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PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS: mitchelstownparishofficechurch@gmail.com DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

- •The collection for **the Parish Defibrillator** will be taken up this weekend $7^{th}/8^{th}$ March.
- •Chrism Mass In Cobh: In the Cathedral on Wednesday Evening, April, 8th 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, 24th March. There will be a charge for the bus.
- 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: 9.30am

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

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

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.

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Thought for the Day: Lent is indeed how God draws us home as individuals, but it is also a very communal journey. We never journey alone, no matter how lonely we may feel. We are always journeying together. If we can experience our journey in communion with others, it makes it so much clearer that we are on a journey together. When we can share our experiences with a close friend or our worship community, we can enjoy support that allows grace to flourish. Let us pray for one another on this journey, especially for those who need and desire a change of heart on this pilgrimage to Easter joy. Choosing and acting Lent are so important because we are body-persons. We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations and we share in God's own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others.

(Andy Alexander SJ & Maureen McCann Waldron, Praying Lent.)

Lenten Calendar: This Lent, you are invited to pray with a line of God's Word each week and to expressthat Word in action each day...

2nd Sunday of Lent: I will walk in the presence of the Lord

Mon: Let God walk through your day with you
Tues: Give thanks for those who reveal God to you
Wed: Clothe those you meet in loving kindness
Thurs: Pray for those who feel they walk alone

Fri: Fast today in solidarity with those who never have enough to eat

Sat: Cherish those who are in your life today

What is Lent? The period of forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter is known as Lent. This is the time of year in Ireland when the days begin to lengthen with the coming of spring. The weeks of Lent were once the time when new Christians, who were to be baptized on Easter Eve, were taught about the Christian faith and life. Those who had already been baptized thought again about the promises they had once made and promise to be true to them. Lent was a time for spring-cleaning lives, as well as homes.

When does Lent end? In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent officially ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), with the beginning of the mass of the Lord's Supper.

Why does Lent last for 40 days? The 40 days mark the 40 years of the Israelites going through the desert and the traditional 40 days of Jesus fasting in the desert.

Why are Sundays not counted in the 40 days? Sundays are always a day of celebration in the Christian church and so they cannot be included in the 40 days of Lent.

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.

MARCH

Tues. 10thCarrigane
Thurs. 12th Skeheen Upper & Lower
Fri. 13th Gurrane & Coolenave

Ballygiblin School Kieran & Catherine O'Farrell Sonny & Mary O'Connell

Msg. Michael Crotty

Msg. Michael Crotty will be ordained Archbishop in St. Peter's in Rome on Saturday 21st 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 Úna 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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - Can you commit to one hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration. We are looking for people for the following hours: Wednesday 10-11am, Friday 8-9pm to share and Saturday 12-1pm. Please contact Nora on 025 24149, Catherine on 087 7727496 or any one of the Priests.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this Monday, 9th March, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. New Members always welcome

"Rise – Take Your Mat And Walk!" Women's World Day of Prayer 2020 from Zimbabwe. All welcome. Service takes place on Tuesday, 10th March at 7.30pm in Kingston College Chapel, Mitchelstown.

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.

Come for a day of songs, sports, prayer, crafts, and more with the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother at our Girls' Get-Together on **Saturday 14**th **March from 10am-2pm** in the **Town Hall**. Please bring your lunch and $\[mathbb{e}\]$ 2 to cover the cost of crafts. Please contact Sr. Mary at $\[mathbb{h}\]$ 1 hmactivitiesireland@gmail.com for more information. Permission forms are also available in the parish office and school offices.

A reporter was interviewing a 104 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

Mitchelstown Social Club are hostingaCoffee Morning in Forrest Hall, Mitchelstown on St. Patrick's Day from 12noon to 3pmto supportGER SPILLANE & FAMILY. Gerwas recently diagnosed with Motor Neutron Disease. Come along for a cuppa and support this very worthy cause. Donations on home baking would be greatly appreciated. Contact Bridie on 086 8835303

Mitchelstown P.T.A.A. Flag Day: A flag day will be held by Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Abstinence Association on Saturday March 14th from 9am to 6 pm. The purpose of the collection is to raise funds to help the association in their efforts to promote temperance among young and old in our Parish and outlying areas. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY, and if any of you could help with the collection, please contact any council member.

Saint George's Arts and Heritage Centre are hosting a fundraising Table Quiz, next Friday, March 13^{th} in the Hunters Rest, Mitchelstown @ 9.15pm sharp. The cost per team is \in 40, funds raised will go towards the ongoing costs of restoration and development of the 220 year old building as an Arts and Heritage Centre for the community. With Bill Power as Quiz Master, the night is suitable for all interests and abilities. Quizzes in Mitchelstown are always an enjoyable social night out, with food and plenty of raffle prizes. The Saint George's team wishes to thank everyone in advance for their support, especially the local businesses & The Hunters Rest team who are always incredibly supportive.

C.B.S. Primary Parent CouncilFashion Show on **Friday, 27**th **March,** at the Firgrove Hotel (the 34thAnnual!). Tickets €15 available from Spar, Centra and C.B.S. Primary.

Cork Autism Conference 2020 - Autism: Beyond Behaviours. Sunday October 11th, Clayton Silversprings Hotel, Cork. This conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support autistic people with behaviours of concern. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistics, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit: www.autismcork.ie or call 089 239 8900

Beginners English Language Class starting Thursday 12th March 10am -12.30pm ESOL Level 4 classes Friday 9.30am - 11.30am Mitchelstown Adult Education Services, Forrest Hall, Tel: 086 0484457

'Giving men a voice' an event that will include issues that men face in living healthy active lives as well as an informal look at the reality of men's lives after retirement or redundancy. Refreshments available as well as guest speakers from the HSE and MC John Arnold. Tuesday evening March 24th at 7:30pm in Forrest Hall, Mitchelstown. Free admission. In conjunction with the Men's shed association. All are welcome.

COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIÍ ÉIREANN, Baile Mhistéala - Our Annual Irish Night will take place in the Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown on Saturday 14^{th} March at **8.00p.m**.Music, Dancing, Singing and Food.A wonderful way to celebrate all that is Irish, and an opportunity for the many young (and not so young) musicians, singers and dancers in our local community to showcase their talents at our annual event.Cost $\in 10$ for Adults and $\in 5$ for Students/children.Contact any member of Comhaltas to book tickets, or alternatively pay at the door.Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh go léir.