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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

- **Next Saturday night, 30th June, at 7.30pm Mass, we give thanks to God for Canon O’Leary being a Priest for Sixty years.** The Mass will be followed by a social gathering in Forrest Hall. All welcome.
- **St. Fanahan’s Well Mass:** Will take place at the Well on **Monday night at 7.30pm.** Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. is the Main Celebrant. All welcome.
- **Marshallstown Cemetery:** The Annual Mass will take place in the Cemetery on **Monday night week, July 2nd at 7.30pm.** All welcome.
- **Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of July.**
- **Bus to Final Mass in the Phoenix Park with Pope Francis on Sunday, 26th August.** Names to Parish Office **No Later than 9am THIS Monday morning, June 25th or to the Sacristy over this weekend.** Only a few seats left

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
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.

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with special prayers for healing of past hurts and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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.**

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Helpless woman and the Doctor who Doesn’t believe in God: Dr. Abraham, a well-known cancer specialist, was once on his way to an important conference in another city where he was going to receive an award in the field of medical research. He was excited about the award and so boarded a plane to the venue. However, two hours after the plane took off, it made an emergency landing at the nearest airport due to a technical problem. Afraid that he would not make it in time to the conference, he immediately went to the reception to make enquiries. He found out that he would have to wait ten hours for the next flight to his destination! He rented a car and drove himself to the conference city which was four hours away. Soon after he left, the weather changed and a heavy storm began. The downpour made it difficult for him to see so he missed a turn he was supposed to take. Driving in the heavy rain on a deserted road, feeling hungry and tired, he frantically began to look for any sign of civilization. He came across a small tattered house and knocked on the door. A beautiful lady opened the door. He explained his situation and wanted to use the lady’s telephone but she had no telephone. She however asked him to come inside and wait till the weather improved. The doctor who was hungry and exhausted accepted the offer. The lady offered him something to eat and drink. She asked him to join her in prayers but he declined. According to him, he believed in hard work, not in prayers! Sitting at the table and sipping his tea, the doctor watched the woman pray many times beside a baby’s crib. Feeling that the woman might be in need of help, the doctor asked her what exactly she needed from God and asked if God ever listened to her prayers. When he inquired of the child in the crib, the woman explained that her son was down with cancer. And they had been advised to see a doctor named Abraham who could cure him but she did not have enough money to afford his fees. She said that God had not yet answered her prayers but said that God would create some way out one day. She added that she would not allow her fears to overcome her faith! Stunned and speechless, Dr. Abraham began to weep! He was forced to say out loud, “GOD IS GREAT” and recollected to the woman, all the sequence of bad events: malfunction on the plane, a thunderstorm and how he lost his way. All of which had happened because God answers prayers, wanted to give him a chance to come out of his bondage of materialistic career pursuit and give some time to a poor, helpless woman who had nothing but rich prayers!

Oh! What a God! God may not answer your prayers YOUR WAY but he will always answer HIS way. Behind the scenes, he will move men, the weather, events, circumstances, etc. in order to work out the best for you! Do not stop trusting! Do not stop hoping! God is busy planning your dancing this year! Hold on! Hold out! Look up daily!

Come and have some good old fashion fun at **BALLYGIBLIN SUMMER FETE** at Ballygiblin School, **THIS Sunday June 24th from 1pm to 4pm.** Welly Throwing, Coconut Shy, to mention just a few and a Barbeque. Great family fun day. All welcome. This is a Fundraising event, your support would be greatly appreciated.

June Retreat Days at Glenstal Abbey Tuesday 26th – One Day Silent Retreat for Women. Wednesday 27th – Annual one Day Retreat for Women (not silent). Thursday 28th – Day Retreat for Men. Reflect, relax and pray in the peaceful and beautiful surrounds of the Abbey. Guided by monks of the monastery, the day will include a number of talks, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meals and Refreshment breaks are included. Cost €45. For more information; 061-621005 / events@glenstal.com

LIAMS LIFTS – TRANSPORT FOR CANCER CARE: Volunteer Drivers needed in the Mitchelstown Area, to drive people to and from their cancer treatments in Cork Hospitals. If you have time and would like to join our pool of existing drivers, who provide this service, we would be delighted to hear from you. For more information contact Pat Walsh 087 – 215 8874

