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● **Short Retreat:** This Sunday afternoon October 22nd in the Town Hall 2.30-5.30pm. The Retreat will be given by Fr. Colum & Fr. Felix from Spain. All are welcome.

● **Collection for Missions:** The 2nd collection today is for the work of the Missions and will be taken up after Holy Communion. Your offerings greatly help our Missionaries in the poorest parts of the World.

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 all Missionaries and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 9.30am. First Friday: 7.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: 7.00pm.

St. Joseph's Church, Killaclug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 10.30am. First Friday: 6.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: 6.00pm.

● It is with great joy we welcome the ordination of six Permanent Deacons for service in the Diocese of Cloyne. These appointments will take effect on November 1st next.

Rev. Brian Williams to serve in the parish of Macroom.
Rev. John Nestor to serve in the parish of Youghal.
Rev. Peter Gurbal to serve in the parish of Carrigtwohill.
Rev. Edward Mulhare to serve in the parish of Middleton.
Rev. Garrett Cody to serve in the parish of Blarney.
Rev. Damian McCabe to serve in the parish of Cobh.

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Keep Sunday Holy: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work (Exodus 20:8-10). The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath (Mark 2:27-28).

“For in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it (Exodus 20:11). The people of Israel, the chosen people, fulfilled the above Commandment of God every Saturday. Keeping the day Holy, connected them to the God who had chosen them, saved them and blessed them. By this Law God prepared His people for the coming of His Son. Christian believers celebrate the Command of the Sabbath on Sunday, because it is the day of the Resurrection of the Lord. We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord by participating in the Holy Eucharist. This is the heart of the Church's life. It is the heart of the Parish. The Catechism states: “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for serious reason or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation, commit a grave sin (2181). Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to His Church (2182). In order to make it easier for the faithful to fulfil this obligation, the Church allowed and provided Masses on Saturday evenings and Sunday evenings. It is important for believers to understand this teaching.

It was, with this very much in mind, that we moved First Holy Communion to Sunday next year. It is important for families and for children to know the reasons and the seriousness of the obligations. Can we teach a child the importance of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, without also teaching them to keep Holy the Day of the Lord. St. John Paul II in his apostolic letter on the importance of Sunday (1998). “It is first of all the parents who must teach their children to participate in Sunday Mass; they are assisted in this by catechists, who are to see to it that initiation into Mass is made a part of the formation imparted to the children entrusted to their care, explaining the important reasons behind the obligation”. For a child to have a basic understanding of who and what they are receiving on First Holy Communion Day, they need to participate in Mass every Sunday. The teachers in school explain this to the children and the parish supports this, by encouraging the children to participate in Mass.

As a Parish, Priests and People, we need to renew our understanding and commitment to the importance of the Sunday Eucharist. Our worship of God needs to be sincere, committed and faithful. The blessings follow.

Invitation for young people to a prayer meeting in UCC with Brother Jean-Marie from the Taizé Community in France, This Sunday 22nd October at 4.30pm.

Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council invites you to a **Special Mass** in the Parish Church, Mitchelstown on **Thursday 9th November at 8pm** for all those who died in the past year, from **1st November 2016 to 31st October 2017**. The families of all those whose funerals took place in the Parish will be contacted. Parishioners whose relatives died outside the Parish in the past year, should contact the Parish Office by **4th November**, if you would like the name of your loved one to be remembered on the night. The Mass will be live on the Parish Radio and the Internet.

Day of Reflection at Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Mallow on Saturday, 17th November 10am – 4pm led by Fr. John Callanan SJ. Guided meditative prayer, taking account of our treasured memories, the situation of our lives and our hopes, opening up new pathways to God. Bookings to 022-26411 by 26 October.

Pioneer Pledge for November for the Holy Souls: November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise. Take the short-term Pioneer pledge this November. If interested please give your names to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council members.

