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WEEKDAY MASSES: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

MASS IN BRIGOWN NEW CEMETERY: The Mitchelstown Community Council invite you to the Annual Mass in Brigown New Cemetery, **on THIS Monday, July 18th at 7.30pm.** All welcome

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with special prayers for peace in the world and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Every Friday in the Parish Church at **3.00pm.** All welcome.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: The Annual Collection for the Pope (Peter's pence) will be taken up today after Holy Communion. These offerings help the work of the Church throughout the world, your support would be appreciated.

FAITH CAMP: For 6 – 13 year olds will be in the Town Hall on this Monday, July 18th.

LETTER FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Greetings once again and thank you for your support of our mission last weekend. Sisters, Siobhán, Joanne, Gay and myself were delighted with the hospitality and the wonderful reception we received. The parishioners contributed a total of €2,272.40 and 38 people signed up to receive our Mirror. Please extend our appreciation to them for their generous contribution and interest shown towards our work. May the Lord continue to bless you all.
Sister Maureen O'Connor

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Have We Lost A Sense Of Sin? Many spiritual writers, mystics and even recent Popes, have stated that we have lost the sense of sin. But what do we mean by losing the "sense of sin"? It means that it doesn't matter too much to kill another person anymore. It doesn't matter too much to commit adultery anymore. It doesn't matter whether I practice my faith anymore – it doesn't matter whether I attend Mass or not. It means that we have forgotten the seriousness of breaking God's Commandments and the offense we cause Him, and the damage we do to ourselves and to humanity as a whole. On July 13th 1917, ninety nine years ago, Our Lady alerted humanity through the three little children of Fatima, about the consequences of sin and offending God: eternal loss of one's soul of the happiness of God in Heaven, the loss of peace on earth, the outbreak of world war, famine, the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father, the martyrdom of the good, Annihilation of Nations. These are the serious consequences of losing a sense of sin in our lives. The following is an outline of the sins that offend God and cause damage to ourselves and humanity, let us reflect carefully upon them and strive to love and serve God with all our heart.

"We have lost the sense of sin" -THE CHURCH TEACHES;

SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Presuming to gain salvation without meriting it.
2. Despair of salvation
3. Resisting truths which have been made known to us.
4. Envy of another's spiritual good.
5. Stubbornness in sin
6. Final obstinacy in one's sins

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

1. Pride: An exaggerated opinion of one's own worth.
2. Avarice: An immoderate desire for earthly goods.
3. Lust: A desire for impure pleasures.
4. Anger: An inordinate feeling or expression of displeasure.
5. Gluttony: intemperate use of food or drink.
6. Envy: Jealousy over the good fortune of our neighbour.
7. Sloth: Laziness or carelessness in doing right in practicing virtue because of the necessary efforts attached to it

SINS CRYING TO HEAVEN FOR VENGEANCE

1. Willful murder.
2. Sodomy
3. Oppression of the poor
4. Dishonesty in wage payments to workers.

NINE WAYS OF AIDING ANOTHER IN SIN

1. Counselling or advising another to sin.
2. Commanding another to sin
3. Provoking another to sin
4. Consenting to another's sin
5. Showing another how to sin
6. Praising another's sin
7. Concealing, remaining silent about, doing nothing to prevent another's sin.
8. Taking part in, or enjoying the results of another's sin.
9. Defending another's sin.

Annual Knockadoon Music & Liturgy Course, Knockadoon Camp, Co. Cork:

We are delighted and privileged to announce the **Knockadoon Music & Liturgy Course 2016** will take place this summer from **August 7th – 13th**. This year we celebrate our 35th Anniversary with the theme 'Open to Mercy', carefully chosen by our team and inspired by Pope Francis' announcement of 2016 as the Year of Mercy. For more details please see website www.knockadoonml.com

