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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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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 & 7.30.m.

Bank Holidays: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

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

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm.**

With Special Prayers for all our young people and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

AUTUMN STATION MASSES: will commence on **Thursday, September 29th.**

The Station list and envelopes will be sent out in the coming weeks. We ask the help of the distributors in giving out the envelopes.

AUTUMN STATIONS 2016

Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.

SEPTEMBER

Thurs.	29 th	Glenahulla & Cloughleafin	Michael Dennehy
Thurs.	29 th	Furrow & Gurteenaboul	Breda Casey
Fri.	30 th	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough	Mairéad O’Brien
Fri.	30 th	Pollardstown & Killicane	Joe & Mary O’Donoghue

We encourage all families to participate in the Autumn Station Mass.

PARENTS MEETING:Sr. Antoinette Dilworth will address all parents of children receiving 1st Holy Communion in 2017 on **Thursday Evening next, 22nd September at 7.30pm in Bunscoil School Hall.** The meeting is for parents of all four schools in the Parish and it is important to attend.

COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD:This collection will be taken up today after Holy Communion. The Diocese of Cloyne has one student studying for priesthood this year and nine training for the Permanent Diaconate, six in their 3rd year. We ask you to be as generous as you can to this collection and to continue to pray for more vocations.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Confession & The Year of Mercy: There are two months remaining for us in the Special Year of Mercy, the year will end on Sunday, November 20th, the Feast of Christ the King. The Eternal King has granted us this special year of Indulgence to enable us and all humanity to come closer to Him, as we seek healing through prayer and the Sacrament of Confession. For various reasons, many of us can find Confession difficult or for some reason lost faith in its benefits. Yet, it can be a powerful healing experience, when we truly open our hearts to God’s instrument the Priest. The Priest is God’s instrument, His ears and His voice. Confession is a humble expression of failure and struggle. The Gospel promises that those who make it will be exalted. The 1st Confession after being away for a while, is the 1st step, it is often in the following confessions that we can go deeper. Fear of what the Priest will say to me or some other fear can be an obstacle that can keep me away from this special encounter with the Lord. The Devil particularly dislikes confession, because he knows the enormous benefits to the soul. We must also be open to the guidance of the priest, be ready to trust the understanding and forgiveness of God and be ready to forgive ourselves. **There are Confessions every Saturday between 12.00-1.00pm and at 7pm every Saturday evening in the Parish Church.** But always feel welcome to request Confession from one of the Priests at any time. We are in a time of extraordinary Grace, let us all avail of it and use it well.

“Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy. Believe it firmly. Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence in confession.”

St. Isidore of Seville

Baptismal Team: Many parishes have trained Baptismal Teams. They are members of the Community, who are specially trained to contact families who request the Baptism of their child. The purpose of the team is to support the family and to explain a few things about the Baptism of their child and to deliver to the homes materials that will help the family prepare for this important Sacrament. The Parish is preparing such a team at present. If you would be interested in participating in such a team, contact one of the Priests or the Parish Office and we will explain the purpose of the team a little more to you.

ALL WELCOME to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for **Mass** to ask God's blessing as they begin a new School Year. This Mass will be celebrated in the **Parish Church on Friday, 23rd September at 11.15am.**

Wanted - Used/Unwanted items of patient care equipment for an older person e.g. wheelchair, commode, walking stick etc. must be in good condition. Contact Anne Marie on 087 2596720

Are you experiencing emotional and/or mental health challenges? Are you out of work for a long period of time and looking for direction? Would you like to boost your confidence and self-esteem? Have you suffered a set-back in life and do you want to get active again for work or social purposes? Would you like to bring about positive change in your life? If you answered YES to any of the questions then maybe the **Towards Occupation Programme** is for you. **Free** every Tuesday & Thursday, Mitchelstown 10am-12pm starting in October. Modules include chair yoga, art, photography, mindfulness, computers, equine therapy & more. Contact Ballyhoura 025-85213

Bus to Ploughing from T.O. Park: The bus will pick up at the Square, Mitchelstown on Wednesday, September 21st at 6.30am, back at 8.00pm approx. To book call T.O. on 086-8272761, Deci on 086-4005727 or Stella on 025-24009

Community Employment Scheme are looking for the following: ● **2** people to work as Assistants in the Day Care Centre and also the Centre in Cahir Hill. ● **1** person with a Bus driving licence, to drive for both centres. ● **1** Caretaker. Garda Vetting required. Please contact 025-86956 for more information.