Pioneers Total Absence Association: Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? Would you consider becoming a Pioneer? Through prayer and this self-sacrifice, you can help someone. If you would like any information on becoming a Pioneer and what it entails, please give your name to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan and one of the Pioneer Council members will contact you.

Occupational First Aid /Paediatric First Aid Refresher Course on Saturday 11th November, at Mulberry Montessori Pre-school, Mitchelstown. 9.00am to 5.30 pm. Contact: mulberrymontessori@gmail.com for further details.

"Bring and Buy Sale" The Mitchelstown Cope Association are presently organising this Fundraising Event. All proceeds go towards the very special needs required for the Cope Residents in Ballinwillin, Mitchelstown. Donations of saleable goods, such as unwanted gifts, Christmas items, paintings, jewellery, games, toys, china, kitchen ware, handbags/shoes and other items are very welcome and much appreciated. This event will take place on **Thursday, 26th October, in Forrest Hall, New Square, Mitchelstown, from 10am to 1pm.** Collection or Drop off for any items available. Contact Mary on 087/2295839 or Jennifer 087-4373994. Hamper Raffle. Home Baking Sale. All support would be greatly appreciated.

Annual Table Quiz for the Thursday Friendship Club, Friday, October 27th at 9.15pm sharp in The Hunters Rest, Mitchelstown. The cost per team of four is 40 euro. There will be refreshments served on the night and a raffle with many excellent spot prizes. All monies raised will help support the services which are used by the elderly.

The Joy of Love in Marriage: A Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rediscover the joy of their love. The next Residential Weekend will be from **17th to 19th November 2017** at **The Lake Hotel, Killarney**. For information and to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call (086) 609 5168 or (064) 6644319

AUTUMN STATIONS 2017

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

OCTOBER

Mon. 23 rd	Kildrum & Garryleigh	Joe & Tina O'Sullivan
Fri. 27 th	Furrow & Gurteenaboul	Seamus & Mary Fleming
Fri. 27 th	Ballybeg, Turbeigh, Ballybeg Road & Glenatluckey	Assumpta Roche
Fri. 27 th	Demesne	Michael & Eileen English

EASTER PILGRIMAGE 28th March to 2nd April 2018 to Fatima in Portugal for 6 days ex Dublin, Led by Fr. Kevin O'Boyle. Price includes Hotels, Return Flights, Buses and Food. Also included is Mass in Saint Anthony's Church in Lisbon where Saint Anthony was born. Station of the Cross and mass in Fatima. Don't be disappointed so Book Early as 100 euro deposit secures place. For Brochure contact James Treacy 0860572216 or 061921470 after 9pm

Fr Brian Boyle invites you to the launch of his second collection of Spiritual Poetry & Reflections. The Book, entitled "Prayer of the Seasons" will be officially launched by Bishop William Crean, at **Cobh Heritage Centre, On Thursday 26th October at 8pm.** All are Welcome! Admission Free. Cheese, Wine, & Soft Drinks reception from 7.45pm. Book costs €15.

Cork Simon Community Office Volunteers Required: Do you have two mornings or afternoons per week to assist Cork Simon Communion administration staff in their vital work? We require people with excellent Word, Excel, Data Entry and Phone Skills. Please contact Caroline at fundraising@corksimon.ie

St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork: Day of Recollection. **Saturday 28th October, 9am-3.30pm.** The theme is Devotion to Mary in the Spirituality of Mother Marie Adele Garnier. Lunch Provided - please book your place by calling Mother Prioress on 4811354 or email cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady: As Catholics, images and statues are reminders to us of God's presence and love. We don't worship statues, but we hold them and place them in our homes and in other buildings, to remind us that the living God is with us. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available for visitation to the homes of the parish. If you would like to have the statue for a week, contact the Parish Office, or the Sacristy.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wednesday 1st November from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age you child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –David Mulcahy, 2 Robert Street. Who died recently.
May He Rest In Peace

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