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**Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week;
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●**Special Mass organised by the Parish Pastoral Council, for those who died in the past year:** On Thursday night next, (9th November) at 8.00pm. The names of those whose funerals took place in the Parish will be mentioned and a candle lit at a special Mass. If you would like the names of those who died outside the Parish to be mentioned, please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday. There will be special prayers for the bereaved. Fr. Joe O’Mahony C.C., Macroom will be the Main Celebrant of the Mass. This Mass will take the place of the Eucharistic Healing Hour. All are welcome to participate.

●**Prayers in Cemeteries:** Today Sunday, 5th November: Adjoining Cemetery – 3.00pm. Brigown Cemetery – 3.30pm. Next Sunday, 12th November Marshalstown Cemetery – 3.00pm.

●**Diocesan Assembly:** The Priests of the Diocese will meet in Assembly on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Please pray for Bishop Crean and the Priests of the Diocese.

●**The Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection** will be taken up today after Holy Communion.

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 Missionaries 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.**

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Special Mass for those who died in the past year and their families:

On **Thursday Evening next (9th November) at 8.00pm**, Fr. Joe O’Mahony C.C. Macroom will be the Main Celebrant of a Special Mass for those who died in the past year. The Mass is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council and all are invited to attend. It will be a special time to remember and grieve together for our loved ones, who have passed on. We will pray for the eternal happiness of their departed souls. We pray for ourselves too, that our faith in God’s promise of eternal life will grow stronger. Even though your loss and grieve may go back some years, please feel welcome to attend the Mass. Grief, does not heal easily or quickly. Death of a loved one can leave a great void and emptiness in one’s heart. In this month of November, we intensify our prayers for all departed souls and we also pray for healing, for those left to carry on.

33 Day Consecration to Our Lady:

Thousands of people around the country will begin a 33 Day Consecration to Our Lady on this Sunday, November 5th. The Consecration prayers will conclude on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. American Priest, Fr. Michael Gately, was inspired to compose the Consecration. It is based on the writings of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. John Paul II and St. Maximilian Kolbe. It is based on the Montfort motto “To Jesus through Mary”. Copies of the Consecration are available from Catherine Hanley.

THE GRAVITY OF SIN: MORTAL AND VENIAL SIN

1854 Sins are rightly evaluated according to their gravity. The distinction between mortal and venial sin, already evident in Scripture, (1 JN5: 16-17) became part of the tradition of the Church. It is corroborated by human experience.

1855 *Mortal sin* destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God’s law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him.

Venial sin allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it.

1856 Mortal sin, by attacking the vital principle within us - that is, charity - necessitates a new initiative of God’s mercy and a conversion of heart which is normally accomplished within the setting of the sacrament of reconciliation:

1857 For a *sin* to be *mortal*, three conditions must together be met: "Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent."¹³¹

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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

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 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.

Presentation Secondary School, Mitchelstown will hold a **FUNDRAISING NIGHT at Curraheen Race Track, Cork, on Friday 10th November**. Tickets are €20 (2 adults & 2 children) and are available from the school.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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1858 *Grave matter* is specified by the Ten Commandments, corresponding to the answer of Jesus to the rich young man: "Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour your father and your mother."¹³² The gravity of sins is more or less great: murder is graver than theft. One must also take into account who is wronged: violence against parents is in itself graver than violence against a stranger.

1859 Mortal sin requires *full knowledge* and *complete consent*. It presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God's law. It also implies a consent sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice. Feigned ignorance and hardness of heart¹³³ do not diminish, but rather increase, the voluntary character of a sin.

1860 *Unintentional ignorance* can diminish or even remove the imputability of a grave offense. But no one is deemed to be ignorant of the principles of the moral law, which are written in the conscience of every man. The promptings of feelings and passions can also diminish the voluntary and free character of the offense, as can external pressures or pathological disorders. Sin committed through malice, by deliberate choice of evil, is the gravest.

1861 Mortal sin is a radical possibility of human freedom, as is love itself. It results in the loss of charity and the privation of sanctifying grace, that is, of the state of grace. If it is not redeemed by repentance and God's forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ's kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices for ever, with no turning back. However, although we can judge that an act is in itself a grave offense, we must entrust judgment of persons to the justice and mercy of God.

(From the catechism)

THE OFFICE FOR THE DEAD MORNING PRAYER

Remember those, O Lord, Who in your peace have died,
Yet may not gain love's high reward, Till love is purified!

With you they faced death's night, Sealed with your victory sign,
Soon may the splendour of your light On them for ever shine!

Sweet is their pain, yet deep, Till perfect love is born;
Their lone night-watch they gladly keep Before your radiant morn!

Your love is their great joy; Your will their one desire;
As finest gold without alloy Refine them in love's fire!

For them we humbly pray; Perfect them in your love!
O may we share eternal day With them in Heaven above.

(Hymn from the Divine Office)