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Catholic Schools Week begins today:

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

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with special reflections on the life of Padre Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and Blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

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, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30 a.m.** First Friday: **6.30p.m.**

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

Wednesday, 1st February is the Feast of our great National Patron, St. Brigid.

Thursday, 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed at morning Masses. Candles and offerings for candles to be handed in before Mass. Every home should keep a blessed candle.

Blessing of Throats: Friday next, 3rd February, is the Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of the throats will be given after the morning Masses and also after Mass Friday evening at 7.30pm.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Pilgrimage this year is from **June 1st to 6th**. Contact Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 241 0800 or e-mail bronwyn.clinton@joewalshstours.ie

Cloyne Diocesan Directory: Is available today for €3.00. The Directory lists the Clergy and Services of the Diocese.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Message for Young People: To all young people in Secondary School. You are invited to come to Youth Night. Join the **Mitchelstown Youth Team** and others your age on **Wednesday nights**, to meet new friends, to discuss about Faith life and to have the craic as well. Youth Nights are held in **Forrest Hall, New Square**, from **7pm to 9pm**. All Welcome.

Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection: Bishop Crean has asked to highlight the importance and necessity of the **1st Sunday Collection for the Diocesan Religious Purposes** and to improve on it, if we can, due to a shortfall. Firstly, we want to thank everybody for your generous monthly contribution to this collection over the years and to thank you for your generosity to all the collections throughout the year. The Bishop has asked us to explain the work and services given by the Diocese to all the parishes throughout the year. The monthly collection finances the following:

1. Office and administration expenses at the Diocesan Centre.
2. Salaries and allowances for the following personnel at the Diocesan Centre: Diocesan Secretary, Administrative Secretary, Accounts Officer – part time and Designated Liaison Person for Child Safeguarding Service.
3. Children safeguarding training programme, including the employment of a Training co-ordinator.
4. Contribution to Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services.
5. Services to 122 National Schools, Board of Management Training, Diocesan Religious Advisors.

These are the main Diocesan Services, that you have been maintaining over the years, through your contributions and for this we thank you. If you can increase your contributions to this collection a little to meet the shortfall, the Bishop and the Diocese would be most grateful.

Catholic Schools Week: The Catholic School has its own identity and ethos. That ethos is based on the teaching of Jesus Christ, as laid out by the Catholic Church. The Catholic School is open to children of all faiths + none and respects all faiths + none. In the Parish of Mitchelstown, the Catholic Schools welcome children of all faiths + none and respects their beliefs. A tiny amount of Catholic Schools, mainly in Dublin, are unable to do this, because of large numbers applying in their catchment area. More schools are needed in these areas, but unfortunately, our Church gets blamed and accused of discrimination, which is untrue. This week, all our Catholic School Communities, throughout the country, celebrate the wonderful work of education being given by our Catholic Schools. We thank our absolutely wonderful teachers for the fantastic work they do in our schools and for the support they give to the Parish. Thanks too, to all our Boards of Management and all our volunteers. We are proud of the service that you are giving to the children of the Nation and to Catholic education. Let nobody undermine the contributions you are making.

BINGO - Transition Year Students from CBS Secondary, Mitchelstown are holding a **BINGO NIGHT** on **THIS Monday the 30th of January** at **8pm**. Raffle on the night with lots of great spot prizes. Refreshments served on the night. All are very welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - C.B.S. PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Is hosting a **FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA**, At the Firgrove Hotel

On Friday, 3rd March at 8.00 p.m.

All proceeds to C.B.S. Primary School. A great night assured.

BINGO - CBS Primary Parent Council are hosting Bingo at the Town Hall on **Sunday, 12th February at 2.30pm**. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Event: **The 26th Divine Mercy Conference** will take place in the RDS, Dublin on from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February. The theme of the conference this year is "Have Mercy on Us... And on the Whole World". Guest speakers; Fr. Bernard Guckian ST, Fr. Michael Maher SM, Robert Stackpole (USA, Author, Educator), Canon Michael Fitzgerald (Mitchelstown), Frances Hogan (Author, EWTN), Denise Kelly (Pro Life Testimony). A bus will travel to the conference on Saturday 25th February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Wednesday, 1st February** from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday, 31st January or call the Information Line on 085-2888 88. Anam Cara has recently produced some important new resources – all developed by bereaved parents themselves.

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage to New York: A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from 8th – 14th May 2017. Flying directly from Ireland West Airport to JFK with Aer Lingus Private Charter, the pilgrimage offers the chance to be a part of a memorable and historic trip. The full itinerary includes a special Requiem Mass on Saturday 13th at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral for the re-interment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock witnesses, which will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. If you would like to find out more or make an enquiry, please contact the tour operators Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 241 0800 or e-mail bronwyn.clinton@joewalshstours.ie

Poor Clares: Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. "Come and See"

Saturday 18th February: For women discerning a religious vocation: Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd. Cork. Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie
Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook.

Cork Scripture Group is pleased to announce a course on The God of Revelation presented by Mons Ned Goold. It is open to anyone with an interest in Scripture. It will be held on Mondays 13th, 20th, 27th February and 6th March 2017 from 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Scala Centre, Blackrock (opposite Blackrock Castle)

Night 1 & 2: The God of Israel - exploring the nature of the God who revealed Himself in the Old Testament and in the struggles of that faith with differing cultures.

Nights 3 & 4: The God who revealed himself in Jesus – exploring "The Word" who "became flesh" and who "is lifted up from the earth to draw all to Himself".

Saturday workshop on 4th March from 10.00am – 1.00pm in the Sacred Heart Hall Western Road. Well known Scripture scholar, Fr Michael Mullins from Waterford, who has written many commentaries on the Bible, will present the morning on **The Beatitudes: A key to Unlocking Matthew's Gospel**.

Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop]. To book a place or find out more please [email corkscripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corkscripturegroup@gmail.com) or call 021-4295144 before 3rd February

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank Team "A". Team "B" take over next weekend.

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

Vigil 7.30pm: Jimmy Walsh, Mike Howard, Pat Manning & Bridget Sherlock.

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

11.30am: Seamus Carey, Brian Neville, Willie Ahern & Tom O'Brien.

7.30pm: Michael Kilkenny, Tom Lucy & Verling Fitzgerald.

St. Brigid (Bride) of Ireland (February 1st) Patroness of Dairy Workers: Born in County Louth near Dundalk, about 450, of parents baptised by St. Patrick. One of the first women in Ireland to become a Nun, dedicating herself to Christ. At the beginning, these women served from their own homes. Brigid was the 1st innovator on community life. The best known of her settlements, was in Kildare, a double Monastery of Monks and Nuns, under the joint rule of an abbot-bishop and an abbess. Brigid is renowned for her dedication to Christian holiness and for her generosity to the poor and sick. Through her intercession we ask the Lord to bless us all and particularly the women of Ireland.

Candlemas – The Presentation of the Lord (February 2nd): Jesus is the Light of the World – just proclaimed by faithful Simeon in the Temple. On February 2nd candles will be blessed at the morning Masses. It is a great Catholic practice to keep in our homes, offices and schools, a blessed candle. When there is darkness and trouble, Jesus the Light is always present.

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

Keava Nolan, Heidi Ferguson

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Mary Feeney (née Crotty), *Glenatlucky.*

Larry Coleman, *18 Liam Lynch Park.*

Who died recently.

May They Rest In Peace