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

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

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- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with reflections from St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and blessing with Relic of St. Pio.
- **Lenten Evening Prayer and Benediction every Sunday Evening at 5.00pm during Lent.** We encourage you to attend.
- **Confessions:** Thursday 12.00-1.00pm & During Eucharistic Healing Hour 8.00-9.00pm. Saturday 12.00 – 1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm. We encourage families to practice monthly Confession.
- **First Friday Masses:** Friday next is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of April. Masses in Parish Church: 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.
- **CHRISM MASS IN COBH:** In the Cathedral on Wednesday Evening, April, 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. A bus will leave the Square in Mitchelstown at 6.00pm. Names to be given in Parish Office.
- **Series of Talks:** Explaining our Faith will continue in the Town Hall, this Monday & Thursday, 8.00-9.00pm. All welcome.
- **Evening Mass throughout Lent in the Parish Church at 7.30pm. Lenten Reflection at 7.00pm on Monday. Stations of the Cross Friday at 7.00pm.**
- **Station Masses:** The Station Masses will continue this week. Please take note of your Station Mass on your list of Stations. We encourage every family to attend.

#### **APRIL**

Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Demesne	<b>John &amp; Antoinette Keane</b>
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ballyarthur	<b>8.15pm Denis &amp; Mary Coleman</b>

**COLLECTORS FOR APRIL 2019:** We thank those who collected during March. The Collectors for April take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Pat Manning, Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock, Tom Lucey  
8.30am: Con Hogan, Kitty Mulqueen, Neil Egan, Michael Boland  
11.30am: Ger Brennan, Willie Ahern, Seamus Mannix, Tom O'Brien  
7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald, Mary Ryall

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** We thank Team "C". Team "D" take over next weekend.

◆ **Next Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April the Boys & Girls of the Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish Church at 11am.** There will be no 10am that morning. The Church Car Park will be reserved for Special Needs Only.

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### **Safeguarding Message from Most Rev William Crean Bishop of Cloyne 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March 2019:**

My Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity on Safeguarding Sunday to reflect on some aspects of Safeguarding and recent events in the Church during the past year. I wish to express my gratitude to all the women and men throughout the diocese engaged in Safeguarding Children and vulnerable adults. Due to their dedication and commitment, the Church in Cloyne has put in place, good structures to ensure that children and young people can take part in the life of the Church, in a safe and compassionate way. I am thankful to the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee and all Safeguarding personnel for their engagement to this task. On my visits to Parishes for Confirmation, I have met many Parish Safeguarding Representatives and seen the work they do. They are an inspiration to us all.

Children and young people have a right to see in us adult Christians the true face of Jesus and be able to participate in the life of the Church without fear. Unfortunately for some children throughout the world and in our own country, that has not been the case. Many children and young people experienced abuse and suffer from that experience today.

Pope Francis addressed the issue of abuse in the Church before he came to Ireland in his letter to the People of God and also addressed it at the World Meeting of Families, where he sought forgiveness for the crime and sins of abuse in the Church. At the recent summit of abuse in Rome with Bishops from around the world he said: *"If in the Church there should emerge even a single case of abuse – which already in itself represents an atrocity – that case will be faced with the utmost seriousness. Brother and Sisters: in people's justified anger, the Church sees the reflection of the wrath of God, betrayed and insulted by these deceitful consecrated persons. The echo of the silent cry of the little ones who, instead of finding in them fathers and spiritual guides, encountered tormentors, will shake hearts dulled by hypocrisy and by power. It is our duty to pay close heed to this silent, choked cry."* (24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019). We need to be constantly vigilant in the Church and in society to ensure abuse of children is never tolerated and is dealt with as a crime.

It is my hope and vision that in our Diocese:

- Young people will continue to be able to take part in the life of the Church.
- That all of us continue on the road to ensure that best practice in Safeguarding Standards are upheld.
- And that those who suffered abuse in the Church may find healing and peace.

With prayerful good wishes.

Bishop William Crean.

**Retreat for Primary School Teachers:** A Retreat for Primary School Teachers will take place at Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House, Kilsheelan, Co. Tipperary from Friday 5<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Speakers will include Breda O'Brien, Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Maeve Mahon and Sr Rose Miriam, and will cover a number of topics of interest for Catholic teachers in our primary schools. See [www.actireland.ie](http://www.actireland.ie)<<http://www.actireland.ie>> for booking details and further information.

