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**Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week;
Phone Number: 087 – 2524979**

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 & 7.30pm.
Bank Holidays: 11am

MORNING PRAYER:

Monday – Friday: 8.00am

ROSARY:

Monday – Saturday: 9.45am

CONFESSIONS:

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

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

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.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30 a.m.**

First Friday: 7.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **7.00pm**

St. Joseph's Church, Killaclug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30 a.m.**

First Friday: 6.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

Next Sunday is the Feast of **The Ascension of the Lord and is World Communications Day.**

Permanent Diaconate: Applications for those interested in studying for the Permanent Diaconate should be made by May 31st See newsletter for more details

Pentecost Prayer Gathering: In the Town Hall on **Monday, May 29th at 7.30pm.** All welcome.

Collection for World Meeting of Families: The World Meeting of Families is taking place in Dublin in August 2018 and will be attended by Pope Francis. A special collection to prepare for the event will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Your support will be a great help to prepare for the event.

Episcopal Conference collection: Will be taken up today after Holy Communion. This Collection supports Faith Development, Education, Helplines and other National Church Services.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Blessed John O'Sullivan 1861-1933: Fr. John O'Sullivan was Beatified (declared blessed), at a Mass in the Jesuit Church, Gardiner St., Dublin on Saturday last. It was the first ever beatification ceremony to be held in Ireland. Blessed John was born into a mixed marriage, his mother being Catholic and his father Protestant. John was baptised into the Protestant faith, as was the custom for boys to follow their father. Blessed John had a 'comfortable' upbringing and was well educated and a good scholar. He studied law and the classics at Trinity College, Dublin and he also studied in London and travelled a lot. He loved cycling, walks and nature. At the age of 35 in 1896, he became a Catholic and four years later joined the Jesuits. After Ordination he was appointed as a teacher in the Jesuit Clongowes Wood College in Co. Kildare. He was a man of deep prayer, with an exceptional love for the poor and sick. He reached out to the afflicted and became known for his healing prayers over the sick. Both during his life and since his death, a number of miracles are attributed to his blessing and prayers. The miracle required and accepted for his beatification, was the cure of a woman with a cancerous tumour in her neck in 1954. The Beatification of Blessed John is a good news story for the Catholic Church in Ireland and reminds us of the good done by Catholic Priests and people down the generations. It is reliably recorded that Blessed John preached a mission in Mitchelstown Parish Church and also preached a retreat to the Presentation Sisters in the old Convent. We ask blessed John to intercede for us all and especially for our sick and troubled at this time.

Do it Anyway Poem: The original Author of the poem is believed to be Kent M. Keith, but was adopted by Mother Teresa and is displayed on the wall of the children's home in Calcutta. It teaches us to be good even though we may not be appreciated or rewarded.
People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.
Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.
In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Mass for Exam Students: The Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council is having Mass for all Exam Students on **Monday June 5th at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Before the Mass students will have an opportunity to write their first name on a piece of paper, which will be placed on the Altar during Mass. Parishioners will be invited to take a name and pray for the student throughout the exam period. All are welcome including family and friends.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group - Anyone interested in travelling to Lourdes, please contact Paddy Seery 083-8098286. We will be staying at the Eliseo Hotel, Lourdes, 200 meters from St. Joseph's Gate, it's the nearest hotel to the Grotto. From Wednesday 27th September to Monday, 2nd October 2017.

Mystery Tour Thursday, 13th July. Bus leaving The Mart Gate at 8.30am. Tour Costs €70.00, deposit of €20 required. Bring flat shoes. Contact Mary 087-9337753 or Diane 087-1478030. Bring a friend. Book early.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: Readers are needed for Sunday evening Mass 7.30pm. If Interested please contact the Parish 025-84062 or Canon Fitzgerald. You would be most welcome

St Thérèse – The Little Flower” Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. This year's Faith Camp will run from Monday July 17th to Thursday July 20th in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496

Mitchelstown P.T.A.A - 90th Anniversary with Mass and Presentations: Mitchelstown PTAA celebrates 90 years since its foundation in 1927 this year. A special Mass with presentation of Ten year, Golden and Silver Jubilarian badges, Fr. Cullen medal, 10 year certificate, 40 year, 60 year and 70 year diploma's will take place in the Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork on **Friday 23rd June 2017 at 7.30pm** to mark this Anniversary. The Main Celebrant at the Mass will be Bishop William Crean. It will also be the Annual Cloyne Diocesan PTAA Mass. If you are eligible to receive any of the above, please contact Catherine Hanley (Secretary) 087 7727496 or any member of the local Pioneer Council as soon as possible to arrange. Details on the notice board. All welcome.

Mitchelstown Defibrillator Committee AGM will take place on **Monday 22nd May at 8pm in Forrest Hall.** All are welcome.

Killaclaugh Choir: New members always welcome. Meet us after 10.30am mass any Sunday. There will be Choir today, Sunday 21st May and next Sunday 28th May. Choir Contact: Caitriona Fox 0863760487. Musicians & singers always welcome.

Camp Creideamh Faith Camps for teenagers will take place again in Knockadoon (East Cork) over the dates 4th – 10th June (Boys Camp) and 11th – 17th June (Girls Camp). For those who are Post-Primary school age. Activities will include catechesis, prayer, sports, hillwalking, kayaking, swimming, music, arts and crafts and other activities. For booking go to website: www.campcreideamh.ie. For more info ring Fr Eamon Roche on 086 9972539.

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes Collection in Ballygiblin N.S. Tuesday 30th May from 6pm to 8pm & Wednesday 31st May from 9am to 10am. No mobile phones. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

“COME AND SEE” Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. Saturday, 17th June. For young women interested in finding out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork. Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

Kate's Montessori Preschool: enrolments are now being taken for September 2018 for children from two and a half years. Free places on the E.C.C.E. Scheme for children from 3 years. Highly skilled staff trained to meet each child's individual needs. Large outdoor area and newly extended classroom.

Summer camp on 3rd, 4th & 5th of July from 9.30am to 1.30pm
Contact Hannah Kate Finn for all enquiries on 086-8237272.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club - Evening Outing at the Garden of James & Breda Hayes, Ashfield, Bansha, Co. Tipperary. **Thursday May 25th.** Meeting in Square at 6.30pm Sharp. Members & Non Members Welcome. Admission €8.00

May – The month dedicated to Mary, the Holy Mother of Jesus: Throughout the month, the Rosary will be recited at the Grotto on Cahir Hill **each evening at 8.00pm** (except on Thursdays, due to the Holy Hour, it will be on at 7.30pm).

Pray for us dear Mother, now and at the hour of our death.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: The Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 18th.** The route is up James's St., George's St., down Church St., onto Upper Cork St., and return to Town Square for Benediction.

Bus to Knock: Leaving the Town Square on **Saturday June 3rd at 7.15am.** Namesto Pat McEvoy, Sacristan or Patricia in the Parish Office.

Prospective candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Cloyne should make initial contact with Fr Bill Bermingham, Diocesan Director, or Fr Joseph O'Mahony, Assistant Director, by 31st May. The application process must be concluded by 30th June. Contact details: billbermingham@icloud.com or josephmahony1@eircom.net.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Br. John Joe Cahill, Mitchelstown

Who died recently.

May He Rest In Peace