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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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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 & 7.30.m.
Bank Holidays: 11am
MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am
CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary after 10.00am Mass on Saturday.
EUCARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm.** With prayers for those who have not experienced the love of God and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.
DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm.** All welcome.

AUTUMN STATIONS 2016

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

SEPTEMBER

Thurs.	29 th	Glenahulla & Cloughleafin	Michael Dennehy
Thurs.	29 th	Furrow & Gurteenaboul	Breda Casey
Fri.	30 th	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough	Mairéad O’Brien
Fri.	30 th	Pollardstown & Killicane	Joe & Mary O’Donoghue

We encourage all families to participate in the Autumn Station Mass.

Church Door Collectors: We thank those who collected for the month of September. The October collectors are:

Vigil 7.30pm: Patrick Manning, Jimmy Walsh, Seamus Carey & Bridget Sherlock
8.30am: Con Hogan, Kitty Mulqueen, Neil Egan & Paddy Twomey
11.30am: Liam Roche, Martin Cahill & Ger Brennan.
7.30pm: Michael Kilkenny, Mike Boland & Tom Lucey.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: We thank **Team “A”** for their service in September. **Team “B”** take over for October.

- **Diocesan Religious Purposes collection next Sunday.**
- **Day for Life:** Next Sunday is dedicated to God’s gift of life and there will be a special letter from the Bishop’s Conference.
- **Feast day:** Tuesday is the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. Saturday is the Feast day of St. Therese of the Child Jesus.
- **Altar Servers Training: Parish Church** Tuesday evening at 6.30pm **Killacluig Church** Wednesday evening at 7.00pm.

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Altar Serving: It is that time of year when we prepare men and women for serving on the Altar. We don’t limit Altar Serving to children, as we have a number of adults serving on the Altar. We want to encourage boys and girls who leave National School and begin Secondary School to continue serving during their time in Secondary School. In this way, they can continue to actively participate in the Mass and to continue to witness to their faith as promised in Confirmation. We continue, of course, to invite new boys and girls from the National School to be Altar Servers. There will be two training sessions this coming week: **1. Parish Church, Tuesday Evening next at 6.30pm. 2. Killacluig Church, Wednesday Evening next at 7.00pm.**

Ballygiblin Altar Servers will be arranged at a later date. Application forms and child safeguarding requirements to be filled in before practice. A number of boys and girls have already made their applications. Anyone who would like to serve, please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office as soon as possible.

It is a great privilege to assist the priest in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrifice of the love of Jesus for the whole of humanity, by which our sins are forgiven. The presence of Altar Servers at Mass greatly helps the priest and adds solemnity to the actions taking place on the Altar. We are grateful to all our present servers for their dedication and we look forward to preparing the new applicants.

Padre Pio: Now St. Pius of Pietrelcina, was a priest of the Capuchin Order in Italy. While praying his thanksgiving after Holy Mass in his Monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo in September 1918, he went into ecstasy, and after he awoke, he had the marks of the Crucifixion on his hands, feet and side. The wounds were bleeding. He bore those wounds until his death on September, 23rd 1968, that is for fifty years. The following, is his own description of the event: September 20th, 1918 It happened one morning, in the choir, while he was reciting his thanksgiving prayer after the Holy Mass: “Suddenly I was overtaken by a powerful trembling, then calm followed, and I saw our Lord in the posture of someone who is on a cross (but it didn’t strike me whether he had the Cross), lamenting the ingratitude of men, especially those consecrated to him and by him most favored. This revealed his suffering and his desire to unite souls with his Passion. He invited me to partake of his sorrows and to meditate on them: At the same time, he urged me to work for my brothers’ salvation. I felt then full of compassion for the Lord’s sorrows, and I asked him what I could do. I heard this voice: ‘I unite you with my Passion.’ Once the vision disappeared, I came to, I returned to my senses, and I saw these signs here, which were dripping blood. I didn’t have anything before.” “I unite you with my Passion”.

C.B.S. Primary Parent Council, along with the Staff & Pupils of the school, would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported their recent 5K FUN RUN & WALK. As a result of your generous support the event was a tremendous success.

