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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**  
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- Today we thank Fr. Gabriel for his work in the Parish and wish God's blessing on him, in his new mission in the Parish of Blarney.
- **Monday is World Day of the Sick.** Anointing of the sick will be given during the 10.00am Mass. We invite all who have sickness or burdened with age, to receive the Sacrament.
- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special reflections on Our Lady of Lourdes, prayers for the sick and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.
- The **Annual Diocesan Lourdes Mass** presided over by Bishop Crean will be held in St. Colman's Cathedral at 7.30pm, on tomorrow Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome.
- Next Friday is Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual abuse.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Mass**

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**A Word Of Thanks To Fr. Gabriel:** Next weekend Fr. Burke will take up duty in his new Parish of Blarney and reside in Whitechurch. We thank him for all his work here in the Parish of Mitchelstown over the last four and a half years. Fr. Burke was very diligent about his duties and very helpful and supportive to his fellow Priests and always willing to do cover for them. He made his own unique contribution to the life of the Parish during his years with us. He bore his share of suffering in the Cross of Christ without complaint or self-pity and that has been an example to us all. We ask the Lord to give him strength to now begin a new mission in his new Parish. He often reminded us all that we are "sent on mission", may the Lord go with you, Fr. Gabriel, and guides you in your witness to Him in Blarney.

**Day of Prayer:** Friday next is a special day of prayer throughout the world for survivors and victims of sexual abuse. This action was approved by Pope Francis in 2016 and is a central part of the healing process for survivors and victims and a very important element in raising consciousness in the Church.

Lord, we are sorry for what some of us did to your children:  
Treated them so cruelly, especially in their hour of need.  
We have left them with a lifelong suffering.  
This was not your plan for them or us.  
Please help us to help them.  
Guide us, Lord, Amen.

*Prayer inscribed on the healing stone unveiled at the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress in 2012 in Dublin and now has a permanent home at Lough Derg.*

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** Lourdes is a town in the south of France, which became known as a source of healing all over the world, since the approved apparitions of Our Lady (The Immaculate Conception) took place there on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February to July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1858. There were 18 apparitions in all and the sole recipient was a young fourteen year old sickly girl called Bernadette. Through St. Bernadette, Our Lady pleaded for penance and prayer for the conversion of poor sinners. The recitation of the Rosary was very much part of the apparitions and Our Lady left a Miraculous Spring of water, as a sign of healing and purification. She asked for a Church to be built and for the people to come in procession. Our Lady smiled during the apparitions and also expressed sadness. Since these events took place, millions of people have found healing, comfort, hope and faith by their visits to this amazing Shrine. The most recent approved Miracle was that of a French Nun, who had been suffering from acute sciatic nerve trouble for 40 years and was cured during a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2008, she is now able to walk again. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and is now World Day of the Sick. It is also the Feast of our own St. Gobnait.

C.B.S. Primary Parent Council **Family Bingo** at the Town Hall on **THIS Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Ballygiblin N.S. Open Night on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.**

Enrolments now being taken.

**Introduction to Childcare & Communications, Thursday mornings, 10.00am to 12.30pm. February 14<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.** Q Centre, IDA Business & Technology Park, Lower Quarters, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. To book your place or to arrange to stay in our retreat house at any time, please contact: Mother Prioress: 021 4811 354, cobhtyburnconvent@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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> February 9.00 am to 12.30 pm.** We would be very grateful for any support given. Catherine and Colm (086) 2487454.

**21<sup>st</sup> 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 **WORLD'S 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**

**Al-anon** is a self-help group who offers support and understanding to families and friends of problem drinkers. An open information evening will be held in The Mercy Centre, Mallow **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm until 8.30pm. All welcome to attend.

**Beef Plan Meeting** in the Vienna Woods Hotel Cork, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. It's about like-minded farmers coming together to try and get a fair price for their beef.

**Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 31<sup>st</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Bluit 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).

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.** Meeting this **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, at 7 p.m.** in **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always*

*welcome*

**THE ANCHORAGE INSTITUTE - SOUL ENRICHMENT COURSE 2019**

(OVER 5 SATURDAYS FEBRUARY to JUNE 10am-4pm)

*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, Fermoy.

Booking essential at 087-1679586

Cost of day €45. 5 day package €200. Light lunch provided.

**Mitchelstown Community Text Alert Subs** now due. Can be renewed at Forrest Hall or Una's Flower Shop. Cost €10.

**P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** €1000 L. Ferguson, Garrison, Co. Fermanagh.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** €400 Christopher O'Sullivan, Edward St., Mitchelstown.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** €200 A. Doherty / C. Dorrian, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** €100 B. Fulham, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each; ●Mid Leinster Region, Co. Laois. ●S. Duffy, Galway City. ●A. Henehan, Co. Roscommon. ●E. Heffernan, Co. Kilkenny. ●M. Brady, Co. Meath. ●M. Kelly, Co. Tyrone. *The next draw will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.* Local promoter John (087) 6477897.

**Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltd** are looking for a person for the office here in Mitchelstown. The person must be in receipt of Social Welfare and it's for 19.5 hours per week. If interested please contact Aileen on 025-86956

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Having just come through the Christmas period, which is the time of greatest demand on our resources, we are ever so grateful to those who subscribed so generously to our Annual Collection. However, we can never let up in our endeavours to fund our Society. Besides, we feel obliged to afford the opportunity for the well intentioned to contribute towards helping their neighbour. To this end, and with the goodwill of our Clergy, it has been decided to reintroduce our Weekly Collections to Ballygiblin and Killaclug, as and from, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019. We thank those who have volunteered to collect and we trust those who are in a position to contribute, will help us help those in need through our collections.

**We need to hear your Voice:** Mitchelstown Community is coming together to draw up a 3 to 5 year plan for Mitchelstown. This will be hosted by Mitchelstown Forum and facilitated by Ballyhoura Development. Please complete the following survey here is the link [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ballyhouracommunityplanning](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ballyhouracommunityplanning) We need as many people as possible to have their voices heard and feed into the future planning of Mitchelstown. (Paper copy available at the Ballyhoura Office Kingston College). Any queries please contact Norma @Mitchelstown Enterprise Centre **087-6347652**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Michael Curtin, King Street

Who died recently. *May He Rest In Peace*