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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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There will be EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT after 11.30am

Mass today until **7.15pm** this Evening, ending with **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament before Evening Mass**. The Perpetual Adoration will continue after 7.15pm. We encourage you and your family to make an extra visit to the Church today and spend some time, however short, in Adoration.

DEVOTIONS TO ST. FANAHAN: Rosary at Well, today Sunday at 3.00pm.

Feast of St. Fanahan: Friday is the Feast of our Patron, St. Fanahan. There will be Rosary at the Well at 3.00pm Friday afternoon. There will be a special Mass in the Parish Church on Friday evening at 7.30pm, to celebrate the Feastday and we encourage all parishioners to make a special effort to attend.

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

First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm**. With special prayers for the Parish and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

Collection for Social Services n: This Collection will be taken up today after Holy Communion. This collection helps the Church to run services like CURA, Marriage preparation and the Marriage Tribunal and many others. Your support guarantees the continuation of these services.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection: This collection will be taken up at all Masses **next weekend**. Envelopes for this collection are available at the church entrances today, please take one on your way out today and return next week. The collection makes it possible to help the Society to carry on their great work throughout the year, we ask you to support generously.

Advent preparation for Christmas begins next Sunday.

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2nd Talk on Our Lady: The Parish Pastoral Council presents the 2nd Talk on Our Lady next Wednesday night in the Town Hall at 7.30pm. This talk is geared particularly to the young people. The talk will be given by a young layman from Galway: Gerard Hanley. Gerard played soccer for Ireland at U21 level and he is a great witness to faith for young people. We encourage all young people to come to this talk and we ask you all to spread the word and encourage the young people to come.

There was a wonderful gathering at the 1st talk given by Fr. Gerard Dunne O.P. Cork. It was obvious from what he said and the way he said it, that he has a great love for the Blessed Mother. Fr. Gerard spoke about Our Lady and Divine Mercy. The “Year of Mercy” comes to a close today. He asked what is Divine Mercy? To which he answered: the unmerited, the undeserved and the unrequested Grace of God. He informed us, that Our Lady was the recipient of Divine Mercy in being conceived without Original sin. She was full of Grace and chosen to be Mother of the Merciful Saviour. Fr. Gerard also spoke about his devotion to St. Teresa of Calcutta and about his experience of Confession as a young boy and a young man. It was a great presentation and I'm sure the young people will enjoy next week's presentation as well. It is not to be missed.

Feast of Christ the King: Where is He? Where can we find Him? In Heaven He can be seen face to face, but on earth He is disguised under the appearance of Bread, in the Holy Eucharist. This last Sunday of the Church Year, we honour in a special way, Christ as Our King, by making individually and as a family, a visit to the Church to honour His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist will be exposed on the Main Altar of the Parish Church from after the 11.30am Mass today, until Benediction at 7.15pm, before the Evening Mass. Let us make time this Sunday to honour the Lord Jesus, the Everlasting King.

Feast of Fanahan: St. Fanahan and the Brigown Monastery goes back to the 7th Century and this coming Friday we celebrate his Feast day, with Evening Mass at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. There will also be **Rosary today, Sunday at St. Fanahan's Well at 3.00pm and on Friday next at 3.00pm**. We acknowledge the founding Father of our Parish in St. Fanahan and we ask him and all the great Christians, down the generations, to intercede for a continued growth in Grace and Faith and to be protected and defended from the forces of darkness and evil.

C.B.S. Secondary School Parent's Council Fundraising BINGO Night. Tomorrow night, Monday, 21st November at 8.30pm in the School Hall. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Mitchelstown Branch Concern wish to sincerely thank all who supported their 12 hour fast on Friday last. To the many volunteers who gave freely of their time over the day and to the many people who contributed so generously we say thank you. A total of €3,015 was raised during the day. Sincere thanks also to Felix Walsh and his group from Anglesboro and friends in surrounding areas who ran a very successful Comhaltas night in the Ramble Inn with the entire fundraiser raising €927 which was also donated to Concern for the Haiti disaster. The total for the two events coming to €3,942 which Concern are most grateful for.

