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Mitchelstown PPC

•As today is the 1st Sunday of February; **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place in the Parish Church until 7.15pm, with Benediction before Evening Mass. We invite you and your family to make a special visit.

• <u>EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:</u> Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special reflections on the life of Padre Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and Blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

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
CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

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

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

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 31st May to 5th June 2019. 5 Nights Full Board. Tour Director: Joe Walsh Tours. Under the Patronage of Bishop William Crean D.D., Bishop of Cloyne. Pilgrimage Director: V. Rev. Tobias Bluitt P.P.

Pilgrim Bookings available from Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick St, Cork. 021 4277959. Details of the Special Sick/Assisted Section available from: The Secretary, Mallow Parish, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow (022 20276).

A **Lourdes Triduum** will take place in St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh on February 9th, 10th and 11th. The **Annual Diocesan Lourdes Mass** presided over by Bishop Crean will be held in St. Colman's Cathedral at 7.30 pm, on Monday, 11th February. All are welcome.

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New way to connect with the Parish: Mitchelstown Parish has a new Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mitchelstownparish. If you are on Facebook please consider liking and sharing our page with your friends. Updates on Parish events, the weekly Parish Newsletter, thoughts for the day, prayers, videos and resources, are all shared on a regular basis, making it easier for you to connect with what's going on in the Parish and in the wider world of faith. We all know that our lives can get very busy; sometimes a simple thought we read on social media is just what we need to hear at that moment to redirect our focus back to God and His goodness. By sharing our page and our regular posts, you make it even easier for your family and friends to hear about the wide range of events being run in the Parish, and you can easily invite them along too! Even more detail about Parish events, Mass schedule, Parish groups, confessions and much more and can be found on our website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

"Let us boldly become citizens of the digital world. The Church needs to be concerned for, and present in, the world of communication, in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ. She needs to be a Church at the side of others, capable of accompanying everyone along the way. The revolution taking place in communications media and in information technologies represents a great and thrilling challenge; may we respond to that challenge with fresh energy and imagination as we seek to share with others the beauty of God." (Pope Francis)

1st Sunday Eucharistic Adoration 2019: On the 1st Sunday of January we introduced Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Church. On this 1st Sunday of February, we will continue the practice. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Parish Church after 11.30am Mass until Benediction at 7.15pm before Evening Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will then be brought to the Adoration Chapel. We exhort you all to make a visit during the day. Time spent before the Eucharist is the greatest source of strength. We invite you and your family too, to consider taking an hour in the Adoration Chapel each week. Some hours are vacant at present. Contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta devoted her entire life to serving the poor and marginalized. She saw first-hand the suffering, hunger and thirst of the desperately poor of the world. She and her sisters reached out with compassion and mercy to the poorest of the poor, the dying and the wretched of the earth. Saint Teresa explained from where she and her sisters drew their peace and strength: 'When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength.' We too are fed, nourished and strengthened when we carve out time to pray, when we devote some time to reflect and study God's word, and supremely when we receive, worship and adore Christ, present in the Eucharist.

"When you're 20 you care what everyone thinks, when you're 40 you stop caringwhat everyone thinks, when you're 60 you realize no one was ever thinking about you in the first place" (Winston Churchill)

BINGO – Glenahulla N.S. are hosting a Bingo Day for all the family, on **TODAYSunday**, **3**rd **February at 2.30pm** in the Firgrove Hotel. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Cork Contemporary Choir are hosting a Concert in St. Peter's on North Main St on Saturday 9th of February 2019 at 8pm in aid of Cork Simon Community. Tickets are priced at €15 and available from St. Peter's, Cork Simon Community Fundraising Office and from Cork Contemporary Choir. The programme for the concert promises to be an evening of wonderful music from Cork Contemporary Choir, their guest Douglas Harmonia Singers and soloists Gheorghe Palcu and Lorna Moore. All Welcome

"Come and See" - Vocations Afternoon. Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork. Saturday February 9th, 2 - 4.30 pm. For young women considering a vocation. Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com. www.poorclarescork.ie

DEADLINE REMINDER: TAX REFUND: Last week, some of you would have received correspondence from us, about the tax refund scheme, the deadline to return the form, is **tomorrow, Monday, 4th February**. 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 the refund. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Foróige in Fermoy are running a Leadership Programme Module 1 a CV boosting 4 Day Programme for 15 to 17 year olds on 19^{th} - 22^{nd} February with a cost of £15 which includes lunch for further information contact Emma Browne on 086-4134777 or emma.browne@foroige.ie

Ballygiblin N.S. Open Night on Tuesday $19^{\rm th}$ February at 7pm.

