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**Canon Fitzgeraldis on Sick Call this week;
Phone Number: 087 – 2524979**

Bank Holiday: Monday is a Bank Holiday Mass at **11.00am** only
First Friday Masses as per list below.
First Saturday Devotions in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: After the 10am Mass next Saturday
Vocations Sunday: Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday and special day of prayer. As next Sunday is 1st Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes** collection will be taken up.

Church of Our Lady Conceved 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 young people 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, Killacluig

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

First Friday: 6.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm**

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

Vigil 7.30pm: Jimmy Walsh, Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock

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, Seánie Chamberlain, Tom Lucey.

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

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One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, The child of a peasant woman
He grew up in another obscure village, Where he worked in a carpenter shop
Until he was thirty when public opinion turned against him
He never wrote a book, He never held an office
He never went to college, He never visited a big city
He never travelled more than two hundred miles
From the place where he was born, He did none of the things
Usually associated with greatness, He had no credentials but himself

He was only thirty three

His friends ran away, One of them denied him
He was turned over to his enemies, And went through the mockery of a trial
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves
While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing
The only property he had on earth

When he was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave,
Through the pity of a friend

Nineteen centuries have come and gone
And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race
And the leader of mankind's progress, All the armies that have ever marched
All the navies that have ever sailed, All the parliaments that have ever sat
All the kings that ever reigned put together
Have not affected the life of mankind on earth
As powerfully as that one solitary life

Dr James Allan Francis © 1926.

Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council presents a 'Night in Fatima', on **Friday May 12th at 7.30pm** in Bunscoil na Toirbhirte School Hall. Guest speakers Fr John McCarthy and Fr Patrick Winkle will give a presentation on the 3 Shepherd Children, the relevance of the Fatima message today and the 3 secrets. After a short break for light refreshments, we will go live to Fatima to join with Pope Francis for the recitation of the Rosary. May 13th is the Anniversary of the first apparition in 1917 and 2 of the shepherd children Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta will be declared Saints by Pope Francis on May 13th. **Special Mass on Saturday Evening May 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Church**, followed by **Candlelight Procession** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome to come to these very special events.

Mitchelstown Community Pre-School: Enrolments are now being taken for August/September 2017. Operating E.C.C.E. Scheme (*free school year*). Experienced and Fully Trained Staff. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Mary at 086-883 2533 or home 025-24697, or Tina at 086-8454870.

Message from Bishop William Crean: We are fortunate in Ireland to have the privilege of hosting the World Meeting of Families in 2018 (WMOF18). It gives the Irish Church the opportunity to celebrate family life and focus on the challenges facing Irish families today. Pope Francis, who has personally chosen Ireland for this event, tells us that “the welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the World and of the Church.” (AL 31). So I invite you to join with us as we prepare for this great world family occasion. **On Sunday the 7th May**, we will host a **Diocesan Forum in Springfort Hall**, which will be an occasion for us to listen and discern how the people of our Diocese wish to prepare for WMOF18. If you wish to attend please register by texting 086 0640249 or email info@cloynediocese.ie. Then I will celebrate Mass to launch our preparations in the **Holy Family Church in Youghal on Saturday 20th May at 7.30pm**.

Active Retirement Club, Thomas Street: Wednesday, 3rd May, 2-4pm **Beekeeping Demo** by David Lee. **Mystery Tour** Thursday, 13th July. Bus leaving The Mart Gate at 8.30am. Tour Costs €70.00, deposit of €20 required. Bring flat shoes. Contact Mary 087-9337753. Bring a friend. Book early.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE ex Cork: 24th May to 31st May €669 - Contact Ann Horgan 085-1201971. 30th Aug to 6th Sept €709 - Contact Angela Gowing 087-6140076. We are part of the Medjugorje Prayer Group that meets in Holy Trinity Church, Fr Matthew Quay, Cork, every Wednesday at 8pm and have been going for nearly 30 years.

URGENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND: Again this week, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme; we would really appreciate it, if you could please return these **TAX FORMS** as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact Patricia the Parish Secretary on 025 / 84062, *Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon*. 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. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincere thanks to all the Bag Packers, Management and Staff of Tesco for enabling us to achieve a wonderful contribution for Fermoy Hospital Fundraising Committee last Saturday. We really are very grateful to everyone for their help.

To celebrate the expansion of Your Good Self, Cork's Positive Self Programme, a **FREE** public talk for parents entitled: **'Getting to know your baby & toddler'** will be held in **Mitchelstown Library**, Sutton's Court, Clonmel Road, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork on **Thursday 4th May 2017 from 10:30am – 12 noon**. The talk will be given by Yvonne O'Brien, Counselling Psychologist, HSE North Cork Primary Care Psychology Service

Invitation - Shapers (Molan's Hair Salon), 4 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, are hosting an **ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY, Monday, 1st May, 2pm to 5pm**. Everyone most welcome. Please come and support this worthy cause.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance
Paddy O'Brien & His 5 Piece Band. Firgrove Hotel, **Sunday, 7th May, 2pm-6pm**. Admission €10. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Our Annual Draw will take place at the Dance, tickets still on sale from any of the 'Blue Tie Members' Anyone interested in travelling to Lourdes, please contact Paddy Seery 083-8098286.

We will be staying at the Eliseo Hotel, Lourdes, 200 meters from St. Joseph's Gate, it's the nearest hotel to the Grotto, where the Group is staying. From Wednesday 27th September to Monday, 2nd October 2017.

Urgent appeal for Cycle Against Suicide. Homestays needed in Fermoy and surrounding areas for Wednesday, May 3rd for cyclists coming into the area. Please help if you can. Contact fermoyhomestays@gmail.com or call 0874154301. Thanking you in advance.

The Evening Education Department of Mallow College are offering a selection of courses commencing on the 8th May 2017. All details are available from the college on 022-43030 or online at: evening.mallowcollege.ie

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.

Mitchelstown will once again host the **Darkness Into Light 5k Run/Walk** in aid of Pieta House on **May 6th at 4.15am**. Registration is now open, 20 euro per adult, 15 euro per OAP, unemployed and students and children under 16 free. Register at www.dil.ie

RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –
Tom Carey, Stag Park.
Who died recently.
May He Rest In Peace

NEWLY BAPTISED:

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Mary Murphy, Braxton Lonergan