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<u>DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY</u>

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

•FEAST OF ST. PATRICK: Tuesday next is the Feast of St. Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland.

<u>Vigil Mass:</u> Monday Evening in the Parish Church at 7.30pm. Masses on Tuesday

Morning at 8.30am & 11.30am.& Tuesday Evening at 7.30pm

Ballygiblin Church: Monday Evening at 6.00pm. Killacluig Church: Tuesday Morning at 10.00am

Collection for Emigrants taken up on St. Patrick's Day.

- 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 & 10.00amSaturday 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.

<u>CONFESSIONS:</u> 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 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

How does it feel like to meet someone who knows everything you've ever done? Vulnerable for one thing, uneasy and slightly awkward for another. Who could stand up to such scrutiny? But the treasure of having as a friend someone who truly knows you and is still your friend!

It was such a friend that the crowd-avoiding Samaritan woman met at the hottest part of the day. It was like most of the deepest changes in life - a so-called 'chance' encounter. His thirst for her life changed a Samaritan woman with a chequered past into a follower. Most of us came to meet Christ in less dramatic ways than she did. Yet there was a path, however obscure or winding that led us to some well where we realised that our thirst was deeper than anything earthly could ever satisfy.

'Hunger is a good sauce' is a saying that describes how desperate need can make us satisfied with what we have, inadequate though it may be. Jesus wants a full life, not a mere existence for his followers. 'If you only knew what God is offering...' (Gospel).

Two people went out of their way in the Gospel. The woman to a remote well, and God who will always go out of his way to encounter us and offer us a life of renewal.

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...

3rd Sunday of Lent: Lord, you have the message of eternal life
Mon: Notice signs of new life around you and give thanks

Tues: Give to those who are in need
Wed: Pray for those who feel unloved
Thurs: Fast from what does not bring life
Fri: Pray for the gift of trust in God

Sat: Cherish the unexpected moments of wonder

A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. "Ha! That's not going to help," she said. "Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."!!

Postponed – I have been asked by Msgr. Michael Crotty to inform you, that his episcopal ordination has been postponed because of the corona virus outbreak in Italy. At the moment no new date has been decided.

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

Thurs. 19thRobert St. Thomas St. George St. Kingston Close & Edward St.

TEARMANN UI CHAOIMH

Thurs. 19th King St. James St. & Tearmann Ui Chaoimh. TEARMANN UI CHAOIMH

Fri. 20th Demesne **8.00pm** Nora Finn

Fri. 20th Ballybeg, Turbeigh, & Glenatluckey William & Mary Sheehan

Msg. Michael Crotty - Ordination Postponed due to Coronavirus

The ordination to Archbishop of Msg. Michael Crotty, which was to be held on the 21st March, has been postponed due to the Coronavirus.

Pope Francis - "In this moment, I would like to address all the sick that have the virus and that suffer the illness and the many that suffer uncertainties about their own sicknesses," the Pope said during his General Audience broadcast from the Library of the Apostolic Vatican Palace. "My heartfelt thanks to the hospital personnel, the doctors, the nurses, and the volunteers, who in this very difficult moment are next to the people that suffer.

"I thank all the Christians, all the men and women of goodwill that pray for this moment, all united, regardless of the religious tradition to which they belong; my heartfelt thanks for this effort. However, I would not like this pain, this very strong epidemic make us forget the poor Syrians that are suffering at the border between Greece and Turkey: a people suffering for years. They must flee from war, from hunger, from sicknesses. Let us not forget our brothers and sisters, the many children that are suffering there."

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.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service seeking marriage preparation facilitators - ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation course facilitators.

If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church

If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation courses locally. Contact Jean on 025/31899 – Monday to Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm or on email accordcloyne@cloynediocese.ie for more information on or before 31st March.

<u>The following Event has been CANCELLED due to the Coronavirus - Mitchelstown Social Club Coffee Morning in Forrest Hall, Mitchelstown on St. Patrick's Day to supportGER SPILLANE & FAMILY. It will be rescheduled for another date, in due course.</u>

The St. Patrick's Day Parade has also been cancelled

<u>LUÍ NA GRÉINE RESIDENT'S</u> would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended and also helped in anyway, with their recent **FUNDRAISINGBINGO** –In Aid of GER SPILLANE & FAMILY. €4,420 was raised.

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Postponed due to Coronavirus C.B.S. Primary Parent Council Fashion Show on Friday, 27th March, at the Firgrove Hotel.

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

The following Event has been CANCELLED due to the Coronavirus - '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.

When you listen don't...

Don't say things like, "You think you've got a problem!" or "You should hear what happened to me."

Don't ask a lot of questions.

Don't repeat what you have heard to anyone else.

Don't get cross or take offence if your advice isn't taken.

Don't jump to conclusions about what is being said halfway through what someone is saying, or you will stop really listening.

Don't say, "If I were you" - You're not!

The art of listening is a gift you can give, no matter who you are. And you can give it to anyone.

It doesn't cost anything. Yet, to a person who needs a listener, it's a gift beyond price. Each of us can start today, wherever we find ourselves, to learn to listen.

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism – Sophia Hannon. William O'Donoghue