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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**  
**Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.**  
**Parish Website: [www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)**

● **Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees.**

● **Boxes of Offering Envelopes:** If anyone did not receive their box of envelopes and wish to have one, please contact the Parish Office during the week.

● **Prayer Service for Christian Unity: On Monday week, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** in Kingston College Chapel at **7.30pm**. We encourage you to attend and participate.

● **Fr. Barone from Italy:** will lead a special Evening of prayer on **Thursday week, January 25<sup>th</sup>**, beginning with Mass and followed by prayers for healing. All welcome.

**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 PRAYERS:** Thursday Evening **8.00-9.00pm**  
with special prayers for the protection of the sacredness of life in 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: **9.30am.** First Friday: **7.30pm.**

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **7.00pm.**

**St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig**

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

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

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Thanks to All Our Volunteers:** Let us remind ourselves this weekend: We are all part of the Parish Community, we are connected to one another through our common baptism, we are brothers and sisters through faith in Jesus our Saviour. At a time of individualism and secularism, we need to draw strength through our closeness as a community and through our consciousness of working together, young and old, priests and people. It is through the Sunday Eucharist that Jesus strengthens that bond and sense of togetherness. Let us work and pray for a greater sense of community, brought together by the Lord. Let us pray for one another and be conscious of the various services given by the different groups working for the running and building of the parish and for the glory of God. Thanks to everybody, inside and outside the Parish of Mitchelstown, Ballygiblin and Killacluig. You all contribute in your own way through your prayers, services, presence and offerings. If you feel you can help the parish in any way, we encourage you to come forward, if the Spirit has given you a gift then use it for the benefit of the community and the glory of the Lord. Know that the Lord will be grateful to you and will reward you a hundredfold. Let us encourage the young people to be involved in the Parish Community. Also let us find ways to encourage those who have drifted away and are struggling with faith. Thanks again to everybody who helped in the parish throughout the past year.

**Why is family prayer so difficult?** We eat together, sleep together and play together. Why do we find it so hard to pray together? As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families, could we not all do better than renew our commitment to daily family prayer? A family praying together is being strengthened in love of God and of one another. But for family prayer to happen, a leader is needed and also the willingness and co-operation of the family members. Venerable Fr. Peyton found his faith and vocation through his father leading the daily family Rosary in his home in Attymass, Co. Mayo. Let's discuss together as a family the value of family prayer and decide together to practice daily family prayer. Turn off the television and put the phones on silent for ten minutes every day, light a candle and call on God.

**The Wonder of Life:** God said to Jeremiah the Prophet, "before I formed you in the womb I knew you". We believe that God is the source of the conception of new life, a new human life. God has made it possible for us humans to participate in that wondrous act of creation. We must, for that reason, always respect the sacredness of life. We sympathise with couples who want to be pregnant and can't. We sympathise with couples in unwanted and crisis pregnancy, but once a new life is formed and exists, we have the obligation to respect it as sacred. Society needs to support more those who find themselves in difficulty. A society that gives free and easy access to abortion is on the road to self-destruction. Let us continue to maintain the right to life of mothers and the unborn. Let us be a pro-life society.

**HEALING MASS: Fr. Barone** from Naples will return to the Parish on **Thursday Week, 25<sup>th</sup> January with a Healing Mass at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.** Fr. Barone will speak through an interpreter; he will pray over the congregation and then pray with each person individually. Confession will be available. He will also bless Water, Salt & Olive Oil – please bring your own supply of all of these and put your name on them and leave at the back of the Church in the Porch. These can be collected afterwards. Fr. Barone is a humble, prayerful Priest, with many gifts of the Holy Spirit. He also has a special ministry to young people.

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**Fundraising Event: C.B.S. Secondary School Parent Council – New & Used Clothes Collection. Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January.** Drop off dates as follows during school hours 9am to 4pm; Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Also Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm to 9 pm Thanks for supporting this fundraising event. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902.

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**MITCHELSTOWN CHURCH FLOWER GROUP** would be delighted to welcome new members to assist in decorating the Altar with flowers. No experience in flower arranging is required. Please contact the following numbers: 087 6364845 or 086 6077595.

