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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

- **At the end of Mass today, there will be a blessing of the Statues of the Infant Jesus.**
- **Penitential Rite with Confessions:** This Monday evening at **7.30pm** a number of Priests will be available for Confession. The Penitential Rite will be conducted by Fr. Frank Downes O.P. Let us take this opportunity to prepare our Hearts for Jesus this Christmas
- **Confession in Killacluig:** After Mass this Sunday.
- **Other Confession Times** – Please see list over the page.

● **EUCARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** LaDonna Taylor from U.S.A. will share her healing gift of Violin music and Biblical meditations, concluding with Eucharistic Healing Blessing. LaDonna will pray with people after.

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
Saturday morning: 10.00am only

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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: **6.00pm**.

Confessions after Mass on the First Saturday of the Month

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am**.

Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

God's Healing Hands: A Healing Service, will be celebrated in the **Holy Family Church, Ballygiblin on Sunday evening, 30th December at 4pm** by Fr. T.C. Anthony, **Spiritual Healing Priest, based in Carmelite Community in Kildare**. Everybody welcome.

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Silent Night – Holy Night: The celebration of the birth of Baby Jesus is a time for music and songs. The Shepherds, on the Bethlehem hillside heard the singing voices of Angels as they announced the birth of Jesus and directed them to visit the Holy Family. The Christmas songs and carols touches all hearts of good Will. The message of the Angels to the Shepherds was of great news. “that a Saviour was born”, “Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to people of good Will”. To celebrate the extraordinary event many beautiful songs have been composed, but none more touching than Silent Night. This Christmas marks the 200th Anniversary of the composing of that Hymn in a little town called Oberndorf in Austria. It was composed in 1818 by School Master and Organist Franz Xaver Gruber. The lyrics were written by Parish Priest Father Joseph Mohr. The song went on to become the most popular song in the world. According to the Austrian tourist office in New York: “It’s the most bought, downloaded and recorded song in all musical genres, including classical, rock and other popular versions, even Rap. It was a unique inspiration given to both men and touches and moves the saddest heart.

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in Heavenly peace,
Sleep in Heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE: PARISH CHURCH - MITCHELSTOWN
ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM.**

Conducted by Fr. Frank Downes O.P.

8 priests will be available to hear confession.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES:

CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, MITCHELSTOWN:

Friday, 21st December – 7.30pm to 8.30pm, - with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed.

Saturday, 22nd December – 12 noon to 1pm, 3pm to 4pm & 7pm to 7.30pm

Monday, 24th December (Christmas Eve) – 12pm to 1pm & 3pm to 4pm.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:

Confession after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, 22nd December

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:

Confession after 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 23rd December

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 9th – 16th September 2019: Cost €819: However if paid before 14th December €100 off, insurance included, full board. Single supplement €30: Flight from Cork to Lisbon return: Contact Pilgrimages Abroad Lauri Duffy Travel, Dublin, 01 6359300 or Local enquires from: Fr. Winkle, 024 92270, or Nora 087 2509184.

Mary Immaculate College will hold its **January Open Day on Saturday, 12th January, 2019 (10am-1pm)**. The MIC Open Days showcase the wide range of programmes that the College has to offer. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff, mingle with current MIC students and take a tour of the campus. In addition, attendees can find out about the range of accommodation options and student supports. For more visit www.micopenday.ie

NCBI Mitchelstown would like to make an appeal for ladies, men's and children's winter wear. Busy time for all, but we would appreciate your support. Wishing you a Merry Christmas from Isobel and Volunteers from the NCBI shop Mitchelstown.

CBS Primary 5th & 6th Class Carol Singers will be at the Foyer of the Firgrove Hotel on today Sunday, 16th December, to greet our Senior Citizens, as they gather for their Annual Christmas Party. The boys will also perform for all at Tearmann Ui Chaoimh on Monday, 17th December. The Carol Singers will be performing at **Tesco on 18th December** in aid of their **Charity of the Year - Temple Street Children's Hospital**

ALL WELCOME to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for their **Advent Ceremony**, which will be celebrated in the **Parish Church on Wednesday, 19th December from 11.00am**. Everybody at CBS Primary wishes the Community a Very Happy Peaceful Christmas and the very best for 2019.

Get your **Christmas Reading** at the Vincent de Paul Shop, Thomas Street. Special selection of Christmas books, adults and children's all at 50c. Enquires to 025-84733.

Bunscoil na Toirbhirte will hold their **Annual Carol Service** in the Parish Church on **Friday, 21st December from 11.00am-12.00pm**. All are welcome.

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from Friday, 21st December to Monday, 7th January 2019.

There will be No Newsletter the weekend of the, 29th & 30th December.

Anyone wishing to advertise in the Parish Newsletter for the weekend of the – 6th January 2019, please have your articles into the Parish Office no later than 10am Wednesday, 19th December. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our Newsletter during 2018 and look forward to dealing with you in 2019.

Wishing you all a very Happy Peaceful Christmas and the very best for 2019.

Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre, Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown **Will be closed for the Christmas Holidays** from Monday, 24th December and will re-open on Monday, 7th January 2019 usual hours.

Tel: 0761 07 8030 E-mail: Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 1.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.

21 4 2D with C.B.S. Secondary and friends: CBS Secondary, in conjunction with Glanworth GAA, Mitchelstown Rugby Club, Ballindangan Community Council and friends, will host 21 4 2D on **December 20th – 21st in the C.B.S. Secondary Hall.**

21 4 2D is a Charity Fundraiser (21 hour Spinathon/Marathon, Coffee Morning, Raffle and Musical Entertainment), collecting money for **Ward 2D in Cork University Hospital** in memory of our past-pupil, friend and team mate, James Meaney, who passed away in June 2018 aged 21.

Our doors are open to the whole community to participate and contribute. You can help by:

- Participating in our 21 hour Spinathon/Marathon- running from 3.15pm Thursday December 20th to 12.15pm Friday December 21st. Email cbohane@cbsmitchelstown for info and sponsorship card.
 - Sponsoring a participant in the 21 hour Spinathon/Marathon
 - Donating online at idonate.ie/2142D
 - Baking for our **Coffee Morning** which will be in CBS Hall on **Friday December 21st, 9am -11.30am**.
 - Attending the Coffee Morning.
 - Supporting the Raffle at the Coffee Morning, prizes incl. Horgan's Christmas Hamper, €100 voucher, Munster Rugby Tickets, signed Munster Rugby Ball.
- The Coffee Morning will be open to all, no booking required! Ted O'Brien and James Rea will be our MCs, and music will be provided by CBS School Band and by The Fogues.

Carol Service in Kingston College on Wednesday 19th December at 7.00pm.

All welcome.