Fermoy Senior Citizens Association will be travelling to Donegal for 3 nights B & B and dinner on the 19th July until the 22nd July staying at Gallagher's Hotel, Letterkenny with breakfast and dinner in the Dromoland Inn Hotel in Ennis en route and visiting Knock, the Inishowen Peninsula, Daniel O'Donnell's centre in Dungloe and Kincasslagh. Total price €325 per person with a supplement of €60 for single room. To secure your place €100 deposit payable to any committee member. More details contact Frances on 086 8762355

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–5pm, Sat: 10am–1pm. All proceeds go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

After an initial meeting with Special Olympics Development Officer, Sandra O'Donoghue, we are now looking for interested members of the community to volunteer their time or become active committee members of a new **Special Olympics Club**. Volunteers and Committee members are essential to the formation of this club. Please contact MLC on 025 52102 to register your interest on or before Saturday the 30th of July 2016.

Mitchelstown Community Council are holding their **Annual Mass** in the **Brigown New Cemetery on Monday July 18th at 7.30pm**. All welcome

MITCHELSTOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FUNDRAISER: Disco Bingo – Jackie O'Brien's Bar, **Saturday 23rd July** from 8.30pm. 80's, 90's & 00's Classics. Bingo Books €10. A night for all of music and fun, where all you have to do is keep track of the song that's playing to be in with a chance of winning one of many great prizes. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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. A Special word of thanks to all the collectors who gave their time generously.

CPR and Defibrillator Training available **Wednesday, 10th August and Wednesday, 17th August**. Must be available both nights and must be pre-booked with Michelle on 085-1502008. Spaces limited, so please book early.

I would like to thank all those who travelled to Cobh with the Parish Council last Saturday July 9th to celebrate this great Year of Mercy. We were welcomed to 10am Mass by Fr Peter O'Farrell and after Mass and refreshments, Cobh Parish Administrator, Fr John McCarthy gave us a very informative and knowledgeable tour of the Cathedral and the beautiful Holy Door. Free time was enjoyed by all, with some indulging in shopping and the many tourist sights in Cobh. We all marvelled at the size and beauty of the Caribbean Princess Cruise Liner, which was docked in Cobh. We also met Daithi O'Shea who was filming a documentary about Irish food, which is to be broadcast on TV and Fr Charles O'Connor of EWTN and Catholic Answers. We enjoyed a beautiful meal in the Commodore Hotel, before watching the Caribbean Princess depart from Cobh and our return home. I would like to thank all who travelled to Cobh, Murphy's Coaches Ballindangan and Patricia our Parish Secretary who took the bookings.

Bernadette White, Chairperson of Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

Just For A Minute

I remember when I was only four, Mother would bring me 'round to the store,
And just outside of the Church she'd stand, And "Come in", she'd say, reaching
down for my hand. "Just for a minute"

And then when I started going to school, She'd bring me down every day as a rule,
But first the steps to the Church we'd climb, And she'd say: We'll go in, you've
always got time, "Just for a minute"

Then I got real big, I mean seven years old, And I went by myself, but was always
told: When you're passing the church, don't forget to call,
And tell Our Lord about lessons and all, "Just for a minute"

And now it's sort of a habit I've got, In the evening, coming from Casey's lot,
Though it takes me out of my way a bit, to slip into Church with my hat and my
mitt, "Just for a minute"

But sometimes I see the other fellow, Standing around and I just go yellow.
I pass by the door, but a Voice from within, Seems to say, real sad: "So you
wouldn't come in" "Just for a minute"

There are things inside of me, bad and good, That nobody knows and nobody could
Excepting Our Lord, and I like Him to know, And He helps, when in for a visit I go,
"Just for a minute"

I know what happens when people die, But I won't be scared, and I'll tell you why
When Our Lord is judging my soul, I feel, He'll remember the times I went in to
kneel "Just for a minute"

Extract from 'Just For A Minute' – Fr. Patrick O'Connor

BREXIT: No one can predict the fall-out of Great Britain leaving the European Union in a vote on June 23rd. But what is truly amazing, is the political consequences in the country. Who could have predicted three weeks ago that Britain would have a new Prime Minister in Teresa May, this weekend? It goes to prove that things in life can change in the twinkling of an eye. May God give us devout and faith filled leaders.