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**Mental Health and Other Issues** - How our faith carried us. Testimonies from three Catholic young women who contended with various struggles such as addiction, eating disorder, depression and family breakdown. Elizabeth Chapman, Theresa Traynor, Melanie Deveraux give their testimonies at Midleton Park Hotel, Jameson Suite, 8pm, Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

[www.midletonparish.ie/3testimonies](http://www.midletonparish.ie/3testimonies)<<http://www.midletonparish.ie/3testimonies>>

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**Ecce Pre-School** intake for August 2019 at **Bright Sparks Childcare Centre**, Mitchelstown. Last few spaces remaining. Sessions available are 9-12pm or 12.15 to 3.15pm. If your child is 3 years by 31<sup>st</sup> December they will qualify for the ECCE scheme. Please ring 025/86799 or text 086/2653839 to book a space and for more details. Deposit required to secure your space.

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**Mitchelstown Community Council** clg Annual General Meeting will be held in Forrest Hall on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 8pm. All are welcome.

**Mitchelstown Community Text Alert Subs** now due. Closing date Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. Can be renewed at Forrest Hall or Úna's Flower Shop. Cost €10.

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**The Ballindangan Players** will perform 'Play On' by Rick Abbott on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of March and 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of April at 8pm nightly. Under the direction of Tim Dunne, the cast includes Pat Landers, John O'Doherty, Mary Gallahue, Linda Murphy, Micheál O'Doherty, Ursula Flynn, Eileen Harrington, Sinead O'Brien, Fiona Walsh Clahane & Tina Carton. This is a comedy suitable for all the family. Ticket Reservation on 086/6079251 or 025/24753.

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On behalf of **The Irish Blood Transfusion Service:** Please pass on our thanks to all who contributed to the running of this Clinic. **264** Donors attended our Blood Donor Clinic in **The Firgrove Hotel**. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. The precious gift of Blood brings life and hope to our hospital patients and their communities.

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**Volunteers aged over 65 wanted for Health Assessment** - We, researchers CIT, are carrying out a study on the health of Irish older adults and we want you to be a part of it! All you have to do is complete a short health assessment (45 minutes), including simple physical tests and questionnaires, at a time & place which suits you in Mitchelstown town. Come along, meet others, learn about your health and we will also enter you into a raffle where you could win a €150 one4all voucher! Tea & coffee also provided! Please contact Maeve O'Connell Email: [maeve.oconnell1@mycit.ie](mailto:maeve.oconnell1@mycit.ie) Phone: 086-0535918

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**Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group is celebrating 21 years, 1998 – 2019.** Anyone interested in travelling with us next September, the 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September in our 21<sup>st</sup> year. Please contact Patrick Seery 083-8098286

## **Safeguarding structures, people and policy in place in the Diocese.**

The Diocese has:

- Diocesan Safeguarding Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Willie Keane. (15 members of lay people and priests)
- Safeguarding Office: Mallow Community Youth Centre, New Road, Mallow: [www.safeguardingchildrenclonoyne.ie](http://www.safeguardingchildrenclonoyne.ie) Tel: 022-21009
- Vetting Coordinator and Training officer - Rosarie O'Riordan
- Parish Safeguarding children Representatives in each parish
  - Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) Fr. Patrick Winkle / Mr. Ger Crowley
- All Diocesan Priests ministering in the Diocese receive ongoing training for Safeguarding and are Garda Vetted.
- All people working with Children and vulnerable persons in the Diocese have to be Garda vetted and undergo training in the Diocesan Policy.
- National Case Management Reference Group Management. Reference Group acts as Advisory Panel for Management of Cases
- Vulnerable Adults: An interim policy is in place see [www.cloynediocese.ie](http://www.cloynediocese.ie) under Policies
- Annual Parish Audits are carried out.
- Parish Visitations take place to ensure best practice.
- Parish Information Sessions are given.

**Contact details for Reporting:** If you, or anyone you know, has a child protection concern, or wishes to report an allegation of child abuse directly to Church Authorities, please contact the Designated Liaison Person (DLP). Phone Number: 086 0368999 If you, or anyone you know, has a child protection concern or, wishes to report an allegation directly to the Statutory Authorities, please contact the Garda or Tusla (Child and Family Agency) and ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker.

Tusla (Child and Family Agency)

Mallow / Fermoy --- Phone Number: 022 – 54100

Cobh / Midleton / Macroom -- Phone Number: 021 – 4927000

TUSLA: [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie)

In cases of emergency please contact An Garda Síochána.

**For those who have been abused in the Church and need counselling.**

Toward Healing: 1800 303416 [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie) or text no. only 085 8022859

Monday - Thursday 11am -8pm: Friday 11am -4pm

For Spiritual Healing: Towards Peace: 01 5053028 Mobile: + 353 (0) 86 7710533

Monday – Wednesday: 10am – 5pm. Email: [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie) [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

National Safeguarding Board 01 5053124 [www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Saoirse Fogarty** **Bláthnaid O'Neill**

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Alice Considine (née White), O'Neill Crowley Terrace.

Bridget (Birdie) Walsh (née O'Donoghue), Gurteenaboull

Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*