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**Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week;**

- **St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection:** This collection is being taken up today after Holy Communion. The Society appreciates your generous support throughout the year and they would appreciate your support again this weekend. We thank all the volunteers for their incredible work during the year and for the continuous support of you, the general public.
- **Feast of Christ The King: This Sunday** is the Feast of Christ the King. There will be a special time of Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Church, beginning after the 11.30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 7.15pm, before the evening Mass. We encourage you and your family to make a special visit to the Church on this special day. Perpetual Adoration will resume after the Devotions.
- **First Sunday of Advent:** Next Sunday is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and the beginning of preparation for Christmas.
- **First Saturday Devotions:** Next Saturday after 10.00am Mass in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.
- **Novena to St. Fanahan concludes:** Next Saturday with 10.00am Morning Mass and Rosary at the Well next Saturday afternoon at 3.00pm.
- Next Sunday is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection** will be taken up at all Masses.

**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**

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with prayers for the Holy Souls 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, Killaclug**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am.** **First Friday: 6.30pm.**

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

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**Letter of St. Teresa of Calcutta to her Sisters:** “Jesus wants me to tell you again... how much love He has for each one of you - beyond all you can imagine. I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus - one to one - you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in chapel - but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how He looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus - not from books but from being with Him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you? Ask for the grace, He is longing to give it. Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying "I thirst" in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person - not just the idea. How can we last even one day without hearing Jesus say "I love you" - impossible. Our soul needs that as much as the body needs to breathe the air. If not, prayer is dead - meditation only thinking. Jesus wants you each to bear Him - speaking in the silence of your heart.

Be careful of all that can block that personal contact with the living Jesus. The Devil may try to use the hurts of life, and sometimes our own mistakes - to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you. Not only that He loves you, but even more - He longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. When not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes - He is the one who always accepts you. My children, you don't have to be different for Jesus to love you. Only believe - you are precious to Him. Bring all you are suffering to His feet - only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest. (March 1993)

On this Feast of Christ The King, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Main Altar of the Parish Church from after **11.30am Mass until 7.15pm before 7.30pm Evening Mass, finishing with Benediction.** On this special day come with the family for a special visit and reflect on the above words of St. Teresa.

**COLLECTORS - DECEMBER 2017:** We thank those who collected during November. The Collectors for December take over next weekend.  
Vigil 7.30pm: Denis Coleman, John Fox, Patrick Manning,  
8.30am: Neil Egan, Michael Boland, Con Hogan  
11.30am: Seamus Mannix, Tom O'Brien, Seamus Carey, Tom Lucey  
7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald, Bridget Sherlock, Brian Neville  
**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** We thank Team “C”. Team “D” take over next weekend.

A wonderful evening of entertainment, **Eamonn Walsh in Concert featuring the Bel Canto Choir** and guests on **December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Firgrove Hotel**. Hear all your Christmas Classics and classical favourites while supporting two deserving causes, Breast Care Unit at CUH and Liam's Lifts. Tickets available at the Treasure Chest, The Favourite, Diva and Hyland's Bookshop priced €15.

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**Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes Collection in Ballygiblin N.S. Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm to 8pm & up to 10am Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.** No mobile phones. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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'Lights of Love Remembrance Tree' - The Christmas season is a time to celebrate our blessings with family and friends, and also serves as a time to join together with them in remembering friends and loved ones who are sadly no longer with us. Fermoy Community Health Project in association with the Fermoy committee of Cork Mental Health cordially invite you to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Lights of Love - Remembrance Tree' event, at which you may, if you wish, sponsor a light to remember your loved one by making a €5 donation. For your donation, you will receive a unique 'Lights of Love' Christmas remembrance card for each light sponsored, and you can also make a named dedication which will be placed in our special memory frame. This event takes place **on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 5 - 6pm in the Resource Centre**. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

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**URGENT - SAVE THE 8TH AMENDMENT:** The Life Institute, Cork, will attend at the Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown, on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm to promote a Pro Life Canvass in Mitchelstown. All Pro Life people welcome.

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Mitchelstown Flower and Garden Club are hosting their **Gala Christmas Night** on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November @ 8pm** in Ballindangan Hall. Rose Hickey 'Aoifa' will give demonstration. Entry Fee is €10 with refreshments on the night. All welcome. Great Night assured.

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Mitchelstown Day Care Centre would greatly appreciate some help in the lead up to Christmas. If you can spare an hour each week reading, talking, knitting, doing art or playing some music for their clients. They would also love some help preparing some festive events this winter. Please email [info@volunteercork.ie](mailto:info@volunteercork.ie) or call 021 4251572 for more information.

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On today, **Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>**, the Feast of Christ the King, tens of thousands of Irish people will gather at 2.30pm, at over 200 different coastal locations, to pray the Rosary for the preservation of **Faith & Life in Ireland**. In Cork you can join groups at Charlesfort Kinsale, St Finbarr's Church Bantry, Cork City Docks behind Kent Station, Blackrock Castle, Union Hall, Warren Beach Roscarberry, Cush Oyster haven, Cobh Cathedral, Dinish Bridge Castletownbere, Camden Fort Crosshaven. See [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) for more details. To lead your own group call 087 278 6552

All home/business-owners, builders and those interested in Mitchelstown's built heritage are invited to an information night being held by Mona Hallinan, Cork County Conservation Officer hosted by **Mitchelstown Heritage Society**. This public event is on in the Mitchelstown Town Hall, on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of November at 8pm. In recognition of the unique quality of our heritage buildings, Mitchelstown has had Heritage Town status since 1985. It is also designated a Special Area of Architectural Conservation, with over 80 buildings on the Protected Structures Register, this is the highest number in Co. Cork. Ownership of these buildings and undertaking construction work and repairs on them can often seem daunting and fraught with obstacles for both the owners and construction professionals. Everyone is cordially invited to this information evening on Architectural Conservation and your rights and responsibilities as an owner/occupier of a historic building. Practical information and advice for builders and other construction professionals in the Mitchelstown area will also be included. Responsibilities for Construction Professionals, Do's & Don'ts of Good Conservation practice, Grants available for Heritage Buildings, Shop-fronts and Streetscapes and much more will be discussed by Ms. Hallinan. The Heritage Society hopes the public attend this talk, a small cover charge applies, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

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**Youth 2000** invites all **young adults** between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country.

The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site!

**Don't let money be an obstacle;** just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. **Newcomers very welcome!** There will be **free buses** picking up from various areas throughout the country. **Booking is essential.** For more information on the event or to book your place, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie), **Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page** or **Tel: 00353 (0) 1 6753690**

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**One day CPR and Defibrillator Training** will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Anyone interested please contact Michelle on 085-1502008. Spaces are limited so please book early. Booking is required.

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The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in **The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown. Wednesday 5pm – 8.30pm & Thursday 3pm – 5pm & 7pm – 9pm, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie) or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

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Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group presents **Christmas Cracker Dance** with Crystal Swing and Jimmy O'Donoghue & Band on Saturday night 30<sup>th</sup> December at the Firgrove Hotel. Admission €15. Doors open at 8.30pm.

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**Mitchelstown Branch Concern** wish to sincerely thank all who supported their 12 hour fast on Friday last. To the many volunteers who gave freely of their time over the day and to the many people who contributed so generously we say thank you. A total of €3,237.41 was raised during the day.