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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

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- **Monday is a Bank Holiday**, Mass on Monday morning at 11.00am only.
- **Feast of All Saints: Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints**, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. **Vigil Mass** Tuesday Evening at 7.30pm. Masses in all three Churches on Wednesday, the same as Sunday. Mass also Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm.
- **All Souls' Day: Thursday is the Feast of All Souls** (Every Priest may celebrate Three Masses on this day). Masses on Thursday morning at **8.30am, 10.00am & 12.00** (extra Mass). Evening Mass at **7.30pm**. Please bring lights, as they will be blessed at this Mass, to be carried after Mass to the Adjoining & Brigown Cemeteries, where prayers will be recited.
- **First Friday Masses: Parish Church:** 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.
Ballygiblin: 7.30pm (Confessions at 7.00pm) This Mass is for Holy Souls
Killacluig: 6.30pm (Confessions at 6.00pm) This Mass is for Holy Souls
- **EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** 7.30pm Evening Mass & prayers for Holy Souls will take the place of Holy Hour on Thursday Evening.
- **Prayers in the Cemeteries:** Sunday November 5th
- **Word of Thanks:** We the Priests of the Parish would like to thank all who facilitated the Autumn Station Masses and for the generous offerings received.

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

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.**

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Feasts:

1. Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints – it is a Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil Mass Tuesday Evening and Masses in all three Churches on Sunday. This Feast celebrates the victory of our brothers and sisters who have reached the Glory of Heaven. They remained faithful to God in the midst of life's struggles and temptations.
2. Thursday the Feast of All Souls: We remember the departed souls still on the journey of purification to Heaven. They are certain of Heaven, but need our help to lessen their period of purification.

THE DEFINITION OF SIN

1849 Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbour caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as "an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law."¹²¹

1850 Sin is an offense against God: "Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight."¹²² Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it. Like the first sin, it is disobedience, a revolt against God through the will to become "like gods,"¹²³ knowing and determining good and evil. Sin is thus "love of oneself even to contempt of God."¹²⁴ In this proud self-exaltation, sin is diametrically opposed to the obedience of Jesus, which achieves our salvation.¹²⁵

1851 It is precisely in the Passion, when the mercy of Christ is about to vanquish it, that sin most clearly manifests its violence and its many forms: unbelief, murderous hatred, shunning and mockery by the leaders and the people, Pilate's cowardice and the cruelty of the soldiers, Judas' betrayal - so bitter to Jesus, Peter's denial and the disciples' flight. However, at the very hour of darkness, the hour of the prince of this world,¹²⁶ the sacrifice of Christ secretly becomes the source from which the forgiveness of our sins will pour forth inexhaustibly. (catechism)

Plenary Indulgences for Holy Souls: 1. From 12.00 Noon on November 1st until Midnight on November 2nd, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a Church or Oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This Indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Holy Communion may be received on any day from November 1st to November 8th.

2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from the 1st to the 8th of November.

November Mass Offerings to be handed in on November 1st. Holy Souls Envelopes available at all Church entrances.

Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council invites you to a **Special Mass** in the Parish Church, Mitchelstown on **Thursday 9th November at 8pm** for all those who died in the past year, from **1st November 2016 to 31st October 2017**. The families of all those whose funerals took place in the Parish will be contacted. Parishioners whose relatives died outside the Parish in the past year, should contact the Parish Office by **4th November**, if you would like the name of your loved one to be remembered on the night. The Mass will be live on the Parish Radio and the Internet.

Day of Reflection at Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Mallow on Saturday, 17th November 10am – 4pm led by Fr. John Callanan SJ. Guided meditative prayer, taking account of our treasured memories, the situation of our lives and our hopes, opening up new pathways to God. Bookings to 022-26411 by 26 October.

”Fatima Still Speaks To Us” – Weekend Retreat given by Fr. Maximilian Schwarzbauer & Fr. Patrick Maria Cahill of the Family of Mary. **Friday 10th to Sunday 12th to November**. In the **Deebert House Hotel, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick**. For accommodation please call 063-31200. Programme: Friday: 7.30pm Mass, Saturday: 10am until 9pm. Mass at 5.45pm. Sunday: 10am until Mass at 4.45pm. To book a place contact Clare Cahill 085-1532258 or Sr. Helen 087-6735561

Occupational First Aid /Paediatric First Aid Refresher Course on Saturday 11th November, at Mulberry Montessori Pre-school, Mitchelstown. 9.00am to 5.30 pm. Contact: mulberrymontessori@gmail.com for further details.

The Joy of Love in Marriage: A Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rediscover the joy of their love. The next Residential Weekend will be from **17th to 19th November 2017** at **The Lake Hotel, Killarney**. For information and to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call (086) 609 5168 or (064) 6644319

THANK YOU so much for your contribution to last week’s Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world to share the Gospel with those in need, and help to build a worldwide Church. Those who have never heard the message of Jesus are given the chance to experience the love of Christ and to know the support of our Church family. Please pray for the work of World Missions Ireland and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ’s love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to www.wmi.ie or call +353 (0) 1 4972035 for further information.

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady: As Catholics, images and statues are reminders to us of God’s presence and love. We don’t worship statues, but we hold them and place them in our homes and in other buildings, to remind us that the living God is with us. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available for visitation to the homes of the parish. If you would like to have the statue for a week, contact the Parish Office, or the Sacristy.

Pioneer Pledge for November for the Holy Souls: November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise. Take the short-term Pioneer pledge this November. If interested please give your names to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council members.

COLLECTORS FOR NOVEMBER 2017: We thank those who collected during October. The Collectors for November take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock, Patrick Manning

8.30am: Con Hogan, John Seymour, Neil Egan, Michael Boland

11.30am: Liam Roche, Declan Casey, Seamus Mannix, Tom O’Brien

7.30pm: Brian Neville, Seanie Chamberlain, Tom Lucey.

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

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wednesday 1st November from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age you child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

The World Meeting of Families: Icon of the Holy Family will visit the Cloyne Diocese from 27th October to 1st November 2017. St. Colman’s Cathedral, Cobh Sunday 29th October Mass at 12 noon, Sunday Afternoon – Period of veneration of the Icon, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments available in Parish Centre. Evening Mass at 7pm. Monday 30th October Holy Hour 8pm – 9pm. **Church of the Resurrection, Mallow, Tuesday, 31st October** Mass at 7.30pm, followed by Holy Hour. Wednesday, 1st November (Feast of All Saints), Mass at 10am & 12 noon. Family Rosary at 4pm. Concluding Mass at 7.30pm. Visit www.cloynediocese.ie

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association National Draw 2017-2018:

Mitchelstown Branch P.T.A.A. are major promoters of the private members national fundraising draw to help in the promotion of temperance, especially among young people here in Ireland & pioneers in the developing world. Once again the National Fundraising Committee & Board of Management have decided to run the national members draws, **BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 15TH 2017 & CONTINUING EACH MONTH UNTIL APRIL 2018, INCLUSIVE**. Those wishing to join can do so, by contacting any member of Mitchelstown Pioneer Council or Mitchelstown local Promoter **John Casey 087 / 6477897**. We thank you for your financial assistance in the past, and look forward to your support in the future. Best of Luck to all in the draw. “*If you’re not in you can’t win*”.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of – Breda Howard (*née O’Donoghue*), Ballyarthur. Who died recently.
May She Rest In Peace

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Max O’Keeffe
Anna Linehan