Ballygiblin National School Parents Association - are holding a **New & Used Fundraising Clothes Collection on 29th November 2016** at Ballygiblin National School. We collect New & Used Men's, Women's & Children's Clothing, Shoes, Belts, Handbags, Ties, Linens, Household Textiles and Stuffed Toys. (*Any condition once they are clean*) Mobile Phones (*please place in a separate bag*). Please Recycle & Support the Ballygiblin National School. Collection times are Monday 28th November from 6 to 8pm, Tuesday 29th November from 9am to 12md. Any queries Noelle 087-8158902.

RE: SUBMISSIONS TO CITIZENS ASSEMBLY: The campaign to remove the 1983 Pro-Life Amendment gathers pace, supported by vast sections of the media, pro-abortion groups and some politicians. It is being massively funded from abroad contrary to the stipulations of the Government's Standards in Public Offices Commission, without any Government reaction. The closing date for the Assembly to receive submissions on the Eighth Amendment (that protects unborn life) is 16th December 2016. Please make a submission to protect unborn life at all stages of gestation. Whether disabled or not, they are human beings. The website of the Assembly is www.citizensassembly.ie.

The **Annual Mass for Deceased Staff of An Garda Siochana** in Cork City Division will take place on Tuesday, 22nd November at St. Joseph's (SMA) Church, Wilton, at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2016 (last remaining seats) from 20th - 28th December for 8 nights. Price €1,374 pps. Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or 086-0572216 for more details.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club are having their annual Christmas Floral Charity Gala night in the Firgrove Hotel on Thursday 24th of November at 8.00pm sharp a great night is assured with raffle and refreshments served. Everyone welcome.

Galtee Runners Red Run – 4km Run/Jog/ Walk. Proceeds to Forrest Hall. **4th December at 12.30pm.** Start & Finish at Forrest Hall, New Square. Entry €5 – Family €20. Registration from 11.30am. Wear something Red. Treats at Finish.

LIAMS LIFTS – TRANSPORT FOR CANCER CARE: Volunteer Drivers needed in the Mitchelstown Area, to drive people to and from their cancer treatments in Cork Hospitals. If you have time and would like to join our pool of existing drivers, who provide this service, we would be delighted to hear from you. For more information contact Pat Walsh 087 – 215 8874

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection on next weekend 26th/27th November. We thank you for your generosity in the past, and we trust you will avail of this opportunity to help the less well-off families in our community. Many thanks.

Mitchelstown IFA in association with Gorta/Self Help Africa would like to thank all those who so generously contributed and facilitated the recently held Church Gate Collection. €870 was raised for this very worthwhile cause. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Meeting for Married Couples: In August 2018, at the request of Pope Francis, the Church's International Gathering of families will be held in Dublin. Between now and then, the Parish needs to focus its attention on the importance of the family and how to better support it and to bring healing to family hurts and struggles. To open up this focus, a meeting for all married couples will be held on **Monday night at 8.00pm in the Town Hall.** A presentation will be given by a married couple. At this time we very much need to reflect on how we can enrich and support one another as families. We encourage couples to come to this meeting, to begin a process of preparation for the 2018 celebrations.

Prayer to St. Fanahan

St. Fanahan you are known for your strength and self-denial. Obtain for our locality, a greater favour and dedication to the Christian Gospel. Through your intercession, ask the Lord to help us to be more aware of evil and how best to fight the forces and influences that keep us from being close to Christ and His Real Presence in Holy Eucharist. Ask the Lord to bring healing and forgiveness for our past sins and to free us from all that deceives us. Amen.

100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage 7th to 14th September 2017. Departing from Dublin 7 nights, Hotel Cinquentenarion, Cost €874 inclusive, including free coach transfer to and from Dublin Airport. Single room supplement €25 per night. Contact: Fr. McCarthy 021-4815619, Fr. Winkle 024-92270 for more information.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Carmel Jarman, King Square.

William Reidy, Croughmore.

Who died recently.

May They Rest In Peace

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

Aaron O'Gorman-O'Donnell

Luke Brett