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**Mitchelstown Parish Summer Faith Camp:** will take place from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018. More details later.

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**Enrolments in Mitchelstown Second-level Schools** - A gentle reminder to parents/guardians of 6<sup>th</sup> class students that the closing date for receipt of applications for places in First Year 2018/19 in the second level schools in Mitchelstown is **Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the schools should you require any information.

CBS – 025 24104 / [cbssecmtown@gmail.com](mailto:cbssecmtown@gmail.com)

Presentation – 025 24394 / [pressecmtown@gmail.com](mailto:pressecmtown@gmail.com)

Coláiste Fionnchua – 025 24314 / [info@stfanahans.ie](mailto:info@stfanahans.ie)

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#### **Enrolment for Courses in the Ozanam Center, Thomas Street**

Intermediate Computers Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January (6 Weeks)

ECDL Advanced spreadsheets (excel) Wed 17<sup>th</sup> January (14 weeks)

Beginners Typing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January (6 weeks)

Please contact the Ozanam Center on 025 84733 for further information.

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**Family History Classes** - Starting Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> Irish Clan Search ~ Aimerslei de Bhosc, Old Fermoy Road, Mitchelstown. Duration up 8 weeks for 2 hours per session. (Day 10 am and Night 7pm) Enrol: 087.3589734

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**THE SACRED HEART MESSENGER:** Local promoters is; ANNA MARIA RUSSELL, (025) 84151. Copies **on sale** in the Porch of the Parish Church, €1.75 each.

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** We invite you to come and spend an hour of prayer and adoration before the Lord in the Adoration Chapel. Share with Him. Let Him give you many wondrous graces and blessings for spending some time with Him. We are looking for extra new adorers for the following Adoration Hours: Wednesdays 1am – 2am and Fridays 12 midnight to 1am. Contact Catherine on 087 7727496.

**Vocations Afternoon:** An afternoon for men considering a vocation to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Cloyne will be held on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at the Nano Nagle Centre, Killavullen, from 2.30pm-5.00pm. The afternoon will consist of reflection, prayer and the opportunity to find out more about becoming a priest in our diocese. For more information or to express interest in attending please contact Fr Brian Boyle (Vocations Director) at 025 32963 or Fr Damien Lynch (Assistant Vocations Director) at 021-7332948. Web: [cloynediocese.ie/priesthood](http://cloynediocese.ie/priesthood). Email: [priesthood@cloynediocese.ie](mailto:priesthood@cloynediocese.ie).

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**Pioneer Magazine** is published monthly and is full of interesting and informative articles and features. If you would like to get a copy each month, please contact any council member. Price per copy €1.55.

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**Back To Education Course in Barbering:** Cork ETB Adult Education Service is offering a part-time **Level 2 VTCT Course in Barbering** which takes place in the Q Centre Mallow, starting in early February. It will run for a full day on Wednesdays only, for 16 sessions. Those who may be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment, e.g. job-seekers or disability payments, carer's allowance, one-parent family allowance, medical cardholders etc., are entitled to apply for BTEI courses. We welcome learners of all ages, abilities and nationalities and promise to provide a learning environment which is both innovative and supportive. The aim is to give learners an opportunity to combine a return to learning with family, work and other responsibilities. Courses offer progression to further education and training. **All BTEI courses are FREE.** For further information contact Brendan in the Q Centre, Mallow on 022 55452. Limited places are available.

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**Mitchelstown Adult Education Service, Forrest Hall** have a number of courses starting from 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Courses include Beginners Computers, Maths for everyday life, Digital Photography, Internet Skills, Office Skills, Internet Safety for parents & children. We also have a 'Tentacles for Tinies' class running, teaching crochet in order to send little crochet octopuses to the Rotunda Hospital for premature babies. Call or text Áine for more information. 086-0484457

#### **NEWLY BAPTISED:**

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

*Cathal Murphy. Sophie Lee*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of William (Billy) Casey, James Street Chrissie Hanley (née Walsh), Mulberry.

Liam Graham, formerly Edward Street & Thomas Street.

Con Power, Mitchelscourt

Who died recently.

*May They Rest In Peace*