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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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**Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council**

● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special prayers for peace, veneration of the Infant Jesus and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

#### 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  
Saturday morning: 10.00am only

**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

Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 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:** Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: **6.00pm**.

**Confessions after Mass on the First Saturday of the Month**

**St. Joseph's Church, Killaclaug**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am**.

**Confessions after 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Mass**

**God's Healing Hands:** A Healing Service will be celebrated in the Holy Family Church, Ballygiblin on Sunday evening, **30<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm** by Fr. T.C. Anthony, Spiritual Healing Priest, based in Carmelite Community in Kildare. Everybody welcome.

The **Cloyne Diocesan Directories** are for sale today. Price €3.00. The Directory lists all the Clergy & phone numbers of the Diocese.

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Mass for Volunteers:** In order to express our appreciation for the generous and selfless work of our Parish Volunteers, the **Saturday evening 7.30pm Mass in the Parish Church on January 12<sup>th</sup> will be offered for the intentions of all.** The People and the Clergy of the Parish wish to express their thanks for the many and various services our Volunteers give. These services can only be adequately rewarded in Heaven, but even Heaven desires that we should express appreciation also to one another while here on Earth. The Mass on January 12<sup>th</sup> will be a Mass of thanksgiving to God and to one another. The whole Parish is invited to participate in this Mass to express gratitude to God for all the graces given to us. It is the Lord we serve in hidden and unseen ways. Each person contributes to the well-being of the Parish, ensuring the comfort of future generations. It would be fitting to name and acknowledge the multitude of services, but it becomes an endless list. Just be assured of the gratitude of God and of the whole Parish Community. The Mass will be followed by a social gathering in the Forrest Hall and all are welcome.

**Welcome Home:** We extend a special welcome to all our visitors joining family and friends to celebrate Christmas. You will all be especially in our prayers during the Christmas Masses. Jesus was born in a family, familiar with all the trials of family life. Jesus was born in our world to reveal the love of God and to guide, help and save us all. We join together in the song of the Angels: "Glory to God in the highest Heaven and peace to people who enjoy His favour." (*Lk 2:14*)  
A very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year to everyone.

### Christmas Mission 2018 -- "Tidings of Great Joy"

**Week 4**

**Virtue: Love**

**Mission: Go to Christmas Mass and invite someone who maybe wouldn't go otherwise, to go with you.**

This week's event is **Adoration of the Baby Jesus on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm**. A special Christmas Holy Hour. During the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we will be singing Christmas Carols, as we join the Holy Family and all the Shepherds adoring Baby Jesus. We will also have the opportunity to come forward and venerate the statue of Baby Jesus. Come join us, as we welcome the Lord into the world and into our hearts!

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES:**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, MITCHELSTOWN:**

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) – 12pm to 1pm & 3pm to 4pm.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:**

Confession after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLAULIG:**

Confession after 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December

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**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** will close on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am and resume after the 11am Mass on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> December.

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**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**

**PARISH CHURCH:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve:

Morning Prayer: 8.00am

Morning Masses: 8.30am & 10.00am

Vigil of the Nativity: 7.30pm

Night Mass of Nativity: 10.00pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day:

Masses: 8.30am, 10.00am & 11.30am (Note extra 10.00am morning Mass)

*N.B.: No Evening Mass on Christmas Day*

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of St. Stephen, 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr - Mass at 11.00am.

**Weekday Masses** from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11am only.

**Feastdays: Tuesday** – St. Stephen, **Wednesday** – St. John, the Apostle,

**Thursday** – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

**Christmas Offering for the Priests:** will be taken up on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. We thank you for your support.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLAULIG:**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day: Mass: 10.00am

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve: Night Mass of Nativity: 6pm

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**Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group is celebrating 21 years, 1998 – 2019.**

Anyone interested in travelling with us next September, the 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September in our 21<sup>st</sup> year. Please contact Patrick Seery 083-8098286.

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Get your **Christmas Reading** at the Vincent de Paul Shop, Thomas Street. Special selection of Christmas books, adults and children's all at 50c. Enquires to 025-84733.

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The **Parish Office** is closed for the Christmas Holidays from Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December to Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

There will be No Newsletter the weekend of the, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting our Newsletter during 2018 and look forward to dealing with you in 2019.

*Wishing you all a very Happy Peaceful Christmas and the very best for 2019.*

**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre**, Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown **Will be closed for the Christmas Holidays** from Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 usual hours.

Tel: 0761 07 8030 E-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 1.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.

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Wishing all the children families and friends of **Bright Sparks** a happy and peaceful Christmas. Our **Christmas Cracker Camp** will take place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January.** WEDNESDAY; Pizza making. THURSDAY; spa day for kids (wear your pyjamas).FRIDAY; Operation Transformation! (Wear the runners!).Prebook your place at 086-2653839 or call 025 86799. PRICES; €20 9am to 12pm or €40 for the full day... great fun for great kids.Camp suitable for age 3 years upwards.

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On behalf of **The Irish Blood Transfusion Service.** Please pass on our thanks to all who contributed to the running of this Clinic. **215** Donors attended our Blood Donor Clinic in **The Firgrove Hotel.** This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. The precious gift of Blood brings life and hope to our hospital patients and their communities.

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**Society of St. Vincent Paul:**Our Society wish to sincerely thank all who subscribed so generously to our Annual Christmas Collection recently. It was very successful and will help us make Christmas a little brighter for so many families and individuals. Our thanks also, to our Clergy, our Sacristans and Collectors, who were so co-operative. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year, and to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

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**Guided FESTIVE CULTURE WALKS** Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> with IRISH FAMILY SEARCH starting at Clongibbon Hotel 3pm to 4.30 pm. Adults €5 Kids free.

**FAMILY HISTORY EXHIBITION** “Where to begin to find your ancestral roots” currently at Mitchelstown library.

Enrol for classes in January on “How to trace your Irish Roots - 087.3589734.

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**TEAMHOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL:**3718 Gift packed boxes from Mitchelstown / Fermoy area. 1033 went to Odessa in the Ukraine and 2685 to Romania. We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU**, to all who donated a box, the school children, the staff, parents and the public. We would also like to say thank you, to our drop off points, Ozanam Centre, Farrell's Supervalu and Price Savers. 3718 Happy faces on Christmas morning thanks to your kindness, so until next year, Beannacht Nollaig agus go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Patrick Whelan, Mulberry.

Kathleen Nolan, Robert Street

Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*