Enrolments now being taken.

Introduction to Childcare & Communications, Thursday mornings, 10.00am to 12.30pm. February 14th **to May 30**th **2019.** Q Centre, IDA Business & Technology Park, Lower Quartertown, Mallow. This Part-time Programme is FREE for: Those receiving a Social Welfare Payment or those with a Medical or GP Only Card. Those without a Junior Certificate or Leaving Certificate (priority is given to those who are free). To apply, Q Centre Mallow Tel. 022 42322

Days of Recollection: Guided by the writings of the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier (1838-1924), Foundress of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre, OSB. Saturday 23rd February 2019. The theme this month is: The Beatitudes. St. Benedict's Priory, The Mount, Cobh, Co. Cork. Begins at 9am with Holy Mass and Adoration. 1st talk at 11.00am. Day ends with tea at 3.30. Lunch provided. Donations welcome to cover costs. To book your place or to arrange to stay in our retreat house at any time, please contact: Mother Prioress: 021 4811 354, cobhtvburnconvent@gmail.com

Mitchelstown Community Pre-School: Enrolments are now being taken for August/September 2019. Operating E.C.C.E. Scheme *(free school year)*. Experienced and Fully Trained Staff. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Tina at 086-8454870.

St Fanahan's Camogie Club are celebrating 50 years of Camogie in Mitchelstown - All players and club officials from those 50 years are invited to join us on **Saturday 9**th **February** in Jackie O'Brien's from 8:30pm.

Annual Coffee Morningin 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 16th February 9.00 am to 12.30 pm. 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.

C.B.S. Primary Parent Council **Family Bingo** at the Town Hall on next **Sunday**, **10**th **February** at 2.30pm, the Parent Council urges all families to come along. The day will be suitable for children, parents, grandparents and all in between.

Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports Bereaved Parents is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 6th February at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc., please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 5th February or call the Information number on 085 2888 888.

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21st March 2019 – World Down Syndrome Day - Guinness World Record. In aid of The Down Syndrome Centre Cork, Bingo at the Rock will be hosting their annual coffee morning in aid of the charity from 10:00 am until 12 noon. FREE tea & Coffee and CAKES on the day as well as some AMAZING spot prizes that will be raffled as always. Aside from the Coffee Morning, they will also be making an attempt to break the WORLDS LARGEST BINGO CARD world record. This will begin at 12:30 followed by some bingo and major fun!! Tickets to be involved in the attempt at breaking the world record will be €20 and this will give the ticket holder entry into the game by means of a 3-page bingo book. Tickets can be bought in The Down Syndrome Centre, Forge Hill, Cork 0219615616 or in Rock Bingo, Deanrock Business Park, Togher, Cork. 021425011. This event is to raise much needed funds for The Down Syndrome Centre, who rely 100% on donations and receive no government funding.

ALL WELCOME

Upcoming Event: **The Divine Mercy Conference** will take place in the RDS, Dublin on **Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February**. The theme of the conference this year is "..... Let us not be put to the test". A bus will travel to the conference on Saturday 23rd February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

As part of our **Healthy Ireland Programme Mitchelstown Library** will be hosting a talk on **Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying Awareness for Parents**. This talk will be facilitated by Barnardos on **Thursday 7**th **February at 7.30pm in Mitchelstown Library**. It is free to attend but booking is essential. Call the Library on 025 41939 to book your place.

** THE ANCHORAGE INSTITUTE - SOUL ENRICHMENT COURSE 2019

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Learning to listen with the heart. Discover boundless compassion within a broken world.

Presented by; Kathleen Keaney, Una Boland LCM, Vincent O'Grady.

Venue: Blue Nuns Convent College Road, Fermov.

Booking essential at 087-1679586
Cost of day €45. 5 day package €200. Light lunch provided.