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**Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week;  
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**PARISH MAIL ADDRESS:**

● **COLLECTORS FOR OCTOBER 2017:** We thank those who collected during September. The Collectors for October take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Pat Manning, Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock, Tom Lucey  
8.30am: Con Hogan, Kitty Mulqueen, Neil Egan, Michael Boland  
11.30am: Ger Brennan, Willie Ahern, Seamus Mannix, Tom O'Brien  
7.30pm: Michael Kilkenny, Verling Fitzgerald, Mary Ryall

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** We thank Team "A". Team "B" take over next weekend.

● Next Sunday is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the **Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection** will be taken up at all Masses.

● **Day for Life:** Next Sunday is a special day dedicated to the Sacredness of human life. There will be two documents distributed from our Bishops.

**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 our young people and vocations 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, Killaclaug**

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

**First Friday: 6.30pm.**

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

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**A Meeting Of Parents & Guardians:** On **Tuesday evening next, 26<sup>th</sup> September**, the parents and guardians of the children receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Penance & First Holy Communion are invited to a talk and a time of prayer in the **Parish Church at 7.30pm**. This is a general meeting for the families receiving the Sacraments in the coming year and is an invitation to the families of candidates attending all four Primary Schools, Glenahulla, Ballygiblin, C.B.S. & Bunscoil na Toirbhirte. The guest speaker is Martin Kennedy. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of **three** meetings to be held throughout the year. It is very important for parents and guardians to attend. Bishop Crean and the Diocese are stressing the importance of the role played by the family and the Parish as well as the school in preparing the children for the Sacraments. Bishop Crean also stresses that parents and guardians are the first teachers in the ways of faith. The Catholic school and the Parish support the family in the knowledge and growth of the faith. In recent years Home and Parish have relied too much on the Catholic School, this imbalance must be corrected. This is why the meetings and gatherings at Parish level are so very important and why the meeting next Tuesday evening is so important. Every Sacrament, beginning with Baptism is an encounter with Jesus our Saviour, who promised at His Glorious Ascension to be always with us and His Church. Every Sacrament is a gift of Grace for the challenges of human life and is the guarantee of support in helping all of us to reach eternal life. Our faith is being challenged in these times and we must all work harder to rekindle that faith and pass it on to our children. We ask all our parishioners to encourage our young families and our young children in the ways of faith and in the practice of that faith and as priests and people to work together to develop a living faith and vibrant Catholic Christian Community. The dates of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be announced on Tuesday evening and we will be making some significant changes this year.

**Great Things Happening In Mitchelstown:** On Monday Evening last, Seán Finn on behalf of the Community Council welcomed Bishop Crean to bless the newly developed Forrest Hall and to meet some of the young people involved in the Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services and Youth Café. The Bishop was met at the front door with the chirpy singing of the Kilshanny Children's Choir. The Bishop was then given a full tour of the magnificent facility.

On Tuesday last the Mitchelstown Enterprise Centre was officially opened and blessed on the Dublin Road. Canon Michael Fitzgerald and Canon Tom Sherlock led the prayers of blessing. The official opening was performed by Minister of State David Staunton. Liam O'Doherty on behalf of Mitchelstown Forum outlined all the hard work of the Committee and the local support given to make the magnificent Centre possible. At present 28 people are working from the Centre and ten different companies. A special presentation of appreciation was made to Carmel Fox, (Ballyhoura) and to Mr. Tom Whelton for their wonderful work in driving the development. *Continued over the page* →

**Days of Recollection at St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh.** Last Saturday of every Month. 9am - 3.30pm. Reflect on different themes guided by the spirituality of Servant of God Marie Adele Garnier. For more information contact Mother Prioress on 021 4811 354 Next one is 30th September - All Welcome

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**The Munster Pioneer Gathering** takes place on **1<sup>st</sup> October 2017** in Woodlands House Hotel in Adare, Co Limerick. Registration is at 10.30a.m. Tickets for the Gathering cost €30 each and the closing date for the purchase of tickets is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. For further details contact Sorcha 0863642619 [sorchaul@gmail.com](mailto:sorchaul@gmail.com), or Emer O' Leary, Macroom 0863792924 [emgoleary@gmail.com](mailto:emgoleary@gmail.com)

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**Safe Talk – Suicide prevention talk:** Safe Talk is an evening's training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities. The Safe Talk takes place on **Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 10pm.** Whilst this training is suitable for everyone who wants to help prevent suicide and is prepared to become suicide alert, it is not suited to someone who may be recently bereaved by suicide. The training is provided free by the HSE. One must first submit an application form that is available from Ballyhoura Development Ltd, Baldwin Street or email [sallen@ballyhoura.org](mailto:sallen@ballyhoura.org) or Tel: 025 85213.

