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Today we pray especially for the gift of Temperance.

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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary after 10.00am Mass on Saturday. **Film on Fatima Monday, March 6th in Forrest Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** With special prayers for victims of abuse and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday next is Ash Wednesday Masses in **Parish Church** 8.15am (to accommodate schools and workers). 10.00am & 7.30pm.

Killacluig: 6.30pm. **Ballygiblin:** 7.30pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed as a sign of Repentance at Masses and we encourage you to attend. **Wednesday is also a Day of Fast and Abstinence.**

For Survivors and Victims of Abuse: The whole Church in Ireland has set aside **next Friday, March 3rd** as a special time to pray for the survivors and victims of abuse.

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Message to the People of the Diocese of Cloyne:

Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to highlight the importance of Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Cloyne. The New Policy Document on Safeguarding and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland has come into practice. This Policy is a “One Church Policy” for the Church in Ireland. We all want to have safe places and structures, so that young people and vulnerable adults may be able to participate fully in the life of the Church. A lot of work has been done over the years to put in place proper structure to safeguard children. However, we can never become complacent in this work.

I appreciate the ministry, priests and people give to children, young people and vulnerable adults in the Diocese. It is a continued sign of God's presence. The success of young people traveling to Lourdes and to World Youth Day, as well as all those children who took part in the various Faith Camps in the Diocese during last summer, are reminders that the structures in place for Safeguarding are working. The involvement of children and young people as Altar Servers and as members of choirs, continue to remind us of the importance and necessity of involving children and young people in the Liturgy. We are indebted to all those volunteers in the Diocese, who work to implement the Safeguarding Children Policies and Procedures.

I once again reiterate our commitment to best practice of Safeguarding of children in the Diocese. I continue to work to ensure that the Diocese is here to listen to those who have been abused as children by anyone in Church ministry, and to offer them support. I think of those who have been abused and the hurt they have endured and of those who courageously have come forward to tell their story. I encourage anyone who has been abused by Church personnel to report it.

The whole church in Ireland has set aside Friday, 3rd March, the First Friday of Lent, as a time to pray for survivors and victims of abuse. I ask that you remember them in your prayers and Masses on that day.

I ask you to continually pray for the work of Safeguarding Children in the Diocese, that we may continue to reach out to young people and children, that they may hear and know the Joy of the Gospel.

The Safeguarding of Children involves all of us working together to ensure that children grow up with their right to dignity respected.

“Anyone who welcomes one little child like this in my name, welcomes me”, Matthew 18:5.

Bishop William Crean.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30 a.m.**
FIRST FRIDAY: **7.30 p.m.**
CONFESSIONS: **FIRST FRIDAY: 7.00pm**
St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig
MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30 a.m.**
FIRST FRIDAY: **6.30p.m.**
CONFESSIONS: **FIRST FRIDAY: 6.00pm**

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: We encourage you today to take home a Trócaire Box and to give any money saved during Lent, to help the poorer countries of the world. The boxes are on the seats.

As next Sunday is First Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection** will be taken up.

FATIMA 1917 – 2017 ONE HUNDRED YEARS: To celebrate 100 years since the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council cordially invite you to Forrest Hall, New Square Mitchelstown on **Monday March 6th** where we will show **“THE STORY OF FATIMA”**. Come and learn more about the apparitions, the three secrets and the children Blessed Francisco, Blessed Jacinta and Sr. Lucia. The evening will begin at **7.30pm** and light refreshments will be served afterwards. *“In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph”*

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Learn to Jive. Starting **Monday 6th March** in the Firgrove Hotel for 4 weeks. Times: 7pm-8.15pm or 8.30pm-10pm. Cost €40. For more details contact Tom on 087 399 5877. *We will go through all the basics in 4 weeks that will leave you feeling confident to Jive at your next big event!*

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Knock & Lough Derg 3 Day Trip: Due to the success of last year's one day retreats to Lough Derg there are three different date choices on offer for 2017. May 13th-15th, August: 22nd-24th, September 5th- 7th.
Day 1: Visit Knock & overnight in Bundoran
Day 2: Retreat on Lough Derg & overnight in Bundoran
Day 3: Visit two attractions on return journey home.
This is an all in package including, meals, Lough Derg & Coach.
For details on bookings etc. contact 023-8849196 Cormac on 087-6167835 or Denise on 087-7688561

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Pioneer Short Term Pledge for Lent: Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for Lent and offer this challenge as a prayer for someone suffering from problems with alcohol or other drugs. You can do likewise. Why not consider taking the short term Pioneer Pledge this Lent? Please give names to Pat McEvoy, The Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council Members.

LENTEN STATIONS 2017

The Stations begin on Thursday, March 2nd

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

MARCH

Thurs. 2nd Furrow & Gurteenaboul **Patrick Gallahue** BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Thurs. 2nd Glenduff **Patrick & Joan O'Brien** BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Thurs. 2nd Boolakelly, Gurteenatariff & Gortnasna. **Marcus & Maureen Clifford**
PARISH CHURCH
Thurs. 2nd Derrylahan PARISH CHURCH
Fri. 3rd Glenahulla & Cloughleafin **Robert & Kathleen Coughlan**
Fri. 3rd Gortroe, Gortnamina, Killacluig & Booladorcha **6.30pm.**
KILLACLUIG CHURCH
Fri. 3rd Demesne **8.15pm Declan & Celia Corbett**
Fri. 3rd Croughevoe **Geraldine O'Donovan** BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Fri. 3rd Skeheen Upper & Lower **Michael & Ann Daly** BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Sat. 4th *Sliabh Alainn* **10.00am** THE ESTATE GREEN

We encourage you all to participate in the Station Masses.

CHURCH DOOR COLLECTORS FOR MARCH 2017: We thank those who collected during February. The Collectors for March take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, Jimmy Walsh & Pat Manning.

8.30am: Neil Egan, Con Hogan, Matt Sullivan & Michael Boland.

11.30am: Donal Smith, John Crowley, Billy Ryan & Paddy Moloney.

7.30pm: Michael Kilkenny, Verling Fitzgerald, Tom Lucey & Bridget Sherlock.

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

Begin Lent with St. Joseph: The month of March is the Church's month of dedication to St. Joseph. As Ash Wednesday falls this year on March 1st, let us dedicate Lent 2017 to St. Joseph. May he help us to come closer to Jesus and Mary and to grow in faith.

Institution of Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate as Lectors and Acolytes. Nine men who are preparing for ordination to serve as permanent Deacons in the Diocese of Cloyne will be instituted by Bishop William Crean in the ministries of Lector and Acolyte, during the 12 noon Mass, today Sunday 26th February, at the Church of the Resurrection, Mallow. We are asked to pray for these candidates and their families, as they enter their final months of preparation for their future ministry as deacons in our parishes.

Holy Ghost Missions: Fr. Terry Smith CSSp, wrote to the parish during the week, thanking everyone for their warm welcome shown to him last weekend. He also wanted to thank your generous contributions and loyal support, €3,339.20 was raised. If anyone still has envelopes to be returned, they can be dropped to any of the Priests or the Parish Office, Fr. Terry will collect them in a few weeks' time.