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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**

*Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday*

● **SEPTEMBER 2017:** We thank those who collected during August. The Collectors for September take over next weekend.

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

8.30am: Neil Egan, Con Hogan, Matt O'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 "D". Team "A" 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.

**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 teachers and pupils returning to school 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, Killacluig**

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

**First Friday: 6.30pm.**

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

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**A New School Year Begins 2017 / 2018:** As the day shortens and night lengthens, all our schools begin to re-open in the coming week. As we reflect on the summer holidays, let us do so in a spirit of gratitude for all the Lord's blessings. Let us be mindful of His great love for us – it is a love revealed to us through Calvary, His Glorious Resurrection and the gift of Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. As the teachers and the boys and girls begin a new school year, let us all accompany them with our prayers and good wishes. We give thanks to the Lord too, for His help during exam time. It is a time of great opportunity for all our young people, let us rejoice in a spirit of gratitude and not forget how good the Lord is, He is the source of it all, let us thank and praise Him. We ask the Lord for guidance and protection for our school communities throughout the coming new school year 2017/2018. May God bless the great work you all do.

**Pascal's Wager:** Pascal was a French philosopher, scientist and mathematician, from the seventeenth century. He invented the vacuum cleaner and the first known workable computer. He had a great interest in the meaning of life. As atheists cannot be certain that God does not exist, he suggested that they should put on a wager, or bet, **for or against God**. He then pointed out that the only reasonable thing for atheists to do was to bet for the existence of God, as betting that God does not exist is very foolish, for the following reason. The bet **for God** is the only bet that will pay dividends. If God exists, then you win God and all that goes with it. If you bet **against God** and God exists you win nothing, and you may finish up in some very uncomfortable place like Hell for all eternity. God offered you eternal life in happiness and you turned it down. If God does **not** exist, then there is nothing to win and nothing to lose. The only possible way to win, therefore, is to bet on the existence of God and the only way to lose is to bet against God. Believing in God is the best bet in the world.

**There is hope:** As the storm on the Sea of Galilee intensified, Peter and his friends realised that there was nothing they could do to save themselves. They needed the Lord's intervention. Concerning the salvation of our souls, we are in exactly the same position. Friend, there is hope in this troubled world. Why not do as the disciples did and call upon the Lord to save you? We are assured in the Scriptures that *'Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'*<sup>15</sup>. You can call upon Him today, invite Him into your life and ask Him to be your Saviour. You will then experience the peace of knowing that He will be with you to strengthen and uphold you, as you encounter the storms and troubles of life. You will also have the assurance that when life's storms are all over He will bring you safely to your eternal destination, to Heaven, where, *'There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain'*<sup>16</sup>. As you put your faith in Jesus you will know God's peace. *'His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus'*<sup>17</sup>.

**Waterford /S.E. Region Charismatic Conference 2017: “COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART”** Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am both days. The Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny. Speakers: Fr. Pat Collins, Marie Beirne, Fr. Damian Ryan & Bishop Phonsie Cullinan. Organised by Word of God Outreach. Contact Síle 086 859 0394/Mossy 087-213 6812. Weekend €25 Pre-booking not necessary.

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**How walk-able is Mitchelstown Main Street:** Mitchelstown Community want to see how walk-able Mitchelstown Main Street is for people of all ages and abilities. We want to map out what challenges people face trying to get around the main street, some of these issues may be safe pedestrian crossing points, ramps, access to footpaths, level footpaths, traffic lights. The route is short approx. 400 metres. In order for us to truly map the challenges, we need to walk and hear the views of people with different abilities. We will be inviting people to join us in the “how walk-able your town” is on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Forrest Hall 11am-1pm**. We recognise that holding this event on a Thursday raises the issue of parking near the starting point, we will provide transport from Firgrove Hotel and return that day to anyone. The route will be completed in groups facilitated by Leaders from the Age Friendly Steering group, Cork County Council Area Engineer, Pauline Moriarty Cork County Council, Shelia Casey and Pauline Williams Active Retirement Group, Brendan Scahill HSE. Local Gardaí will be available on the day also. Hi-Visibility jackets will be provided and refreshments. Have your voice heard and walk by our side, to book in or for more information contact Sadie Allen Ballyhoura Development Tel: 025-85213

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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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The **Irish Cancer Society** operates a free Volunteer Driver Service that is available to patients attending the following hospitals for chemotherapy treatments; **Cork University Hospital; The Mercy University Hospital & South Infirmiry Victoria University Hospital**. Volunteer drivers will pick a patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door and then when finished treatment, pick them up and drop them home again. All volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the website at [irishcancer.ie](http://irishcancer.ie) or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

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**Killacluig Choir** - New members are always welcome- singers and musicians. Contact Caitriona on [086-3760487](tel:086-3760487) if interested. We welcome our newest members who joined the choir recently.

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**“COME AND SEE” Vocations Afternoon** 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. For young women interested in finding out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork. Check out: [www.poorclarescork.ie](http://www.poorclarescork.ie) Email: [vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com](mailto:vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook

**Continued from last week - 5 EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES THAT LEFT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

**4) The Miracle of Chirattakonam, India – 21st century:** On April 28th, 2001, there was Eucharistic adoration at St. Mary’s parish in Chirattakonam, India, when suddenly three red stains materialized on the host. The priest didn’t know what to do and placed the host back into the tabernacle. A few days later he retrieved the host to examine it again, and the red stains had arranged themselves to look like the face of a man (Jesus?). He quickly found a photographer and had pictures taken of the host.

**5) The Eucharistic Miracle of Santarém – 13th century:** A woman living in Santarém, Portugal in the 13th was distressed that her husband was unfaithful to her, and she decided to consult a sorceress for help. The sorceress told her the price of her services was a consecrated host. She went to Mass at the Church of St. Stephen and received the Eucharist on her tongue, removed the Eucharist from her mouth, wrapped it in her veil, and headed to the door of the church. But before she got out, the host began to bleed. When she got home, she put the bloodied host in a trunk. That night, a miraculous light emanated from the trunk. She repented of what she had done and the next morning confessed to her priest. Her priest came and retrieved the host and took it back to the church. After an investigation and approval of the miracle, the church was renamed Church of the Holy Miracle, and the bloodied host remains on display to this day.

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**Mitchelstown Heritage Society** is inviting all ages to take part in its **Local Heritage Trail Tours of Mitchelstown on Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting at the John Mandeville Statue at 7pm** for a free guided tour of the area's rich and diverse heritage sites. Learn about St. Fanahan, Mitchelstown Castle, the Kingstons, The Galty Boy, The Mitchelstown Massacre and much more. Suitable for all ages, sensible shoes and a rain coat are advisable. The tour takes 2 hours approximately, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mitchelstown Heritage Society will also have an **Exhibition on the Great War and Mitchelstown's War Dead in the Mitchelstown Library from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of August**, running for a number of weeks. 2018 see's the Centenary of the ending of W.W.I. with this historic event in mind Mitchelstown Heritage Society is looking for the public's support and information in erecting a monument recognising the 39 local men who died in The Great War and the 10 known men who died in W.W.II.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –  
Edmund (Ned) Tobin, *Thomas Street*  
Who died recently. *May He Rest In Peace*

**NEWLY BAPTISED:**

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