MITCHELSTOWN SENIORS TONE UP: On Wednesday's why not join Mitchelstown Seniors over 60, ToneUp classes in Tesco training room at 7-8pm. Just ring 087.3589734 to check it out. It caters for all levels of fitness.

Join The **Great Cork Simon Supper** this September by hosting a meal at home, work, or in the community to raise funds for Cork Simon Community. Every €150 raised feeds 50 people who are homeless in Cork. Your support will help save lives. Contact Kate Hargrave on 021 4929 415, or visit corksmon.ie/supper for more information.

Bridge Lessons for beginners commencing Thursday October 6th, 2016 in the Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown. For further details please contact Claire Condon 086 3738691 or Noel Bradfield 087 9927026.

UCC's Diploma in Local and Regional Studies – Midleton. This part-time course is aimed at those with an interest in local history and heritage, members of historical societies, and those working or volunteering in the heritage sector. It is being offered in Midleton from the end of September 2016. Lectures will take place on Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 9.30pm in Midleton GAA club over two academic years. The closing date for applications is the 23rd September 2016. Further information and application details can be found at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/ace-dlrs/> For queries please contact Dr Griffin Murray at 021 4904731

KINGSTON COLLEGE is holding their **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** Friday, 30th September at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. On **Saturday, 1st October** the Chapel will be open from 2.30pm-6.00pm for members of the Community to visit. Tea etc. will be served in the Clubrooms. On **Sunday, 2nd October** at 11.30am there will be songs of Praise for Harvest. Everyone welcome.

Altar Servers: Altar Serving is a special ministry in the Parish. Our Sacristans, those who prepare the Altar linens and prepare flowers are doing wonderful work and we express our thanks and appreciation to them. Also we have a number of adults who help with Altar serving, along with the younger boys and girls. We want to encourage the boys and girls who move onto Secondary school to continue serving, as is the practice in some parishes and we also invite adults and young people to come forward and serve on the Altar. It is a great opportunity to witness to your faith. We are inviting also through the schools, boys and girls to serve during the year. But we also welcome boys and girls who attend Mass in the Parish, to give their names to one of the Priests or to the Parish Office. Please feel welcome to be involved in the liturgy in all three Churches, participating in the liturgy can greatly help our confidence and our faith.

Parish Pastoral Council: The Council held its first meeting on Tuesday, September 6th after the summer break. Let us remind ourselves of the purpose of the Council, which is the first faith formation of the Parish. We reflected on the happenings of the 1st year of service of the Council and we considered a few initiatives in the coming months. Kevin Cabrera, our volunteer Youth Minister was present and addressed the meeting. He outlined some of his hopes for the Youth of the Parish and sought the help and support of the Council. Preparations have already begun for the November Mass for our dear departed. The Council is also preparing three talks on Our Lady, one for the youth and two for the larger community, beginning in mid-November. If you have any positive suggestions on the faith formation of the Parish, contact any member of the Council.

Council Members: Bernadette White (Chairperson), Chris O'Sullivan (Secretary), James Sherlock (Assistant Secretary), Catherine Hanley, Nora O'Brien, Paddy Ryan, Michael Bermingham, Martha Kent, J.J. Lynch, Pauline Dillane, Jer Colbert, Pat McEvoy, Margaret O'Doherty, Martin Kelly, Kayren Hayes, Canon Timothy O'Leary, Fr. Gabriel Burke, Fr. Patrick Cahill, Canon Michael Fitzgerald.

The following is the Mission Statement of the Council: **"Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council will reach out, listen and encourage everyone to participate in the Faith Life of the Parish, as we grow together, in our relationship with Christ".**

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Very Rev. Michael GEANEY,

Clonmel Road

Who died recently.

May He Rest In Peace

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

Kevin Fardella

Sophia Aurelia Svobodova