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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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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 anointing of the sick, prayers for healing 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, Killaclaug

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

First Friday: 6.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

Today is **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Divine Mercy devotions in the Parish Church 2.00-5.00pm. A number of Priests will hear Confessions and the guest speaker is Sr. Consilio (Founder of Cuan Mhuire). Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet, Adoration and Mass. Fr. Tom Breen P.P. Ballylanders will be main Celebrant of the Mass.

WORD OF THANKS: We, the Priests of the Parish, would like to thank you for your Easter Offerings and for your generosity to all Church collections, may God reward you.

TROCAIRE BOXES: All remaining Trócaire offerings should be handed in as soon as possible.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Divine Mercy Sunday: Let us gaze at the image of the Merciful Jesus today. On January 2nd 1934, St. Faustina, the Polish Nun Visionary, first visited the painter, who was to paint her vision of the Merciful Jesus. Jesus explained to St. Faustina “The two rays (emanating from the Heart of Jesus) denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water, which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood, which is the life of souls.... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My Tender Mercy when My agonised Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy.



Priests, on this day, are to tell the whole world of My great Mercy: that whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy. Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but doesn't believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice, but do not believe in My Goodness. My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy. Proclaim that Mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with Mercy” (299-301)

When St. Faustina first saw the printer's impression of her vision, she was sad and wept a good deal. She said to the Lord, “who will paint you as beautiful as you are?” Then she hears these words: “Not in the beauty of the colour, nor of the brush, lies the greatness of this image, but in My Grace”. Today at all Masses we will solemnly bless the Image of the Merciful Jesus as revealed to St. Faustina. Let us all have confidence in His Great Mercy.

Special Celebration: To mark Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be a special celebration in the Parish Church, Mitchelstown **2.00-5.00pm**. Sr. Consilio, (founder of a number of centres for treatment of those suffering addictions) will be the guest speaker. Fr. Tom Breen P.P. Ballylanders will be the Main Celebrant of the Mass. We will have Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy, Adoration and Mass. Everyone is encouraged to join in the singing. We are going to have a Feast of Mercy with a number of priests available for Confession. May the Lord be praised for His Goodness.

Message from Bishop William Crean: We are fortunate in Ireland to have the privilege of hosting the World Meeting of Families in 2018 (WMOF18). It gives the Irish Church the opportunity to celebrate family life and focus on the challenges facing Irish families today. Pope Francis, who has personally chosen Ireland for this event, tells us that “the welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the World and of the Church.” (AL 31). So I invite you to join with us as we prepare for this great world family occasion. On Sunday the 7th May, we will host a Diocesan Forum in Springfort Hall, which will be an occasion for us to listen and discern how the people of our Diocese wish to prepare for WMOF18. Then I will celebrate Mass to launch our preparations in the Holy Family Church in Youghal on Saturday 20th May at 7.30pm.

Mitchelstown Community Pre-School: Enrolments are now being taken for August/September 2017. Operating E.C.C.E. Scheme (*free school year*). Experienced and Fully Trained Staff. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Mary at 086-883 2533 or home 025-24697, or Tina at 086-8454870.

Mitchelstown Community Council CLG: The **Annual General Meeting** of Mitchelstown Community Council CLG will be held in Forrest Hall on **Tuesday, 25th April at 8pm**. The newly elected President of Muintir na Tire, Mr. Michael Sweeney and the Cork County Development Officer of Cork Federation of Muintir na Tire, Mr. Denis Kelly will be attending. This is the first AGM of the Company to be held in Forrest Hall and all are welcome. The Council are fundraising at the moment, in aid of Forrest Hall, book of four tickets for €5 or €2 per ticket, tickets are on sale at Reception in Forrest Hall or from any Council Members, please support this worthy cause. There will be a raffle on the night and we have many prizes, kindly sponsored by local businesses. Light refreshments will be served after the draw and meeting.

KNOCK – Eucharistic Adoration Day in Knock. Bus to Knock on **Sunday, 30th April 2017**. Coach leaving: **The Square in Mitchelstown at 6.45am**, Ballylanders Village (outside Church) at 7.00am, Galbally (The Square) at 7.15am, Garryspillane, Knocklong at 7.30am, Hospital (The Church) at 7.45am. Stopping in Gort for Breakfast & Evening Meal. Adults €20, Children €10. Contact Anna Buckley, Ballylanders 087-7873743, Rena Upton, Glenbrohane 087-9831896, Catherine O’Neill, Galbally 062-37937. **Bookings BEFORE Wednesday 26th April.**

Mitchelstown Active Retired Group: The Group meet every Wednesday from 2 – 4pm at the Town Hall in Thomas Street. We are a small group and would be delighted to welcome new members. If you are too shy to walk in, why not phone Mary 025-86867 or 087-9337753. There is no membership fee, but members make a small contribution each time they attend.

Volunteers Needed! The Cork Association for Autism needs your help on Friday April 28th & May 5th for our Flag Day collections across Cork city & county. Please call 021 453 3642 or email fundraising@corkautism.ie

MITCHELSTOWN FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB on **Thursday April 27th at 8.15pm (note to change of venue) Forrest Hall, New Square, Mitchelstown** are having a slide show with "Miko O'Grady" on his travels around the world. Something for everyone. A night not to be missed. All are welcome

Faithcast is the new weekly podcast from catholicnews.ie, the news source for the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference. Presented by Brenda Drumm. Faithcast is a mixture of interviews and news snippets from the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is published every Monday and is available on catholicnews.ie

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION: We look forward to having many members and friends join us at our First Annual Retreat/Conference, Wednesday & Thursday, 26th & 27th April 2017. Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, (easy access from M50, close by to Luas station with connecting from Heuston Station). Theme “Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God”. Included amongst our Speakers will be Kate Liffey, National Catechetical Association, Fr. Benny McHale, Croi Nua Spirituality Centre, Galway, Catherine Wiley, Founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association. (Limited space available). Two days with full board all-inclusive €160 per person
Day only attendance for two days €120 per person
Further information and application form available from Connie on 098 24877 email catholicgrandparents@gmail.com

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE ex Cork: 24th May to 31st May €669 - Contact Ann Horgan 085 1201971. 30th Aug to 6th Sept €709 - Contact Angela Gowing 087 6140076
We are part of the Medjugorje Prayer Group that meets in Holy Trinity Church, Fr Matthew Quay, Cork, every Wednesday at 8pm and have been going for nearly 30 years.

Power & Glory at Curraghmore House; join Mitchelstown Heritage Society for a public talk by Historian and Author Julian Walton, next Wednesday, April 26th in the Mitchelstown Town Hall at 8pm. Home to the de la Poer family for over 800 years. It sits in a beautiful estate of over 3,000 acres, with its stunning shell house, this landscaped paradise is a jewel in the crown of country estates in Ireland. Julian is cataloguing the Curraghmore collection of art, sculpture, historic documents and much more. Learn of this family and their home, its history, contents and landscaping. The lecture is open to the public, there is a small charge of €3 for Heritage Society members, €5 for non-members, light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Cloyne Diocesan Forum Bishop William invites you to join him for this meeting of parish representatives and family support agencies to discern how we might best prepare for the WMOF18. **Sunday May 7th 2017 at 2.00pm Springfort Hall Mallow, Co Cork.** Keynote Speaker Martin Kennedy Pastoral Programme Coordinator WMOF18. Also presentations from family support agencies on their work. If you wish to attend please register by texting 086 0640249 or email info@cloynediocese.ie