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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 11AM WEDNESDAY

- Newly ordained **Fr. John Magner** will be Main Celebrant at 11.30am Mass this Sunday in the Parish Church and will give his blessing after Mass.
- **Peter’s Pence Collection:** The Annual collection for the Pope (Peter’s Pence) will be taken up at all Masses **today** after Holy Communion. These offerings help the work of the Church throughout the world, your support is appreciated.
- **Feast day:** Saturday is the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.
- **Cemetery Mass:** The Mitchelstown Community Council invite you to Mass in the old burial ground, where the workhouse was on Clonmel Road on **Tuesday week, July 25th at 7.30pm.** All welcome.
- **Emergency Collection for East Africa:** This collection will be taken up Next Sunday. Some Trócaire volunteers will speak at all Masses next Sunday.

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 Divine 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: **9.30am.**

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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St. Teresa of Calcutta: The Relics of St. Teresa of Calcutta will arrive at Mitchelstown Parish Church THIS Sunday afternoon at 3pm until 5pm. We are privileged to have the visit and we ask St. Teresa to pray for our protection and healing. All are welcome.

Mother Teresa is a household name for her good works, but many people don’t know much about her beyond “nun who helped the poor.” Here are 20 facts about Mother Teresa.

1. Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born Aug. 26, 1910, in Macedonia to a financially comfortable Albanian family (they owned two houses, one of which they lived in). Her father died when she was 8, ending her family’s financial security.
2. Agnes was fascinated with missionaries from an early age, and by 12 she knew that she would commit herself to a religious vocation.
3. When she was 18, Agnes left home and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Rathfarnham, Ireland.
4. Although she lived to be 87, she never saw her mother or sister again after the day she left for Ireland.
5. After a year learning English in Ireland, Agnes transferred to the Sisters of Loreto convent in Darjeeling, India.
6. She took her vows as a nun in 1931, choosing the name Teresa to honour Saints Therese of Lisieux and Teresa of Avila.
7. Therese of Lisieux, the patron saint of Australia, is also the patron of missionaries, florists and AIDS sufferers, among others. Spain’s patron saint, Teresa of Avila, is also the patron of religious orders and lace makers.
8. Sister Teresa began teaching history and geography in Calcutta at St. Mary’s, a high school for the daughters of the wealthy. She remained there for 15 years and enjoyed the work, but was distressed by the poverty she saw all around her.
9. In 1946 Teresa travelled to Darjeeling for a retreat. It was on that journey that she realized what her true calling was: “I heard the call to give up all and follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor.”
10. It took two years of preparation before she was able to begin doing the work she felt compelled to do. She needed to receive permission from the Sisters of Loreto to leave the order – while retaining her vows – as well as permission from the Archbishop of Calcutta to live and work among the poor. She also prepared by taking a nursing course.
11. In 1948 Sister Teresa set aside her nun’s habit – adopting instead the simple sari and sandals worn by the women she would be living among – and moved to a small rented hovel in the slums to begin her work.
12. Teresa’s first year in the slums was particularly hard. She was used to a life of comparative comfort, and now she had no income and no way to obtain food and supplies other than begging. She was often tempted to return to convent life, and had to rely on her determination and faith to get herself through it.

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20 Facts about Mother Teresa continued:

13. One of her first projects was to teach the children of the poor – drawing on her experience with teaching the children of the rich. She didn't have any equipment or supplies this time, but she taught them to read and write by writing in the dirt with sticks.

14. In addition to promoting literacy, Teresa taught the children basic hygiene. She visited their families, inquiring about their needs and helping provide for them when she could.

15. Word began to spread about Mother Teresa's good works, and soon she had other volunteers wanting to help. By 1950 she was able to start the Mission of Charity – a congregation dedicated to caring for “the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone.”

16. She went on to open a hospice for the poor, a home for sufferers of leprosy, and a home for orphans and homeless youths.

17. Mother Teresa was honoured with many awards throughout her life, from the Indian Padma Shri in 1962 to the inaugural Pope John XXIII Peace Prize in 1971 to Albania's Golden Honour of the Nation in 1994... and, most famously, the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

18. She refused the traditional Nobel honour banquet, instead requesting that the \$192,000 budget be given to help the poor of India.

19. She continued her work with the poor for the rest of her life, leading the Missionaries of Charity until just months before her death Sept. 5, 1997.

20. The Catholic Church has begun to move Mother Teresa along the steps toward sainthood, and she was beatified in 2003. Her official title is now Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

Return visit of Fr. Peter (Piotr) Prusakiewicz, of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel, Warsaw, Poland. He is regarded as a world renowned expert on Divine Mercy, St. Faustina and the Holy Angels. He was born in Poland in 1963 and ordained a Priest on May 23rd 1990. He speaks very good English. From 1993-1996 he served as Chaplain to the congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, where St. Faustina began her religious life. Here he learned much about her character, trials, spiritual battles and revelations given to St. Faustina. Fr. Peter has for 14 years travelled the world proclaiming and explaining the Divine Mercy devotion and more recently the Holy Angels.

On Thursday, July 27th Fr. Peter will make his third visit to Mitchelstown and celebrate Holy Mass and preach in the Parish Church at 7.30pm. He will give a further talk after Holy Mass and individual blessing of the first class Relic of St. Faustina. All are welcome.

Drought Crisis in East Africa: You may be aware that there will be an emergency collection in Aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa in Parishes across Ireland and Northern Ireland on the **weekend of 22nd & 23rd July**. Nearly 25 million people in Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food and water, due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation. Needs are enormous. Trócaire volunteers will speak at Mass next Sunday.

The Place of Silence at Mass: Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its purpose, however, depends on the time it occurs in each part of the celebration. Thus within the Act of Penitence and again after the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts. Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner.

FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE (22ND July) The Church, both in the East and in the West has always regarded Saint Mary Magdalene the first witness of the Lord's resurrection and the first evangelist, and with the greatest reverence has always honoured her although in diverse ways. Given that in our time the Church is called to reflect in a more profound way on the dignity of Woman, on the New Evangelisation and on the greatness of the Mystery of Divine Mercy, it seemed right that the example of Saint Mary Magdalene might also fittingly be proposed to the faithful. In fact this woman, known as the one who loved Christ and who was greatly loved by Christ, and was called a “witness of Divine Mercy” by Saint Gregory the Great and an “apostle of the apostles” by Saint Thomas Aquinas, can now rightly be taken by the faithful as a model of women's role in the Church. Therefore the Supreme Pontiff Pope Francis has established that from now on the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene should be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar with the rank of Feast rather than Memorial as is presently the case.

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

MASS FOR HEALING OF FAMILIES - Church of the Assumption Ballylanders
On the **Tuesday August 8th at 8pm**. Celebrant Fr Brendan Walsh Pallottine, Thurles 087 7873743

Mitchelstown & Fermoy Lourdes District Fund wish to thank the Parishioners of Mitchelstown and surrounding areas for their generous support of our recent Church Gate Collection, €950 was raised. A Special word of thanks to all the collectors who gave their time generously.

Killacluig Church Choir were delighted to lead the Choir at the recent Marshalstown Graveyard Annual Mass. There will be No choir on Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd July.

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.

Legion of Mary Meeting every Tuesday night at 6.30pm in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. New members always welcome.