to witness anything unusual that evening was the 15 year old sister of the Sacristan Margaret Byrne, who had gone to lock the Church. She noticed an unusual brightness all around the Church, it was 8.30pm in the evening. It was two older women while passing the Church first realised the Vision and then a number of others gathered and witnessed it. The witnesses were fifteen in number and of all ages, the youngest was six years old, John Curry. The Vision lasted two hours, one shed tears during it, others prayed the Rosary. It was pouring rain during it, they were all wet, while the figures were dry. God had sent His Mother to Knock to console, to strengthen and to give hope to a crushed people.

The Novena to Our Lady of Knock begins on Monday August 14th and concludes on Tuesday August 22nd. Some copies of the Novena are available today at Church doors.

Mass At Cahir Hill Grotto: Mass will be celebrated at Cahir Hill Grotto of Our Lady, next Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. We welcome all to join in this special time of prayer in honour of the Assumption of Our Lady.

Thanks to Legion of Mary Visitors: The Legion of Mary visitors were very touched by the friendliness and welcome they received by the people of Mitchelstown during their home visits last week. Thanks to Fr. Gabriel and the Parish Legionaries for a very successful "reach out" initiative. Great good will was felt by the visiting team. May God bless and reward them all for their time and generosity.

**The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor Clinic in
The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown**

**Monday 5pm – 8.30pm & Tuesday 3pm – 5pm & 7pm – 9pm
14th & 15th August 2017**

Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on www.giveblood.ie or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

The Munster Pioneer Gathering and Spirituality Day will take place in **The Woodland's House Hotel in Adare on October 1st 2017**. This will be a most important day for the future of the Pioneer Association in Munster. For more details contact Siobhán 087-2852155 or Sorcha 086-3642619

August 22nd-24th: 3 day Pilgrimage to Knock and Lough Derg. All in Package includes visit to Knock, day retreat on Lough Derg, Coach for 3 days, Breakfasts, Evening meals and Accommodation in Bundoran. Early booking is advised. Deposit secures booking. Contact Cormac O'Connor Coach Tours on 023-8849196, 087-6167835 for further details.

Get your Summer Holiday Reading at the Ozanam Shop, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown, 025 84733. Fiction €2; Non-Fiction €1; Children's Books 50c. Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 10am–1pm & 2pm–4.45pm, Sat: 10am-1pm. All proceeds go to your local Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Knockadea Community are hosting a **6km Walk/Run on Friday 18th August at 7pm**. Registration from 6:15pm at Knockadea Clubhouse. Adults €10 and children go free. Prizes for 1st male and female home. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Donations of home baking would be most welcome.

All proceeds go to the Peoples Bus in Ballylanders. The bus is used to bring Senior Citizens from 13 surrounding areas to Our Lady's Day Care Center, twice a week where they will receive a hot meal, hairdressing services and exercise classes. For entertainment there is bingo, cards and dancing. They hope to raise €60,000 for the new bus. Your support is greatly appreciated.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a specially designed **Support Programme** for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one.

The next weekend is being held in the **Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork** from **Friday October 6th to Sunday October 8th, 2017**. For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or e-mail beginningexperience@gmail.com

The **Assumption of Mary** honours the fullness of blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. This is a celebration that offers to the church and to all humanity an exemplar and consoling message, teaching us the fulfilment of our highest hopes. Their own future glorification is happily in store for all those whom Christ has made his own brothers and sisters by taking on their flesh and blood, (Marialis Cultus).

**Catholic Family Festival, Knockadoon, East Cork.
Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August.**

This 2 day festival is being organised by the Dominicans and is an official preparatory event for the World Meetings of Families, 2018. The festival will have 40 trained youth workers for children's activities, talks for mothers and fathers, family rosary, 24 hour continuous Eucharistic Adoration, an address by Fr. Timothy Bartlett, a family Céilí and Holy Mass. €85 per family includes meals, children's activities, entertainment. For information and booking: www.knockadooncamp.ie or phone 085 2258773

COBH WALK FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER! 5K. Tuesday 22nd August. Assembly point at 6.45pm Cathedral Carpark. Sponsor cards available. All very welcome. Do come and join us! Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information, contact Adrian at 086-1775364.

Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage September 10th Knock Shrine 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour and thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin – Ballina School Choir – Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

Have you an idea that can address a social issue? Do you see an opportunity to do something meaningful but not certain how to proceed? Could this idea be turned into a business? Is a social enterprise a possibility for you? BNest, the Mid-West Social Enterprise Incubator, based at the University of Limerick, are linking with Ballyhoura Development for an information event at Coote Hall, Kilmallock, on Tue Aug 15th at 6.30pm. At this free event, you can learn more about BNest and understand how their programmes may benefit you or your organisation. Are you passionate about creating real social change? If so and you want to know how to start out on such a journey, join us at this event by booking your place through the Eventbrite registration page here <https://goo.gl/H9uU5x>. For more information on BNest, see www.bnest.ie

The **Irish Cancer Society** operates a free Volunteer Driver Service that is available to patients attending the following hospitals for **chemotherapy** treatments; **Cork University Hospital; The Mercy University Hospital & South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital**. Volunteer drivers will pick a patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door and then when finished treatment, pick them up and drop them home again. All volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

John O'Donnell, Gurrane

Who died recently.

May He Rest In Peace