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**Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week;  
Phone Number: 087 – 2524979**

**EASTER MONDAY Bank Holiday Mass at 11.00am Only.**

**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 Prayers for souls who especially venerate and glorify the Lord's Mercy 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**

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, devotions in the Parish Church 2.00-5.00pm. A number of Priests will hear Confessions and the guest speaker is Sr. Consilio (Founder of Cuan Mhuire). Copies of the Novena of Mercy, which begun on Good Friday are available at Church doors. **The Novena will be recited in the Parish Church every day this week at 3.00pm, including Easter Sunday.**

**WORD OF THANKS:** We wish to thank all who helped with the **Holy Week Ceremonies**, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers and those who arrange them, Altar Servers, Altar Society, those who take care of the Altar Linens, Collectors, those who take care of the Church Grounds, Church Cleaners, Choirs, Conductors and Musicians, Parish Secretary, Co-ordinator and all who help in the Parish, in any way. On behalf of the Parish we thank you all for your help.

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**Our Soul Like A Garden:** Many of you love your gardens and especially this time of year, so that you can cultivate them. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to keep a good garden. There is continual weed clearing and guarding from the destructive slugs. On Monday night last, during the Penitential Service, one of the Myross Franciscan Friar of Renewal, Fr. Bernardino, compared the soul to a garden. He said, it was his own experience of Confession and the plucking up of the weeds in his soul, that led him closer to God and to becoming a priest. He reminded us that it was in the Garden of Eden that Adam and Eve fell into sin. It was in the Garden of Gethsemane that Christ suffered His last agony. It was also in a garden near Mt. Calvary that Christ was buried and rose triumphant from the tomb on Easter Sunday Morning. When Mary Magdalen was at the tomb and the Risen Jesus appeared to her, she, at first, thought He was the Gardener, until He spoke her name "Mary". When we bring the garden of our soul to the Risen Christ in Confession, He is able to remove the weeds of our sins and to heal the damage that our sins do to us. Happy Easter to you all. May all your gardens be abundant with fruits and flowers and alive with the beauty of God.

**Sr. Consilio (Cuan Mhuire) To Speak On Divine Mercy Sunday In Mitchelstown:** Sr. Consilio, (Eileen Fitzgerald Brosnan, Co. Kerry) who founded the drug, alcohol and gambling Rehabilitation Centre in Athy, Co. Kildare, will speak next Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Divine Mercy Celebration, She has been described as the Mother Teresa of Ireland, because of her work helping people with addictions for over fifty years. She helped found a number of very successful rehabilitation centres in Ireland, beginning with Athy, in Co. Kildare and of course, we have the Centre for females in Farnanes, here in Cork. Sr. Consilio trained as a nurse in the North Infirmary Cork and then joined the Mercy Nuns in Athy in the 1960's. With the permission of her Order, she converted a coach house to tend the needs of men travelling the roads and eventually the Centre became a refuge for those suffering from addiction. Sr. Consilio was supported by many in her work and has helped thousands of individuals and their families for over fifty years. Sr. Consilio has received many awards over the years, and in January of this year celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is a woman of profound faith in God and in His providence, buying a farm in the early years without having a penny to her name, but trusting that God would provide and that He did. We are privileged that she has agreed to come and speak to us on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena of Mercy began on Good Friday and will conclude with a special celebration on **Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2.00-5.00pm**. While this Sunday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, it has also been designated Divine Mercy Sunday, since the pontificate of St. John Paul II. The Merciful Jesus revealed to the Polish Nun, St. Faustina: "On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no one fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (Diary 699).

**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR EASTER UNTIL MONDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

**Mitchelstown Community Council CLG:** The **Annual General Meeting** of Mitchelstown Community Council CLG will be held in Forrest Hall on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm**. The newly elected President of Muintir na Tire, Mr. Michael Sweeney and the Cork County Development Officer of Cork Federation of Muintir na Tire, Mr. Denis Kelly will be attending. This is the first AGM of the Company to be held in Forrest Hall and all are welcome. The Council are fundraising at the moment, in aid of Forrest Hall, book of four tickets for €5 or €2 per ticket, tickets are on sale at Reception in Forrest Hall or from any Council Members, please support this worthy cause. There will be a raffle on the night and we have many prizes, kindly sponsored by local businesses. Light refreshments will be served after the draw and meeting.

