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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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St. Fanahan's Well:The Annual Mass will be held at the Well on Monday evening next, **June 20th at 7.30pm.**The Main Celebrant of the Mass will be Very Rev Archdeacon Gerard Casey, Parish Priest of Mallow. All welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES:Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS, 27TH ANNIVERSARY MASS:will be celebrated next Thursday evening at **8.00pm**, followed by Eucharistic Healing Blessing. All welcome.

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

FEASTDAY: Friday next is the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

FAITH CAMP: The Annual Faith Camp for children between the ages of 6-13, will be held in the Town Hall from **Monday, July 18th – Thursday, 21st.** Booking essential and limited spaces.

Caring for our Sick & Retired Priests: The Annual collection for sick & retired priests is being taken up today at all Masses **after Holy Communion.** Many of the Priests have given over **50** years faithful service to the Diocese. With the help of this collection, the support of parishes and the support of working priests, the Diocese is able to support the maintenance of these priests. We encourage your generosity in this annual collection.

JUBILEE OF MERCY TRIP TO COBH:The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to join a bus trip to Cobh on **Saturday, July 9th.** The day will include Mass in St. Colman's Cathedral, tour of the Cathedral, Pass through the Holy Door of Mercy, refreshments, free time in Cobh, 3 course meal. The cruise liner Caribbean Princess will also be docked in Cobh on this day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 8.30am on the day and the **cost is €30 which is payable upon booking at the Parish Office, no later than July 8th, places are limited, so booking early is advisable.** Please do join us for a faith, fun filled day.

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Commemoration of St. Mary Magdalene raised to a Feast

It was announced on Friday Pope Francis has decided to raise the celebration of the memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to the dignity of a liturgical Feast.

In the modern Church calendar, saints may be commemorated with a memorial (optional or obligatory), feast, or solemnity.

The decree was signed on 3 June 2016, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

In a letter announcing the change, the Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Arthur Roche, writes the decision means one "should reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the New Evangelization, and the greatness of the mystery of Divine Mercy."

Archbishop Roche drew attention to the fact Mary Magdalene was the first witness to the Resurrection, and is the one who announced the event to the Apostles.

"Saint Mary Magdalene is an example of true and authentic evangelization; she is an evangelist who announces the joyful central message of Easter," he writes.

"The Holy Father Francis took this decision precisely in the context of the Jubilee of Mercy to signify the importance of this woman who showed a great love for Christ and was much loved by Christ," writes Archbishop Roche.

He also notes Saint Magdalene was referred to as the "Apostle of the Apostles" (Apostolorum Apostola) by Thomas Aquinas, since she announced to them the Resurrection, and they, in turn, announced it to the whole world.

"Therefore it is right that the liturgical celebration of this woman has the same grade of feast given to the celebration of the apostles in the General Roman Calendar, and shines a light on the special mission of this woman, who is an example and model for every woman in the Church."

Eucharistic Adorers – 27th Anniversary:This week there will be a Special Mass of Thanksgiving for 27 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish church. Central to the Catholic Faith is the belief in the Real Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. Twenty seven years ago the Parish prepared a special Chapel, so that people could spend time before the Eucharist exposed throughout the day and the night. For 27 years the Eucharist Lord is adored by someone for the 24 hours of the day, seven days a week. Throughout, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring, the Parish and members from neighbouring Parishes, have kept company with the Lord Jesus. That is a miracle in itself and proof of the Power of the Lord's Presence.

Come and join in the Celebration of Mass on Thursday evening at 8.00pm. Would you and your family consider a weekly hour of Adoration or be available as a substitute Adorer?

