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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 11AM WEDNESDAY

- **First Friday Masses** as per list below.
- **First Saturday Devotions in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary:** After the 10am Mass next Saturday
- As next Sunday is 1st Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes** collection will be taken up.
- **Feast Day:** Friday is the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney (Patron Saint of all Priests).

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

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm** with Reflections on the Life of St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and Blessing with the Relic of St. Pio.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30am**.

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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Cemetery Mass: A great gathering of people from far and near gathered at the old site of the 19th Century “Workhouse” last Tuesday evening, to offer Mass and to bless the graves of the people who died and were buried there. We were blessed with a dry and still evening, surrounded by the haunting fog covered Galtee Mountains. Fr. Gabriel reminded us in his Homily, that prior to the Reformation, the poor and sick were seen as a gift and not as a problem. The needs of the poor gave the opportunity to the more secure members of the Community to help those in greater need. These places were called hospitals, taking its name from the English word “hospitality”. To serve the poor and the sick was understood to serve Christ Himself. Andrew Dineen, from the Heritage Society, outlined the horrific suffering endured by our ancestors during the famines of the 19th Century. It was a healing for us all to remember our history and to remember those who died, during a period of such great hardships. Our thanks to the Community Council and to Dairygold, for making it possible to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice and to remember those in our locality who went through so much and died in such great hardship.

Collection for East Africa: There was a tremendous response to last week’s Trócaire appeal for the famine threatened peoples of East Africa. Sinéad Murphy made a very simple appeal and you responded most generously. The collection came to €4,816.00. Thank you all so much and may the Lord reward you. As we remembered our famine victims, we were also responding to a present day famine crisis in Africa.

AUGUST 2017: We thank those who collected during July. The Collectors for August 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.

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

Get your Summer Holiday Reading at the Ozanam Shop, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown, 025 84733. Fiction €2; Non-Fiction €1; Children's Books 50c. Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 10am–1pm & 2pm–4.45pm, Sat: 10am-1pm. All proceeds go to your local Society of St. Vincent de Paul

MASS FOR HEALING OF FAMILIES - Church of the Assumption Ballylanders, On the **Tuesday August 8th at 8pm**. Celebrant Fr Brendan Walsh, Pallottine, Thurles. 087 7873743

August 22nd-24th : 3 day Pilgrimage to Knock and Lough Derg. All in Package includes visit to Knock, day retreat on Lough Derg, Coach for 3 days, Breakfasts, Evening meals and Accommodation in Bundoran. Early booking is advised. Deposit secures booking. Contact Cormac O'Connor Coach Tours on 023-8849196, 087-6167835 for further details.

Legion of Mary Meeting every Tuesday night at 6.30pm in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. New members always welcome.

Pioneer Association Members Raffle: Results of Raffle held recently. **First Prize: €2000:** L. Kenny, Newcastle, Co. Dublin. - **Seller:** M. Kenny, Newcastle, Co. Dublin. **Second Prize: €500:** N. Cleary, Ashbourne, Co. Meath. - **Seller:** B. Cleary, Ashbourne, Co. Meath. **Third Prize: €250:** R. Bowman, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. - **Seller:** F. O'Brien, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. *We would like to thank all those who sold and bought tickets for our annual members raffle. We are most grateful for your ongoing support*

Mitchelstown Cope Fundraising Committee wish to thank the Parishioners of Mitchelstown, Killacluig, Ballygiblin, Kilbehenny and Anglesborough for their generous contribution towards our Church Gate collection. All proceeds will go to Cope Hostel in Mitchelstown.

BUS TO KNOCK on Sunday 6th August 2017 for the Diocesan Day in Knock. Bus leaves – The Square, Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Anyone wishing to travel contact: Bridget Fitzgerald 086-3594571 (after 7pm), before Friday August 4th. Cost Adults €20, Children €10 for the Bus. With a stop in Gort for Breakfast and Evening Meal.

Lough Derg 2017: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sunday, 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. Further information available regarding public transport, by telephoning Maureen or Lorraine on 071-9851518. E-mail: info@loughderg.org. Website: www.loughderg.org

Legion of Mary Visitation: Legion of Mary Members from around the Country will be visiting our Parish on **Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th August**. They will be visiting homes on behalf of the Parish. Please pray for success of the visit.

Post as Diocesan Co-Ordinator for Faith Formation in the Diocese of Waterford/Lismore: *The successful applicant will have*

- A qualification in Catechetics / Religious Education/ Theology
- A qualification in Leadership and/or Pastoral Care/ Youth Ministry
- Familiarity with current directions in pastoral ministry and the mission of the Church, especially in the areas of youth ministry and adult faith development
- An ability to work collaboratively with priests and laity working in youth ministry, pastoral renewal and adult faith development in implementing the vision for pastoral renewal and faith development contained in Share the Good News – the National Directory for Catechesis in Ireland
- Effective pastoral, organizational and communication skills
- Excellent research, analytical and report writing skills
- Familiarity with social media and the use of Microsoft Office Professional (including Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
- A full Irish or EU driver's license

Applicants should send a cover letter and CV's electronically to waterfordlismore@eircom.net or by post to

Diocesan Secretary, Bishops House, John's Hill, Waterford, X91 P2K8

The closing date for submissions is **Thursday 31st August 2017**. It is envisaged that interviews for successful candidates would begin on or near 12 September.

The Power of Prayer, The Power of the Rosary: most of the famous miracles and victories associated with the rosary during the 20th century occurred during times of war or oppressive government regimes. When the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, both bombing sites experienced miracles associated with the Rosary. When Hiroshima was bombed on August 6th, 1945, an entire house of Jesuits survived, completely unaffected by the bomb. The Jesuit house was located only eight blocks from where the atomic bomb went off and should have completely annihilated. A Church attached to the Jesuit house and everything else around it for miles were obliterated, but the house with the Jesuits in it survived largely intact. Furthermore, none of the Jesuits suffered any ill effects from radiation or loss of hearing whatsoever. In fact, all eight Jesuits lived healthy lives for years after the event. One of the survivors, Fr. Hubert Schiffer, SJ, gave public testimony more than 200 times about what had miraculously happened to him and his confreres. He testified that he firmly believed that they were spared, because they prayed the Rosary every day in that house in response to the request of Our Lady of Fatima.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Bridie Murphy (née O'Brien), 3 Mandeville Park.

P.J. O'Brien, Cope Foundation & 1 St. Fanahan's Place

Who died recently. May They Rest In Peace