

**CLERGY:**

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**Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week;**

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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 & 7.30pm.

**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 Priests and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

**Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30 a.m.**

**First Friday: 7.30 p.m.**

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **7.00pm**

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

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30 a.m.**

**First Friday: 6.30p.m.**

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** This Sunday afternoon in the **Parish Church** at **3.00pm**. This is a very important Lenten devotion and we encourage you to participate.

**Evening Mass** during the weekdays of Lent at **7.30pm**

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

**Vigil 7.30pm:** Pat Manning, Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock, Tom Lucy

**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 "C"**. **Team "D"** take over next weekend.

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**Special Confirmation Day:** On Wednesday last, we all awoke to a heavy fall of snow. It was also Confirmation Day for Ninety Nine boys and girls from Ballygiblin, Bunscoil na Toirbhirte and C.B.S. Primary. But, thank God, the snow melted quickly and the Holy Spirit was celebrated with great prayer and singing. It was an unforgettable day for all of us. Bishop Crean brought with him the Gospel of Jesus telling us not to worry, but to seek God's Kingdom before everything else and all that we need, God will provide. Deacon John Magner also came from Maynooth to participate in the Ceremony and serving the Bishop. Fr. Gabriel had the older and younger Servers well trained to carry out their duties in an excellent way on the Altar. We thank all the parents and families for the special effort they made to prepare the boys and girls for the special Celebration and we pray that the boys and girls will continue to be open to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. The Principals of all three schools and their respective staffs, did an absolutely wonderful job in preparing the children for the Sacrament. The Parish is most grateful to you all. Thanks to Pat our Sacristan, Patricia our Secretary and Catherine our Co-ordinator. Thanks to Catherine Donegan who prepared the Altar Linen, the Altar Society, Theresa and the Eucharistic Ministers, Prionsias who played the organ. Our thanks to Dick Cahill, Pat Devine who prepared the grounds and to Pat Manning, who manned the gate. We thank the Lord and the Holy Spirit for a wonderful day, snow and all!

**HEALING MASS: Fr. Barone** from Naples will return to the Parish on **Friday Evening, 31<sup>st</sup> March next with a Healing Mass at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.** Fr. Barone will speak through an interpreter; he will pray over the congregation and then pray with each person individually. Confession will be available. He will also bless Water, Salt & Olive Oil – please bring your own supply of all of these and put your name on them and leave at the back of the Church in the Porch. These can be collected afterwards. Fr. Barone is a humble, prayerful Priest, with many gifts of the Holy Spirit. He also has a special ministry to young people.

The **Cork Association for Autism's** sixth annual **Light it up Blue Gala Ball** will take place at the Maryborough Hotel & Spa, Douglas on **Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>**. The evening will include a champagne drinks reception and an exquisite four course meal. Followed by entertainment from the Love Bugs. Tickets for this will be for this wonderful evening of fine food, entertainment and dance are now on sale and cost €80 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling Carol on 021 4533642 (Ext 5), emailing [c.walsh@corkautism.ie](mailto:c.walsh@corkautism.ie) or online at [www.corkautism.ie](http://www.corkautism.ie).

**Cycle Against Suicide** arriving in Fermoy on **Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**. Homestays needed to accommodate cyclists for one night for this worthy cause. Please contact John Hennessy (087) 4154301 or Ellen Downey at "[fermoyhomestays@gmail.com](mailto:fermoyhomestays@gmail.com)"

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**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre – NEW TIME added On Tuesday**

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown. Tel: 0761 07 8030

E-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie). Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am to 1pm

Monday, **Tuesday** & Thursday: 1.30pm to 4.30pm

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A **TODDLER CLUB NOW OPEN at Bright Sparks** for age 12 months upwards. 3 hours of fun, interaction and learning. Messy, Sensory, Great Outdoor, Music and Movement, Drama and Dance, Imaginative play. Snack included, €20. More details or bookings on 025 86799 or text 086 2653839

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**URGENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND:** A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish Secretary on 025 / 84062, *Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon* and she will reissue one for you. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the Parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing of the refund. Please complete, and return forms, in the stamped addressed envelope sent to you, no later than Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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**LENTEN STATIONS 2017**

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

**MARCH**

Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> Corracunna & Cooleregan Elizabeth O'Brien

**APRIL**

Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> Croughmore 8.00pm Nellie Reidy

**We encourage you all to participate in the Station Masses.**

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**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK:** *Walk in the footsteps of Jesus.* This unforgettable (fully guided) trip will take place from **October 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**. Highlights include: A boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, visits to Nazareth, Cana, Jericho, The Dead Sea, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, etc. The trip includes: Return flights ex Cork, a comprehensive daily programme, entrance fees, 4\* Hotels, dinner, bed and breakfast throughout. Spiritual Director: Fr. Christy Fitzgerald. For further information and details please contact MAP Travel 01-8783111 or Tour Manager Jim Keogh 021-4885371 or 087-2678793. Please note that places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of

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Helen Reynolds (née Keane), *Bank Place*

Who died recently. *May She Rest In Peace*

**Fatima 1917 - 2017, Celebrating 100 years.** This year celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, from May to October 2017. The message of Fatima - Prayer, Penance & Reparation - is a simple one but one that is very important for the Church today. The International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrived in Ireland on March 1<sup>st</sup> and is currently visiting the North and North West of the Country. Our Lady will be coming to Munster later this month and will pay a visit to **Mitchelstown Parish Church on NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10AM - 12NOON.** Even though this is a short visit we are incredibly lucky to be able to be in Her Presence in this most important year. **Mass will be celebrated at 10am** as soon as Our Lady arrives and everyone is invited to come along and pray with and to Our Lady. Boxes for petitions to Our Lady of Fatima are in all 3 Churches, so please feel free to write a petition. All the petitions will be offered to Our Lady during the offertory procession of the Mass on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The petitions will be taken to the shrine of Our Lady in Fatima in September as part of the Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage. This is a unique and very special opportunity, one we may not get again, so please do come and be in the presence of Our Beloved Mother. In Fatima on the Feast Days Our Lady is brought in procession around the Square and as She is returned to the Capelinha, Pilgrims wave white hankies. This is known as the Fatima Adieu. So do remember to bring your white hankie/tissue to wave goodbye to Our Lady when she leaves at 12noon.

Parking in the Church Grounds is for special needs only.

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**CBS Secondary TY Students** will hold a **FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK** next **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**, registration is from 6pm at the CBS with walkers leaving at 7pm and runners at 7.30pm, 5 euro per student, 10 euro per adult and 15 euro per family. Great prizes and your support would be greatly appreciated.

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**THE SACRED HEART MESSENGER:** Local promoters is; ANNA MARIA RUSSELL, (025) 84151. Copies **on sale** in the Porch of the Parish Church, €1.50 each.

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**Mitchelstown Flower and Garden Club** will be hosting a demonstration with Sandra Buttimer on Thursday (March 30<sup>th</sup> 2017) in the Town Hall at 8 p.m. All Very Welcome.

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Mitchelstown will once again host the **Darkness Into Light 5k Run/Walk** in aid of Pieta House on **May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4.15am**. Registration is now open and an early bird discount applies until March 31st, 20 euro per adult, 15 euro per OAP, unemployed and students and children under 16 free. Register at [www.dil.ie](http://www.dil.ie)

**NEWLY BAPTISED:**

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Edie Flynn.