CLERGY:

V. Rev. Canon Leamy P.P., V.F. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C., P.E. Rev. Fr. Pat O'Donoghue C.C. Parish Office – Patricia Dwane: **12pm** Phone: 025-41765. Phone: 025-84088. Phone: 025-84718. Phone: 025-84062.**Open 9am-**

Fr. O'Donoghue is on Sick Call this week; Phone No.: 087 – 2524979

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•Maintenance & Development Collection will be taken up Next Weekend.

•Catholic Schools Week 2020 - 26th to 31stJanuary .Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools.

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

• EUCHARISTIC 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) Saturd	ay: 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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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21).

Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18–25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul.

The theme for 2020 is 'Unusual Kindness'. The materials have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo.

On 10th February many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer.

Hospitality is a much-needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

Kingston College Chapel – Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm Speaker: Canon Michael Leamy.

An opportunity to come together to celebrate our Christian Faith. All welcome.

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come. <u>Henri Nouwen</u>

<u>Morning Rosary in the Parish Church</u> <u>Monday – Saturday at 9.30am</u> Please note change of time

Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima.

September 5th to 12th.Flights from Cork. Day trips to Balasar, Valinhos/Aljustrel, Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, and St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon. Limited places. Spiritual Director: Fr Marius O'Reilly. Price €699 if booked before Feb 10th. Call Damien on 087 204 9048

Invitation to Ballygiblin N.S. Open Night

We would like to invite you to Ballygiblin N.S. **Open Night at 7 pm on Tuesday 28th January** to view our facilities. You will also meet some of our pupils and hear first- hand their experiences of being a pupil in our school. In the meantime you might like to check out our website on <u>www.ballygiblinnationalschool.ie</u> or follow us on Twitter: @BallygiblinNS. You are welcome to ring the school on 025 24933 or email us at <u>ballygiblinns19@gmail.com</u> at any stage for further information. <u>Open Night Agenda:</u> •Tour of School and Facilities at 7 pm. •Principal's Address at 7:30 pm •Refreshments

Annual Coffee Morning in aid of St Joseph's Foundation Charleville who Provide much care and support to many in our community, will be held in the Hunters Rest on Saturday 8th February 8.30 am to 12.30. We had a phenomenal response last year and we are hoping for the same support this year from you all here in the community in any way you might be able. Many of you did baking for us or provided a spot prize for our raffle or came along on the morning and joined us for a cuppa. We would be very grateful for any support given.Catherine and Colm (086) 2487454. Many thanks.

Fermoy Parish will run a **Catechism Programme** that is also open to those who come from outside the Parish.The Introductory, "Come and See" night will take place on **Tuesday 4th Feb, 7.30pm at Corrin Events Centre (Cork Marts).**The course will use the recently published "Youcat Companion" written by Fr Seán Corkery (Cloyne Priest) and MáirínNíShúlleabháin who will introduce the course at the open night. Duration of course: One night per week (Tuesdays) over the months: Feb, Mar, Apr, May, (Summer Break), Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec.Course Director: Fr Eamon Roche (CC Fermoy). Enquiries/Bookings can be made to Fermoy parish office. 025 30856.

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of – Patrick (Paddy) Sheehan, Tearmann Uí Chaoimh Margaret O'Donnell (née O'Donoghue), Coolnanave Who died recently. May They Rest In Peace

<u>COMMUNITY PLAN 2019 – 2013 LAUNCHING ON 20TH January 2020 at</u> <u>ENTERPRISE CENTRE MITCHELSTOWN AT 8PM</u>

Mitchelstown Community Forum and Ballyhoura Development CLG are delighted to invite you to the launch of the Mitchelstown Community Plan 2019-2023. The plan has been a lengthy process of consultation with community groups and members of the community. The plan emerged from a series of well attended workshops. The challenge now ahead, is to work on making the actions and goals outlined in the plan a reality. To achieve these, we are calling on all members of the Mitchelstown community to attend the Launch night on **January 20th at 8pm in the Enterprise Centre**. Your participation is vital to the success of the delivery of the plan to make Mitchelstown a more vibrant place to live for both young and old. We look forward to seeing you all on the night to discuss the various themes. Ideas and needs in order to ensure the successful delivery of these

actions.

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MITCHELSTOWN OPERATION TRANSFORMATION RESUMES

Mitchelstown Walking Group conducts Operation Transformation with 2 k / 5 km Walks/ Couch to 5k Runs for 8 weeks each TUESDAY & THURSDAY plus free gym classes on WEDNESDAY all at 7.15 pm at MLC starting on Tuesday January 21st. Registration at 6.30 pm. Donations accepted . A suitable leader to follow the MLC fitness regime is being sought to promote the event. Remarkably it is the 7th year of Mitchelstown Operation Transformation. Give it a go. Stay proactive and maintain an active mind & body, because you only have the one. Please Share with friends on FB etc. You do not have to be great to start , but you do have to start to be great".

TESCO OVER 60 SOCIAL TONE UP CLASSES. Come try a Free class on Wednesday at 7 pm. Queries 087.3589734

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The Fermoy/Mitchelstown Family Support Network have identified a gap in services in terms of support available for parents in the Fermoy/Mitchelstown area, as a result of this identified gap, we are currently trialling **a parent drop in service in Mitchelstown.** This will be held once per month for 6 months initially and if there is a proven interest and need established for the service, we would be happy to continue the service. The drop-in will be facilitated by a member of the PPFS Team, Family Resource Centre, Family Support Project or another member of staff from the community and voluntary sector. All staff facilitating the drop in clinic will be qualified in Social Care, Family Support, Youth and Community or related field. Each staff member brings with them knowledge, experience and a commitment to support families. The dates for the next 3 drop in services are: Wed 22^{nd} January 10am – 12.30pm; Thurs. 27^{th} February 10am-12.30pm; Wed 25^{th} March 10am – 12.30pm. This drop in service will take place on the top floor of the Living Health Centre in Mitchelstown. It operates on a first come first served basis.