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**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK:** *Walk in the footsteps of Jesus.* This unforgettable (fully guided) trip will take place from **October 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**. Highlights include: A boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, visits to Nazareth, Cana, Jericho, The Dead Sea, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, etc. The trip includes: Return flights ex Cork, a comprehensive daily programme, entrance fees, 4\* Hotels, dinner, bed and breakfast throughout. Spiritual Director: Fr. Christy Fitzgerald. For further information and details please contact MAP Travel 01-8783111 or Tour Manager Jim Keogh 021-4885371 or 087-2678793. Please note that places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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**Mitchelstown Community Pre-School:** Enrolments are now being taken for August/September 2017. Operating E.C.C.E. Scheme (*free school year*). Experienced and Fully Trained Staff. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Mary at 086-883 2533 or home 025-24697, or Tina at 086-8454870.

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**KNOCK – Eucharistic Adoration Day in Knock.** Bus to Knock on **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**. Coach leaving: **The Square in Mitchelstown at 6.45am**, Ballylanders Village (outside Church) at 7.00am, Galbally (The Square) at 7.15am, Garryspillane, Knocklong at 7.30am, Hospital (The Church) at 7.45am. Stopping in Gort for Breakfast & Evening Meal. Adults €20, Children €10. Contact Anna Buckley, Ballylanders 087-7873743, Rena Upton, Glenbrohane 087-9831896, Catherine O'Neill, Galbally 062-37937. **Bookings BEFORE Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

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**Mitchelstown Active Retired Group:** The Group meet every Wednesday from 2 – 4pm at the Town Hall in Thomas Street. We are a small group and would be delighted to welcome new members. If you are too shy to walk in, why not phone Mary 025-86867 or 087-9337753. There is no membership fee, but members make a small contribution each time they attend.

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**Volunteers Needed! The Cork Association for Autism** needs your help on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> & May 5<sup>th</sup> for our Flag Day collections across Cork city & county. Please call 021 453 3642 or email [fundraising@corkautism.ie](mailto:fundraising@corkautism.ie)

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**Easter Offerings** for the Priests will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Thanks to all who brought in **Trócaire Boxes** and for your generous contributions. All remaining Trócaire Boxes to be returned as soon as possible.

**Faithcast** is the new weekly podcast from catholicnews.ie, the news source for the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. Presented by Brenda Drumm. Faithcast is a mixture of interviews and news snippets from the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is published every Monday and is available on catholicnew.ie

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**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION:** We look forward to having many members and friends join us at our **First Annual Retreat/Conference, Wednesday & Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017**. Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, (easy access from M50, close by to Luas station with connecting from Heuston Station). Theme "Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God". Included amongst our Speakers will be Kate Liffey, National Catechetical Association, Fr. Benny McHale, Croi Nua Spirituality Centre, Galway, Catherine Wiley, Founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association. (Limited space available). Two days with full board all-inclusive €160 per person  
Day only attendance for two days €120 per person  
Further information and application form available from Connie on 098 24877 email [catholicgrandparents@gmail.com](mailto:catholicgrandparents@gmail.com)

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**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE** ex Cork: 24<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May €669 - Contact Ann Horgan 085 1201971. 30<sup>th</sup> Aug to 6<sup>th</sup> Sept €709 - Contact Angela Gowing 087 6140076  
We are part of the Medjugorje Prayer Group that meets in Holy Trinity Church, Fr Matthew Quay, Cork, every Wednesday at 8pm and have been going for nearly 30 years.

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**Book launch in Knock** - You're invited to a book launch in Knock Shrine bookshop on Saturday 22nd April at 2.30pm: "The Lamb Will Conquer: Reflections on the Knock Apparition" by Fr Nigel Woollen (curate of Knock), launched by Most Rev. Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe. Book also available (€10) on Knock Shrine and Veritas websites.

<http://www.veritasbooksonline.com/the-lamb-will-conquer.html>

<https://www.aro.ie/aroeshop/sites/knockshrine/Products/knock-shrine-literature>

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#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

John O'Brien, 2 O'Neill Crowley Terrace.

Who died recently.

May He Rest In Peace

#### NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

Cormac Luddy, Saoirse Hennessy, Eileen Dineen