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**Mitchelstown Flower and Garden Club** are hosting an evening of Colour & Style with Margaret Doyle on **Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Town Hall.** All are Welcome.

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**TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:** Dear hearts and gentle people, it's that time of year again when we are asking you to fill a shoe box for a child less well off. There are children in the poorest countries of our world who have never experienced the joy of receiving a Christmas present. If you would like to help a poor child this Christmas please visit the Team Hope website, [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie) or contact your local co coordinator **Christine on 087 2514099.**

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**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** is a specially designed **Support Programme** for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one.

The next weekend is being held in the **Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork** from **Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or e-mail [beginningexperience@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperience@gmail.com)

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**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - C.B.S. Primary Parent Council in association with C.B.S. Primary Field Fundraising Committee** are hosting **5K Fun Run / Walk** on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September.** Registration from 5.30pm (at C.B.S. Secondary Hall), start at 6.30pm *sharp*. Registration Fee: U18 €5, Adult €10, Family €20. Prizes for Primary, Secondary, Male & Female. Special invitation to all past pupils and friends of C.B.S. Primary. Proceeds towards payment for purchase of "O'Callaghan's Field". Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Great Things Happening In Mitchelstown:Continued from front page:**

It must be acknowledged that an enormous amount of voluntary time and work is being given to develop the Community of Mitchelstown and to acquire the services available. State and Council bodies respond positively to local voluntary initiative, but without it a Community is lost. A big "Thank You" to all involved. A big "Thank You" to the Lord for all the blessings in the Community. A little contribution from everyone is helping Mitchelstown to rediscover her greatness and that she is central in the heart of Munster.

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**AUTUMN STATIONS 2017**

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

**SEPTEMBER**

Thurs.	28 <sup>th</sup>	Croughmore	<b>Jim &amp; Peggy Moher</b>
Fri.	29 <sup>th</sup>	Knockagarry	<b>John &amp; Ursula McGrath</b>
Fri.	29 <sup>th</sup>	Corracunna & Cooleregan	<b>Pat &amp; Peggy Hanrahan</b>

**OCTOBER**

Mon.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gurrane & Coolenave	<b>Jane &amp; Neil Egan</b>
Mon.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kiltrilane & Cloonlough South	<b>Edwin &amp; Bridget Nolan</b> PARISH CH.
Tues.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ballyarthur	<b>Patrick &amp; Mary Barrett</b> PARISH CHURCH
Tues.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Derrylahan	<b>David O'Keeffe</b> PARISH CHURCH
Wed.	4 <sup>th</sup>	Knocknamuck, Ballygiblin & Parknakilla	BALLYGIBLIN SCHOOL
Wed.	4 <sup>th</sup>	Church St. Mitchelscourt, Kildorrery Rd., Ashfield Manor, Stagpark, Deerpark, Clonkilla, Carriganleigh, Cloonlough & Árd Na Gréine.	PARISH CHURCH
Wed.	4 <sup>th</sup>	New Stag Park Estate.	<b>7.00pm</b> STAG PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE
Thurs.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Upper Cork St. Lower Cork St. New Square, Arch Avenue, Railway Rd., Cross of the Groves, Brigown Rd Lower, Fermoy Rd. & Carraigroe	PARISH CHURCH
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Gortroe, Gortnamina, Killacluig & Booladorcha	<b>6.30pm.</b> KILLACLUIG CH.
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>Eileen Sheehan</b> KILLACLUIG CH.
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Corrogurum & Tangresa	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>Larry &amp; Margaret Coleman</b> KILLACLUIG CH.
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Glenduff	<b>Thomas &amp; Mary O'Farrell</b> BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Croughveoe	<b>Hannah Mai O'Donovan</b> BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Ballinamona, Brigown Road & Brigown Lane	<b>James &amp; Eileen Whelan</b> PARISH CH.
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Marshalstown & Baunanooneeny	<b>Christina Healy</b>
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Ballinabrook & Ardglare	<b>8.15pm</b> <b>James &amp; Olive Kenneally</b>

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:**The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of -  
 Jimmy Walsh, Church Street.  
 Gabby (Mary Gabriella) Riand (*née* O'Grady),  
 Formerly Mandeville Park.  
 Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*

**NEWLY BAPTISED:**We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
 Donnacha Lewis. Ollie Breen. Saoirse Wren.