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**Fr. Pat O’Donoghue is on Sick Call this week; Phone No.: 087 –  
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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**

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- The collection for **CloyneDiocesan Purposes** will be taken up this weekend.
- A collection for the **Parish Defibrillator** will be taken up next weekend 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March.
- Chrism Mass In Cobh:** In the Cathedral on Wednesday Evening, April, 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. A bus will leave the Square in Mitchelstown at 6.00pm. Names to be given to Patricia, Parish Secretary in the Parish Office by Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a charge for the bus.
- **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: 9.30am

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

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**Thought for the Day**

*Another Lent has dawned. What (if anything) are you doing? Will you be any different by its end?*

This Lent, decide what God has called you to be, then ruthlessly eliminate any habit that keeps you from it. Don’t just remove bad practices; replace them with good ones. Maybe it’s a case of changing Lent from a time for going off things, to a space to get back on things we’ve gone off, like prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Recognise the enemy that is your bad habit. The defeated Napoleon Bonaparte in exile on the island of St. Helena wrote wisely when he said; ‘what defeats a man once, may beat him again.’ Anyone who has ever lived knows the deep truth of his words. A familiar enemy is the greatest threat.

If you want to know what your life will be like 25 years from now, write down your seven strongest habits. Multiply them by 365 days, then by 25 years – that’s what your life will be like. Happy? You know what to do – just do it.

**Lenten calendar**

*This Lent, you are invited to pray with a line of God’s Word each week and to express that Word in action each day...*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent: *Yourways, Lord, are faithfulness and love***

Mon: Thank God for the gift of love in your life, wherever you find it  
Tues: Pray for those who have forgotten how to love  
Wed: Fast from jealousy – love the giftedness in others  
Thurs: Remember those who have been betrayed  
Fri: Let your prayer be for the ones who live in sadness and loss  
Sat: Be a loving presence to all you meet today

**Light Humour** - The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick, but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me.!!

### Stations of the Cross

Each Sunday of Lent at 3.00pm in the Parish Church

**For the six Thursdays of Lent**, there will be a Series of Mediations at the Holy Hour in our Parish Church led by Fr. Pat O'Donoghue, on understanding the Mass through the writings of the Saints. It is an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the parts of the Mass. All welcome.

**Station Masses:** 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.**

#### MARCH

Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Croughevoe	<b>John Lonergan</b>	Ballygiblin Church
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Furrow & Gurteenaboul	<b>Patrick &amp; Aideen Harrington</b>	Ballygiblin Church
Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup> Kildrum & Garryleigh		Patrick Ryan
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Ballyarthur		Eileen Fox
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Corracunna & Cooleregan		Elizabeth O'Brien
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Kilshanny	<b>Michael &amp; Margaret Boland</b>	Parish Church
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Kiltrislane & Cloonlough South	<b>Rose Barry</b>	Parish Church
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Church Rd. Brigown Church Rd. Mulberry Flats, Mulberry Crest, Woodlawn, Kali Magdan, Brigown Cottages, Abbey Farm, Mulberry, Abbey View, The Meadow, Stonewell & Sliabh Alainn.		Parish Church
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Clonmel Road, Baldwin Street, King Square, Kingston College, Bank Place, Castlefarm Road, Castle Lodge, Sutton's Corner & Castle Park.		Parish Church
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Captain Keane's Grove, Roche's Heights & Sarsfield Casey Dr.		Parish Church

#### Msg. Michael Crotty

Msg. Michael Crotty will be ordained Archbishop in St. Peter's in Rome on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 5pm. He would like to extend an open invitation to all parishioners of Mitchelstown who would like to go to Rome for the Ordination ceremony. He has informed us that Una Fitzgerald has agreed to be the coordinator/contact person for all parishioners wishing to travel to Rome. Contact details will be available in the parish office and directly by calling 087/2117111

**Vocations Afternoon:** An afternoon for men considering a vocation to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Cloyne will be held on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March** at the Nano Nagle Centre, Killavullen, from 2.30pm-5.00pm. The afternoon will consist of reflection, prayer and the opportunity to find out more about becoming a priest in our diocese. For more information Fr Brian Boyle (Vocations Director) at 085 2553787. Email: priesthood@cloynediocese.ie. Those hoping to attend should make contact by phone or email by Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. There are currently two candidates studying for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Cloyne.

**Defibrillator Training:** In preparation for the installation of a Defibrillator in Mitchelstown Parish Church, training will take place for all who are interested on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020** in the Town Hall Mitchelstown. Contact Catherine McGrath 086/3369377. The training is free. All are welcome.

**Come and Listen** - "At many moments in the past and by many means, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, but in our time, He has spoken to us in the person of His Son" - Heb.1:1-2. A Series of Talks on the New Evangelisation of the Catholic Church, continues on Mondays and Fridays @8pm. Town Hall, Mitchelstown. All are welcome.

**LUÍNA GRÉINE RESIDENT'S** will host a **FUNDRAISING BINGO** - In Aid of GER SPILLANE & FAMILY. Ger was recently diagnosed with MOTOR NEURON DISEASE. It will take place on **SUNDAY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, JACKIE O' BRIENS FUNCTION ROOM, 2.30PM. ALL SUPPORT GREATLY APPRECIATED** Donations/Spot Prizes can be dropped to SHAPER'S HAIR SALON Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown. **TEA & REFRESHMENTS SERVED**

**Powerful Weekend of Prayer, Praise, Worship & Healing** with Maria Vadia, also Fr. John Keane and others. **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork.** Commencing at 9.00am both mornings. All welcome. For more details contact Pat on 087-2505528.

**ARISE** - is an event for young adults 18+ which will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Knock, Co. Mayo.** The day will include inspirational speakers, worship, prayer and workshops running from 10.30am - 4.30pm. This day is organised by CMYI - Catholic Youth Ministry Ireland. If you are interested in attending this event please contact Mallow Parish Youth Ministry, Bernadette on 086 8031126. If there are a number of people interested we will organise a bus.

**Tearmann Ui Chaoimh Mitchelstown H.S.E. Day Care Centre.** Places available in Centre. Opening hours Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 3.30 pm. Nurse led, offering advice and support to clients. Activities include; Music, Exercise, Guest speakers, General discussions, Bingo and just fun. Transport available if required. Why not give it a try. Contact Rita Slattery 0867871027

**P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw was held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020.** *The next draw will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.* Local promoter: John (087) 6477897. Best of luck to all in the draw.

**James Fitzgerald Memorial Brass Band:** The Committee of the Brass Band thank the public for their support to our Annual Church Gate Collection which was held on Sat./Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of -  
Teresa Martin (née Walsh), Cloughleafin  
Breda Moloney (née O'Callaghan), James Street