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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 11AM WEDNESDAY

● **Mass in Clonmel Road Cemetery:** The Mitchelstown Community Council invite you to Mass in the Old Burial Ground, where the Workhouse was on Clonmel Road on **NEXT Tuesday evening, July 25th at 7.30pm.** All welcome.

● **Emergency Collection for East Africa:** This collection will be taken up today after Holy Communion.

● **Special Divine Mercy Celebration: Next Thursday Evening at 7.30pm** with Mass, Talk on Divine Mercy and Michael the Archangel and Blessing with Relic of St. Faustina. The Celebrant is Fr. Peter from Poland. All welcome. This Celebration will take the place of the Eucharistic Healing Hour.

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

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, Killaclaug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am.**

First Friday: 6.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm.**

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The Rosary & The Power of Prayer:

Not every Rosary miracle in the 20th Century involved wars and revolutions. In 1978, the Rosary saved a young woman from being raped and killed by the infamous serial killer Ted Bundy.

Responsible for at least 30 brutal and sadistic murders, Ted Bundy was eventually caught and executed by electric chair in 1989. Before his death, he testified to an aspect of one of his killing sprees in Florida that not even he understood.

On the evening of January 15, 1978, Bundy broke into a sorority house at Florida State University in Tallahassee and brutally assaulted and killed several young women. However, one of the women in the house remained completely untouched, even though she had come face-to-face with the killer. When police arrived at the scene of the brutal murders, they found the young woman in a near catatonic state, unwilling to speak to anyone but a priest. A local priest, Monsignor William Kerr, was called to the scene to speak to the woman. She told him that after Ted Bundy had killed two of her sorority sisters and severely harmed two others, he opened the door to her room, ready to kill her. Oddly, when Bundy opened the door and saw her lying in bed, he dropped his weapon and ran away. The young woman told Monsignor Kerr that before she had gone off to college, she had promised her mother that every night before going to bed, she would pray a Rosary for protection. That particular night, she had fallen asleep while praying the Rosary. The Rosary was in her hand when Bundy opened the door and looked at her.

Incredibly, when Ted Bundy was on death row, he asked for spiritual guidance from Monsignor William Kerr, the same priest that had talked to the young woman on the night of the murders. In the course of their conversation, Bundy informed Monsignor Kerr that he had no idea why he had not killed the young woman. He said that when he had gotten to her room, he had had every intention of killing her, but a mysterious force prevented him from entering the room, and he dropped his weapon and fled. He didn't know it, but that mysterious force was the Rosary!

Return visit of Fr. Peter (Piotr) Prusakiewicz, of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel, Warsaw, Poland. He is regarded as a world renowned expert on Divine Mercy, St. Faustina and the Holy Angels. He was born in Poland in 1963 and ordained a Priest on May 23rd 1990. He speaks very good English. From 1993-1996 he served as Chaplain to the congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, where St. Faustina began her religious life. Here he learned much about her character, trials, spiritual battles and revelations given to St. Faustina. Fr. Peter has for 14 years travelled the world proclaiming and explaining the Divine Mercy devotion and more recently the Holy Angels.

On Thursday, July 27th Fr. Peter will make his third visit to Mitchelstown and celebrate Holy Mass and preach in the Parish Church at 7.30pm. He will give a further talk after Holy Mass and individual blessing of the first class Relic of St. Faustina. All are welcome.

Drought Crisis in East Africa: You may be aware that there will be an emergency collection in Aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa in Parishes across Ireland and Northern Ireland on this **weekend of 22nd & 23rd July**. Nearly 25 million people in Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food and water, due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation. Needs are enormous. Trócaire volunteers will speak at Mass next Sunday.

Get your Summer Holiday Reading at the Ozanam Shop, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown, 025 84733. Fiction €2; Non-Fiction €1; Children's Books 50c. Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 10am–1pm & 2pm–4.45pm, Sat: 10am-1pm. All proceeds go to your local Society of St. Vincent de Paul

MASS FOR HEALING OF FAMILIES - Church of the Assumption Ballylanders

On the **Tuesday August 8th at 8pm**. Celebrant Fr Brendan Walsh Pallottine, Thurles 087 7873743

August 22nd-24th 3 day Pilgrimage to Knock and Lough Derg. All in Package includes visit to Knock, day retreat on Lough Derg, Coach for 3 days, Breakfasts, Evening meals and Accommodation in Bundoran. Early booking is advised. Deposit secures booking. Contact Cormac O'Connor Coach Tours on 023-8849196, 087-6167835 for further details.

Legion of Mary Meeting every Tuesday night at 6.30pm in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. New members always welcome.

Days of Recollection at St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork. with reflection on the spirituality of Servant of God Marie Adele Garnier and opportunity for Adoration and Liturgical prayer. The next one is on 29th July. On 12th August talks will be given by longstanding researcher and promoter of her cause, Mother M Xavier McMonagle OSB. For more information contact Mother Prioress on 021 4811354 cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com. Admission free, donations welcome to cover costs.

Legion of Mary Visitation: Legion of Mary Members from around the Country will be visiting our Parish on Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th August. They will be visiting homes on behalf of the Parish. Please pray for success of the visit.

Bishops announce collection in aid of east Africa hunger crisis: The Irish Catholic Bishops have announced that special collections will take place at Masses across Ireland on the weekend of 22 and 23 July to fund life-saving aid for people currently affected by the devastating hunger crisis in east-Africa. The money raised will be donated to Trócaire, the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, which is delivering emergency food, water and health care to the 25 million people affected. Severe drought, driven by climate change, is currently affecting Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia and this has resulted in failed harvests and the widespread death of livestock. The United Nations has described the situation in the drought-ravaged parts of Africa as the greatest humanitarian crisis since the Second World War. Bishop William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne and chairperson of Trócaire, says the agency is already working on the ground saving lives and that with the support of parishioners here at home in the coming weeks, many tens of thousands more people will receive help. Bishop Crean said, "The world is distracted by the actions of a handful of powerful politicians, while in east Africa millions suffer in silence. It is unacceptable for so many to go hungry." For information on how to donate to Trócaire's east Africa hunger crisis appeal see www.trocaire.org.

Be alert and open to 'a new Pentecost in Ireland' - Archbishop Eamon Martin Archbishop Eamon Martin has said that he longs for "a New Pentecost in Ireland", a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit to transform and renew the faith in Ireland. Archbishop Eamon was speaking at the Summit '17 Conference in Croke Park on Thursday 13 July. Addressing the large gathering of young people, Archbishop Eamon said "I am convinced that the Spirit is actively at work in Ireland today preparing us for a new springtime of growth and abundance in faith. But this will only flourish if we are alert and open to the Spirit's calling and gifting of many people for the service of the Gospel in this time and in this place. The mission and challenge that we share as lay faithful, religious and priests, is to speak faith, hope and love into a world that is darkened by violence, war, greed and despair; a world that is divided more than ever into those who have and those who have not. Into this world the Spirit anoints us, gifts us, sends us out to renew the face of Earth." You can read the full text of Archbishop Eamon's homily on catholicbishops.ie.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Mary Dold (née O'Donnell), *Mitchelstown*.

James (Jim) O'Donoghue, *formerly Mitchelstown*.

Diarmuid (Dermot) O'Leary.

Edward (Ned) O'Brien, *Castle Lodge, King Square*.

Who died recently.

May They Rest In Peace