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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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● **Boxes of Offering Envelopes:** If anyone did not receive their box of envelopes and wish to have one, or would like to set up a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office during the week.

● **Confessions Parish Church:** Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm

● **EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:-** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm.**

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
Saturday morning: 10.00am only

FIRST FRIDAYS: 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

BANK HOLIDAYS: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.45am

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

CONFESSIONS: First Thursday of the month: 12 – 1.00pm & 8.00 – 9.00pm (during the Holy Hour) Saturday: 12 – 1.00pm & 7.00 -7.30pm in the Parish Church.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: **6.00pm.**
Confessions after Mass on the First Saturday of the Month

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am.**
Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

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Thought for the Day

Routine establishes itself, schools re-open. People will ask; 'how did you get over/survive Christmas' – making it sound like some sort of assault course to be negotiated. True? In it all, we may forget today that there is one more holiday worth observing – the Baptism of the Lord.

It's strange, but understandable, how we can readily recall dates of birth, but never baptism. It wasn't always that way. In scripture, only Matthew and Luke record anything about Jesus' birth, but all four gospels narrate his baptism. In centuries past the Church celebrated this day even more than the days remembering the holy birth, but we have drifted away from that practice. Sad, because in the process, we have relegated a feast that can give us a sense of enthusiasm, encouragement and absolute joy.

Baptism says loud and clear; 'I am somebody'. The world may seek to ignore you, say they have no interest or need of you. But Baptism says of you, as it did of Jesus; 'you are God's beloved son/daughter, his favour rests on you.'

At Christmas we celebrate his birth. Today we realise the work of Christmas truly begins.

Three Wise Women.....

You know what would have happened if there had been three wise WOMEN instead of three wise MEN, don't you?

They would have asked for directions, arrived on time to help deliver the Baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given practical gifts.

