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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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Catholic Schools week begins today.

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

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with special prayers for employment 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, Killacluig

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

First Friday: 6.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

Mass with Prayers for Healing: Fr. Michele Barone, from Naples will give a talk and lead prayers for healing at a Special Mass in the Parish Church **next Friday Evening at 7.00pm**. All welcome.

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Mass with Prayers for Healing: On next Friday night, 27th January, we have a visiting Italian Priest, who will speak at Mass and will offer prayers for healing. He will speak in Italian through an English interpreter. **The Mass will be at 7.00pm in the Parish Church and all are welcome.** Don Michele Barone is a native of Naples, Italy and is of THE ORDER OF THE LITTLE HOUSE NAZARETH, whose founder was Don Stefano and who was a personal friend of Padre Pio. He looks after many young people in Naples and gives them spiritual guidance. He looks after a housing project in Bosnia, where many houses were destroyed during the terrible war there. He is very concerned for young people and advises them on the dangers of today's world. He is also involved in the ministry of exorcism. Father Barone was a Vatican journalist and served under three Popes. He is also Spiritual Director to Vicka and Marijana of Medjugorje. Fr. Barone is gifted with the spirit of knowledge and particularly helpful to those suffering from depression and other problems. You are all most welcome to this evening of prayer and blessing and we pray that through it, that the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will strengthen us all, in these Spiritually challenging times.

Have you considered a Vocation to the Priesthood? If you are ever thinking of the Priesthood, then the following event is for you. The "Come and See" Vocations event will take place on the 17th & 18th February next, in the Pallottine House in Thurles. The event was also held last year and 18 men turned up. To book, contact Fr. Brian Boyle (029) 50061 or Fr. Damien Lynch (024) 92456 or e-mail: priesthood@cloynediocese.ie. Everyone will gather in Thurles at 6.00pm on Friday February 17th for dinner. Afterwards there is an informal chat, prayer, a talk and general discussion. The following morning, after breakfast, there is prayer, a brief talk from a young priest. There will be discussion time, individual chats and confessions. Mass will be at 12 noon followed by lunch. After lunch, there is a brief discussion and wrap up session. The event is open to men from the ages of 18 to 40. Advance booking required. If you know of anyone interested, pass the word on, and lets all pray for the gift of more vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate.

Fr. Patrick Cahill: Fr. Patrick will celebrate Mass next Saturday Evening in the Parish Church at 7.30pm and a social event will follow in the Forrest Hall. All are welcome. If you would like to contribute to a presentation to Fr. Patrick, boxes are available at all Church entrances today. The Parish Pastoral Council are organising the event.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club A.G.M. followed by a special guest on **Thursday January 26th** in the Town Hall at 8.00pm refreshments served, everyone welcome, new members specially welcome

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Experience the **CHRISTMAS STORY** in the land where it actually happened. Take the **TRIP** of a **LIFETIME** to the **HOLY LAND, June 12th-22nd 2017**. Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). Contact Mícheál at 086-8337681 or e-mail culturaltoursireland@gmail.com

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Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2017: 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. Under the Direction of Bishop Crean, Bishop of Cloyne. September 7th 2017 - September 14th 2017. 7 nights Full Board in Fatima (Portugal). Cost €874 Per Person Sharing. 7 nights in Hotel Cinquentenario. Cost includes free coach transfer to and from Dublin Airport. There are a few places still available. To be guaranteed of a place fill out a booking form and pay deposit of €200. Contact Fr. Winkle 024 92270, Fr McCarthy 021 4815619; Nora 087 2509184 or Pilgrimages Abroad/Lauri Duffy Travel Dublin. (01) 635 9300. info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie

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Cathedral Pipe Organ Restoration Project: The Massive Pipe Organ in St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh, is being renovated for the Centenary of the dedication of the Cathedral, in August 2019. The cost of the restoration is €750,000, and every parish in the Diocese is being asked to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made through the Parish not the Diocese. As a token of appreciation of any contributions made, every Parish in the Diocese will be presented with a framed copy of the Patron Saint of the Parish, which is depicted in the windows of the Cathedral. Parishioners will be invited to the Cathedral for the presentation.

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - C.B.S. PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Is hosting a **FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA**, At the Firgrove Hotel

On Friday, 3rd March at 8.00 p.m.

All proceeds to C.B.S. Primary School. A great night assured.

BINGO - CBS Primary Parent Council are hosting Bingo at the Town Hall on **Sunday, 12th February at 2.30pm**. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Rockwell College Scholarship: A scholarship Exam for Rockwell College will take place on Saturday January 28th. The Scholarship Exam takes place at 9.30am to 12.45pm. For Further Details contact the school at (062)61444 info@rockwellcollege.ie.

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Kids & Coffee Parent & Toddler Group meets in Ballindangan Community Centre every Friday from 10.30am -12pm. New members always welcome. €2 per adult. For details see Ballindangan Kids & Coffee on Facebook

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TONE UP FOR OVER 60'S – Classes on Wednesday nights at Tesco, Mitchelstown at 7pm. Contact Seamus 087-3589734 for details. Join **MITCHELSTOWN OPERATION TRANSFORMATION WALK/RUN** from Leisure Centre, every Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm.

Upcoming Event: **The 26th Divine Mercy Conference** will take place in the RDS, Dublin on from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February. The theme of the conference this year is "Have Mercy on Us... And on the Whole World". Guest speakers; Fr. Bernard Guckian ST, Fr. Michael Maher SM, Robert Stackpole (USA, Author, Educator), Canon Michael Fitzgerald (Mitchelstown), Frances Hogan (Author, EWTN), Denise Kelly (Pro Life Testimony). A bus will travel to the conference on Saturday 25th February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

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Bunscoil na Toirbhirte (Presentation Primary School, Mitchelstown) Enrolments will take place for children intending to start school in the Autumn (August / September 2017) from **Monday, 23rd January to Friday, 27th January 2017**. Enrolment forms available at the office, during that week and an opportunity for prospective parents to meet with the Principal on an individual basis. (9am -12.30pm and 1pm-2.30pm daily) during the week beginning 23rd January. Enrolments also on Tuesday 24th January from 6.15-7.15pm for people unable to call to the school during the day. Please note that our school has a well organised Special Educational Needs team of staff, co-ordinated by our Deputy Principal and also has a Special Class for children with mild general learning disabilities (MGLD).

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BINGO - Transition Year Students from CBS Secondary, Mitchelstown are holding a **BINGO NIGHT** on **Monday the 30th of January at 8pm**. Raffle on the night with lots of great spot prizes. Refreshments served on the night. All are very welcome.

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Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday, 1st February from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday, 31st January or call the Information Line on 085-2888 88. Anam Cara has recently produced some important new resources – all developed by bereaved parents themselves.

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Knock Shrine Pilgrimage to New York: A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from 8th – 14th May 2017. Flying directly from Ireland West Airport to JFK with Aer Lingus Private Charter, the pilgrimage offers the chance to be a part of a memorable and historic trip. The full itinerary includes a special Requiem Mass on Saturday 13th at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral for the re-interment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock witnesses, which will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. If you would like to find out more or make an enquiry, please contact the tour operators Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 241 0800 or e-mail bronwyn.clinton@joewalstours.ie

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

Seán Roche. Aodhán Lambe