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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**

**Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.**

**Parish Website: [www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie).**

**Find us on Facebook: [Mitchelstown Parish](https://www.facebook.com/MitchelstownParish)**

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● **Station Masses:** The Spring & Lenten Station Masses will commence on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February continue throughout Lent.** Some Stations will take place in the Parish Churches and others in the homes of parishioners. The Station Masses are offered for the families of the Station area to invoke God's Blessings in all we do. It is also an opportunity to make an offering towards the income of the Parish Clergy. We always invite and encourage families to consider having the Station Mass in your home for your area. You are most welcome to have the Station Mass in your home, please contact the Parish Office and let us know. Again we ask your help for the distribution of the Station envelopes. **The Spring distributors can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, it would greatly help.**

● **Catechesis and Talks on the Faith:** will be given by two married couples, a young man and a visiting Priest, in the Town Hall, beginning on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm.** These talks will continue for a number of weeks and all age groups are welcome.

● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special reflections and prayers for courage and faith and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

● The Parish Maintenance & Development Collection will be taken up next weekend.

**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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**Welcome to Fr. Patrick:** Fr. Patrick O'Donoghue takes up his new appointment as Curate in the Parish of Mitchelstown this weekend. We extend a warm welcome to him and pray for a very fruitful ministry with us. Fr. Patrick is ordained five years and up to now he has been working in the Parish of Cobh. Fr. Patrick's family live in Castlemartyr. As Priests, people and Religious, we assure Fr. Patrick of our deep respect and support in his coming to us and that he is especially in our prayers. We pray for Fr. Burke today also and for all the Priests involved in the recent Diocesan changes.

**Station Masses begin:** The Spring and Lenten Station Masses begin on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February.** The 1<sup>st</sup> Station is for **Carrigane** and will be held in **Ballygiblin School.** Mitchelstown Parish continues the Station Mass tradition and it is a great blessing for the various areas of the Parish. We encourage you all to make time for the Station Mass. We also invite new families to consider having the Station Mass in their homes. It is a great opportunity to continue the Christian tradition of gathering neighbours in the home. May God bless all our homes and help us practice daily family prayer. Distributors please collect the home deliveries for the Station Masses from the Parish Office.

**Second Catechesis – Presentation of the Gospel:** Last September we held a series of talks on Christ's Message to us in the Town Hall. Since then we have formed a neo-catechumenate community to help grow and develop that faith in the Parish. On **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March in the Town Hall we invite interested people of all ages to a 2<sup>nd</sup> series of talks on the Gospel.** The presenters will be two married couples, a young man and a visiting Priest. The talks will be presented in such a way as to make the Gospel relevant to the challenges of our lives. The talks will be held on Mondays and Thursdays for an hour throughout Lent. The challenge of our times is to know our faith better, so we encourage you all to avail of this opportunity. Many today are in need of the Good News of the Gospel, let them know about these talks.

**Towards Peace** is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of **Towards Peace** is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, who spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of trauma of abuse on your relationship with God and spirituality, **Towards Peace** is here for you. [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 7710533. Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

**Pioneer Short Term Pledge for Lent:** Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for Lent and offer this challenge as a prayer for someone suffering from problems with alcohol or other drugs. You can do likewise. Why not consider taking the short term Pioneer Pledge this Lent? Please give names to Pat McEvoy, The Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council Members.

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

Enrolments now being taken. Phone 025-24933. New Website:  
[www.ballygiblinnationalschool.ie](http://www.ballygiblinnationalschool.ie) also on Twitter @BallygiblinNS

**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](mailto: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.

**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. 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**

**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 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).

**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.

**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:** It has been decided to reintroduce our Weekly Collections to Ballygiblin and Killlacluig, as and from this weekend, 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**

**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre**, Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown, Tel: **0761 07 8030** E-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie)

As and from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, the following will be the opening hours.

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 1.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.**

**Cardiac Support Group North Cork:** Tomorrow, Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February there will be a Presentation by Shane Simcox Rehabilitation. Topic – Gym exercise for heart health. The Day-care Centre, Mallow at 8pm. Any queries contact 086-8900886

A meeting to discuss **St. Joseph's Foundation's Annual Spring Fair** will take place on **This Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm, in St. Joseph's Campus, Baker's Road, Charleville.** The Annual Spring Fair will take place on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Your help with this event would be greatly appreciated. We would be delighted if you could attend the meeting.

**Family History Classes** Starting during February at Aimerslei de Bhosc, Mitchelstown. DNA testing etc. Irish Citizenship ~ 087.3589734. Exhibitions ~ "How do I find my ancestors at local Libraries. [www.irishfamilysearch.com](http://www.irishfamilysearch.com)

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

**REMINDER: TAX REFUND:** A couple of weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us, there are still a few forms outstanding. We would appreciate it, if you could please return the form to the office during the week. If you are not interested in participating, please mark this on the form and return to the office, we will then amend our records and no further correspondence will be sent out to you. 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.

**Mitchelstown Musical Society** will present their 13<sup>th</sup> production 'Sugar – Some Like It Hot' from **February 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the C.B.S Auditorium at 8pm nightly. Tickets available from Mitchelstown Leisure Centre.