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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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● **Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, Palms will be blessed at all Masses. Please bring Palms.**

● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with reflections on Holy Week and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

● **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.

● **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.

● **Holy Week:** The programme for Holy Week will be delivered to all homes in the Parish in the coming week. **We would appreciate the help of the Spring Distributors, they will be ready in the Parish Office from next Wednesday.**

● **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.**

**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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**Holy Week Approaches:** Sunday next we bring to Mass Palms to mark the beginning of Holy Week and to mark the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The people felt a great move of devotion towards Jesus on that day. He came into the city riding on a donkey, as a symbol of peace. The people praised Him and lay their cloaks on the ground before Him, they cut Palm branches and waved them with honour and excitement for Jesus. The people felt incredible joy and believed the Messiah had come. But in a few hours, all that was to change, when the enemies of Jesus engineered His betrayal, His arrest, condemnation, crucifixion and death.

The Reading of the Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday prepares us for these incredible events for humanity and Holy Week begins.

Over the years Parishioners have made a special effort to attend Holy Week Ceremonies and we encourage you all to do the same this year. Jesus gave Himself for love of us, let us give ourselves for love of Him.

The Chrism Mass (the blessing of oils) will take place in Cobh Cathedral on Wednesday of Holy Week (April 17<sup>th</sup>), at 7.30pm. We will take a bus from Mitchelstown, leaving the Square at 6.00pm. You would be very welcome to come, just give your name to the Parish Office. Bishop Crean will be Main Celebrant and many Priests from the Diocese will concelebrate. It is a very beautiful Holy Week Celebration.

Details of all the Ceremonies will be sent to all your homes in the coming week. We would be very grateful of the help, of all the Spring Distributors in getting the Easter Envelopes and Ceremony Lists out to all the homes of the Parish. They will be ready for collection from the Parish Office from this Wednesday.

**Welcome to New Church of Ireland Minister:** The Rev. Eileen Cremin will be replaced this Sunday by the Revd. Gary Paulsen at an Institution Service in Christ Church, Fermoy at 4.00pm. We welcome Rev. Paulsen and wish him well in his ministry in the Fermoy Union of Parishes.

**Fr. Gabriel Burke:** In appreciation and thanks to Fr. Gabriel Burke for his work in Mitchelstown Parish over the last 4½ years, the Parish Pastoral Council are organising a special collection for him at all Masses during all Masses next weekend. If you wish to make a donation, please put it in the basket at the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection time. Thank you for your support.

**First Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today in the Parish Church after 11.30am Mass until 7.15pm Benediction. Lenten Evening prayer at 5.00pm. We encourage you all to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**"Life in the Spirit" seminar, by Mr Brendan Walsh.** DATE: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.  
TIME: 7:30-8:30pm Approx. DURATION: Over 7 week period  
VENUE: Muintir Mhuire, Ballybutler, Ladysbridge, Co.Cork

**Refresh, Renew, Rekindle your marriage relationship on a Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Cork.**

[www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) 086-8334382- 087-2162436

**Seniors (over 60's) Tone Up Class** at Tesco Training Room Mitchelstown Wednesdays at 7pm. ~Gentle Weights, stretching, nutrition tips ~ 087.3589734 to book.

**Home of the Mother Sisters: Lent Mission Talks:** "Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more." The Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother will be giving a series of talks **every Monday** during the season of Lent. The talks will be at **7:00pm** in the Main Church before evening Mass at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend!

**Stations of the Cross** will be held in the Main Church **every Friday during Lent from 7:00-7:30pm**, led by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. All are welcome  
**DVDs** are now available for purchase about the life of Sr. Clare Crockett, a budding actress from Derry who left her career and the open doors to fame behind to give her life for God. Sr. Clare tragically passed away in the 2016 earthquake in Ecuador at the age of 33, but has since been touching lives with her testimony. Please contact the Servant Sisters if you would like to purchase one. Cost is 12 euros.

**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.

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

**Parent and Toddler/ Baby Group** in the Town Hall, Thomas Street. Tuesday mornings from 9.30am-11am. €2 cover charge per family.

**"Women of Faith" - A Catholic Conference for Women.** Speakers: Sr. Mara Grace (Dominican Sisters, Limerick), Frances Hogan (Scripture Scholar from EWTN), Sr. Mary (Home of the Mother Sisters, Mitchelstown), Kathy Sinnott (EWTN Host and Former MEP), Niamh Uí Bhriain and Mary Lehane. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30-3.30pm, SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, Cork. Mass with Archbishop Okolo (Papal Nuncio). Confessions & Adoration. Bring a packed lunch. Donation only. Register by Call/Text: 086 8760 058

Do you want to know all the ancestry connections for aspirants to apply successfully for citizenship / passports. Ring 087.3589734. [www.irishfamilysearch.com](http://www.irishfamilysearch.com)

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.** Meeting this **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, at 7 p.m.** in **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Kelvin Fennessy**

**Noah Finn**

**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

**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

**Presentation Secondary School** are hosting a **Community Coffee Morning** on **April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 to 11am in the Multi-purpose room of the school**, to officially launch our involvement with the Cycle against Suicide event which will occur in the town in May. We invite you to join with us on April 10<sup>th</sup> to hear guest speakers who will be focusing on the topic of positive mental health. We will also have some great entertainment and some home baking to enjoy also. Everyone is welcome.

**P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:**€1000. M. Quinn, Co. Tyrone. **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:**€400. Jackie & Margaret Roche, Moher Crescent, Mitchelstown (Promoter John Casey). **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:**€200. S. Duffy, Galway **4<sup>th</sup> Prize:**€100. G. Clarke, Longford. Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each; ●K. Leamy, Co. Tipperary ●G. Clarke, Longford. ●B. Cuddy, Co. Galway. ●M. Brady, Co. Meath. ●J. Casey, Mitchelstown. ●J. Rogers, Dublin. **The next draw will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019.** Local promoter John (087) 6477897.

**Coffee Morning in aid of Mitchelstown Cope Residence.** Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at **Forrest Hall, New Square**, Mitchelstown, from **10am to 2pm.** Hamper and nice items for Raffle. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Cork Autism Conference 2019** - Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities, **Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Silversprings Hotel, Tivoli, Cork.** The conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. All are welcome. More info here: [www.bookwhen.com/autismcork](http://www.bookwhen.com/autismcork) or call 089 239 8900.

**East Cork Choral Society** are 40 years old this year. They have chosen to perform **Bach's St. Matthew Passion** as part of their celebrations. The powerful music uses three choirs and double orchestra and is one of the most moving ways of hearing the Passion story. The performance is on **Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> in St. Patrick's Church, Lower Glanmire Road at 8.00p.m.** The Choral Society will be joined by the Seafeld Singers from Dublin, St. Patrick's Church Choir, East Cork Orchestra, soloists, Elizabeth Hilliard, Dominica Williams, Adrian Thompson and Cork's own Eoghan Desmond, and with Colin Nicholls completing 36 years as conductor. Tickets, €20, are available from Pro Musica, the Sacristy at St. Patrick's and Society members.

**Home of the Mother – Holy Week Encounter:** *Live the most important week of the year, in a prayerful and joyful atmosphere!* Knockadonon Retreat Centre, Co. Cork from **April 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.** €100 Adult, €85 under 18's, Family Discount. Bring – sheets, duvet (Sleeping bag), notebook, pen, Bible, Rosary etc. For more details contact Sr. Mary SHM 087-1660381 or [mitchelstownshm@homeofthemothor.org](mailto:mitchelstownshm@homeofthemothor.org)