Wanted - Used/Unwanted items of patient care equipment for an older person e.g. wheelchair, commode, walking stick etc. must be in good condition. Contact Anne Marie on 087 2596720

Are you experiencing emotional and/or mental health challenges? Are you out of work for a long period of time and looking for direction? Would you like to boost your confidence and self-esteem? Have you suffered a set-back in life and do you want to get active again for work or social purposes? Would you like to bring about positive change in your life? If you answered YES to any of the questions then maybe the **Towards Occupation Programme** is for you. **Free** every Tuesday & Thursday, Mitchelstown 10am-12pm starting in October. Modules include chair yoga, art, photography, mindfulness, computers, equine therapy & more. Contact Ballyhoura 025-85213

Bridge Lessons for beginners commencing Thursday October 6th, 2016 in the Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown. For further details please contact Claire Condon 086 3738691 or Noel Bradfield 087 9927026.

KINGSTON COLLEGE is holding their **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** **Friday, 30th September at 7.30pm**. Everyone welcome. On **Saturday, 1st October** the Chapel will be open from 2.30pm-6.00pm for members of the Community to visit. Tea etc. will be served in the Clubrooms. On **Sunday, 2nd October** at 11.30am there will be songs of Praise for Harvest. Everyone welcome.

Talk in Honour of St Teresa of Calcutta: The Dignity of the Human Person in the eyes of the Saint of our times. **Thursday, September 29th 2016 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm** **The Holy Rosary Church, Midleton.**

Mother Teresa of Calcutta – How this Saint of our Times Defended the Dignity of the Human Person. The guest speaker is Susan Conroy of Portland, US, who worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta for two years. 7:30pm Mass on the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael. Mass will be offered for the protection of the unborn. 8.10pm Talk by Susan Conroy, followed by Benediction. More information: www.mercyseptember2016.com

BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR CIARÁN CAROLAN: at Jackie O'Brien's, Mitchelstown at 8.30pm on Monday 3rd October. Your support is greatly appreciated.

New Taster Programmes: Horticulture Taster Introduction Day Wednesday 21st September 2016 10am– 4 pm (8 wks). Professional Cookery Taster Introduction Day Friday 23rd September 2016 10am-4pm (12 wks). Venue: Cork Education & Training Board – Charleville (formerly Mannix College) For further details contact Elaine Cronin, BTEI Co-ordinator, Elaine.Cronin@corketb.ie 086-1295851 or 063 81422

Explore Dublin with Mitchelstown Heritage Society

Mitchelstown Heritage Society is organising a tour of some historic sites and exhibits in Dublin. **Sunday, October 9th** is the date for your diary, beginning with meeting at Kingston College at 7.30am and returning at 10pm approximately.

A three course meal is included in the price in the Póitín Still, Dublin. This fantastic tour is open to Heritage Society members and the public. The cost is €67 for members, €70 for non-members, this includes the bus, all entrances and guided tours and the evening meal. Places are limited, if interested and for more information please contact either, Society Secretary Ann Morrison on 087-8289613 or Ina Keating (Treasurer) on 087-314 2686 as soon as possible.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club are hosting a night of Cookery with Eileen Drinan in the Ozanam Centre on Wednesday, 28th September at 8pm. All are welcome.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968), an Italian priest and mystic, was consumed by a desire to suffer for the transgressions of mankind. For the last 50 years of his life he bore the marks of stigmata (the wounds of Jesus) on his hands, feet, side, and chest.

Padre Pio was a member of the Capuchin Order of the Friars Minor and a mystic of the Catholic Church. He lived his entire life in the rocky foothills of southern Italy. His mystic tendencies were well known throughout the region, and he was respected as a confessor and spiritual advisor to many of the inhabitants of the area. Some witnesses reported instances of bilocation (the ability to be in two places at one time) in connection with Padre Pio as well. Following his death in 1968 his followers took steps to canonize the friar as an official saint of the Catholic Church. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione in Pietrelcina, Italy on May 25, 1887. He was the fourth of eight children of Grazio Maria Forgione and his wife, Maria Giuseppa De Nunzio. Three of the Forgione siblings died in infancy, and Padre Pio was only the second child to survive after Michele, the oldest. Padre Pio had three younger sisters: Felicita, Pellegrina, and Graziella. The youngest of the Forgione siblings, a boy named Mario, also died in infancy. As a child Padre Pio received the nickname *il bello Francesco* (beautiful Frances) because of his light brown eyes and attractive blonde hair that darkened gradually to auburn as he matured. In childhood Padre Pio experienced paranormal visions with such frequency that he took the episodes for granted and assumed that others experienced similar phenomena. He confided this information only later in life to a priest and was surprised to learn that such occurrence is rare. Padre Pio also suffered from a desire to be a "victim of divine love," a religious concept whereby a person wishes intensely to endure constant and severe suffering, to atone for the failings of mankind.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of -
John Walsh, 5 King Street
Who died recently.
May He Rest In Peace