ALBANY COLOUR RUN Mitchelstown – 5K Walk/Run/Jog In aid of Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Fund. Friday, 6th July. Registration at 6.30pm at Roche's Spar – Starting at 8pm. Registration Fee €10. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 11th – 18th September 2018: Cost 899euro – 7 nights full board. Flight from Cork to Faro return. Insurance 29euro extra for those who wish to avail of it. Single room supplement is 30euro a night. Contact Pilgrimage Abroad 01 6359300 or for further information Fr. Patrick Winkle 024 92270, Fr. John McCarthy 021 4815619 or Nora 087 2509184.

FREE Monthly Health and Well-Being Information Talks on a wide and varied range of topics throughout 2018. These talks will focus on informing and supporting people to protect and improve their health and well-being. Eileen McDonald, Bereavement Coordinator, Pieta House is our speaker for June. This talk will take place on **Thursday 28th June 2018 from 11am - 12noon.** These monthly talks are FREE and are open to everyone. They take place in the HSE Saint Frances Day Centre which is located on Rathealy Road. Please contact Jacinta McCormack, Community Health Worker on 085 8742320 if you require further information.

Marshalstown Cemetery: The **Annual Mass will be held in the Cemetery on Monday night 2nd July at 7.30pm.** Over the years the local community have prepared the Mass in a beautiful way and show tremendous respect for the departed souls buried in the cemetery. Let us recall the “tombstone reflection”: Remember Man, where thou art now, so once was I. And where I am now, since you'll be!! The Departed are not forgotten in Marshalstown and once again you are all invited to Mass.

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JULY 2018: We thank those who collected during June. The Collectors for July take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock, & Pat Manning.

8.30am: Neil Egan, Con Hogan, William Fox & Michael Boland.

11.30am: John Casey, Eddie Lynch, Seamus Mannix & Matt O'Sullivan.

7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald, Tom Lucey & Ger Corbett.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank **Team “B”.** **Team “C”** take over next weekend.

Diocese of Cloyne Family Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Gobnait, in Ballyvourney Sunday 24th June. Celebrant Most Rev. William Crean, D.D. Bishop of Cloyne (With Concelebrants) Open Air Mass begins at 3.30pm Followed by Anointing of the Sick. In Preparation for the World Meeting of Families. Please come early for ease of access.

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores the basic truths of the Christian Faith in a fun, friendly, and informal environment. Topics include “Who is Jesus?” “Why Did Jesus Die?” “Does God Still Heal Today?” **Who is Alpha For?** Alpha is for anyone who would like to engage in conversations about faith, life and God. It's a chance to revisit what you learned about God as a child, but never really understood. Or for those who have given up on Church or have never been and are a bit curious to explore what it's all about! No question is too big or too small And no laugh is too loud! **What Happens at Alpha?** Each session involves a short talk, nice food and small group discussion. There is no charge for Alpha.

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold the Alpha Sessions in the Town Hall, beginning on Wednesday September 19th. There will be eleven sessions. If you are interested, give your name in the Parish Office. It is a very enriching experience.

Pioneer Magazine is published monthly and is full of interesting and informative articles and features. If you would like to get a copy each month, please contact any council member. Price per copy €1.55.

WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Ireland Public Collection Day in Tesco Car Park, Mitchelstown on Saturday 30th June, 10am - 4pm

Mitchelstown Community Council Notes.

Annual Mass will be held in the **Adjoining Cemetery on Tuesday, July 10th at 7.30pm** for all the deceased of Mitchelstown and the surrounding areas.

Mitchelstown Community Council Elections are now taking place, ballot papers have been issued for the following areas; J & I, O, P & Q. We would ask people to vote for their choice to represent them and to help the Community Council. Ballot papers can be put in the letterbox in Forrest Hall or dropped to Marie Sheehan Condon, Election Chairperson at Doody's Chemist on or before 29th June.

St Thérèse – The Little Flower” Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. This year's Faith Camp will run from Monday July 23rd to Thursday July 26th in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496