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● **Today is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.** Divine Mercy Devotions 2.00pm – 5.00pm in the Parish Church. Priests available for Confession. Rosary, Stations of the Resurrection, Chaplet, Adoration and Mass. Fr. Tom Breen P.P. Ballylanders, will be main Celebrant of the Mass.

● **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The Children from Glenahulla National School will receive 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at Mass in Killacluig Church **next Sunday** at a later time of **10.30am** (Please note time).

● **Word of Thanks:** We, the Priests of the Parish, would like to thank you for your Easter Offerings and for your generosity to all Church Collections, may God reward you.

● **Series of talks on the Gospel:** This Monday night only in the Town Hall at **8.00pm**.

● **TRÓCAIRE BOXES:** All remaining Trócaire offerings should be handed in as soon as possible.

● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with reflections led by Home of the Mother Sisters and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

● **Confessions:** Thursday during Eucharistic Healing Hour 8.00-9.00pm. Saturday 12.00 – 1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm. We encourage families to practice monthly Confession.

#### **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

**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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**Massacre in Sri Lanka:** Sri Lanka is an Island nation in the Indian Ocean with a population of 20 million people, 70.2% is Buddhist, 12.6% is Hindu, 9.7% is Islamic, 7.4% is Christianity. On Easter Sunday morning 2019, 359 people were brutally killed by nine identified suicide bombers, one a pregnant woman. They were Islamist extremists, connected with Isis, claiming to avenge the gun attack in Mosques in New Zealand in March, in which 50 people were killed. In Sri Lanka three Catholic Churches were targeted and three hotels. It was one of the worst terrorist attacks since 9/11. It was well organised and the bombs went off simultaneously. People in the Churches were attending Easter Sunday Mass. It was a pure evil attack on innocent men, women and children. The Government had received warning of possible attacks in previous weeks, but seems to have done nothing to alert the people. It proves true the saying: "There is no surer way for evil to triumph, than for good people to do nothing". In these moments of evil, we Christians turn to the Cross of Christ, even in Easter time, because by His Cross, He has redeemed the world. We ask God, this Mercy Sunday, to have mercy on those who died, so brutally and to comfort the relatives and friends in their extreme grief. We keep all the people of Sri Lanka in our prayers at this time of cruel evil attack. Let us turn to the Merciful Lord today and ask Him to protect humanity and to protect all of us from evil.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN KILLALCUIG:** **Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, the children from Glenahulla National School will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at **10.30am Mass (Please note the later time)**. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is central to our Catholic Christian life. It is our faith in the Holy Eucharist that is the heart of our spiritual life as Catholics. The children and their families have been preparing for this moment all year. But it is also a special moment for the Parish Community to see the children enter into the heart of the faith. It is really important for the general community to attend and support the children and their families. We must in our minds connect these special events with the whole Parish Community. So, we invite you all to the **10.30am Mass (note later time)** in Killacluig next Sunday. Let us support and pray for these young children and their families.

**MAY 2019:** We thank those who collected during April. The Collectors for May take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock,  
8.30am: Con Hogan, John Seymour, Neil Egan, Michael Boland  
11.30am: Liam Roche, Declan Casey, Seamus Mannix, Tom O'Brien  
7.30pm: Brian Neville, Seanie Chamberlain, Tom Lucey.

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

**Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.** Bus will leave the square, Mitchelstown at 7.15am. Adults €20, children €15. Names to be handed in to Pat McEvoy in the Sacristy.

**Invitation - Annual General Meeting of Mitchelstown Community Council CLG Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April @ 8pm, FORREST HALL, MITCHELSTOWN.** Mitchelstown Community Council CLG will continue to ensure that the work of your organisation is recognised and respected. We will strive to be an effective voice for you. You can help to support the work of the council by coming along to our AGM. We need your support to continue our work and to hear how we may improve.  
**Sean Finn, Chairman, Mitchelstown Community Council CLG**

**C.B.S. Primary Parent Council:** Would like to THANK everybody who supported their recent Fashion Show 2019, at the Firgrove Hotel. Whether you displayed on the night, provided sponsorship, attended, or indeed, gave any other assistance, we really appreciate your efforts. The Committee is sincerely grateful for the unstinting local support of their successive fundraising ventures. All proceeds go directly to improving facilities for the pupils of C.B.S. Primary. Go Raibh mfe mfe maith agaibh go léir.

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

**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

**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.

**Deepen your Catholic Faith and find healing.** Join Brother Johnson on his Mission in Ireland and gain a clearer understanding of God's word to help deepen your relationship with Christ. Brother Johnson will be in the **Town Hall, Mitchelstown on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm.** All are welcome.

**Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Absence Association** will have a Mass with presentation of 10 year, Golden and Silver Jubilarian badges, Fr Cullen medal, 10 year certificate, 40 year, 60 year, 70 year and 80 year diplomas in **Mitchelstown Parish Church on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.** If you think you are eligible for any of the above, please contact Catherine Hanley (Secretary) on 087-7727496 or any member of the Pioneer Council to arrange. All are welcome.

**Irish Heart Foundation Information Evening** for people with Cardiac Conditions:  
**Venue: Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Cork. Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Time: 6.30pm – 9.00pm.** We will have many speakers including Michael Lyster (former RTE Sports Presenter) as our special guest. To book a place phone **Lucinda on 087 7781561** or email [lmcnerney@irishheart.ie](mailto:lmcnerney@irishheart.ie)

**NORTH CORK ALZHEIMER'S DAY CARE: Raffle in Aid of Alzheimer's at Shapers Hair Salon (Molan's) Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May.** Tickets €2 per Strip or €5 for 3 strips. All donations welcome. Fantastic selection of prizes.

**Rosary at the Grottos.** Join thousands of people around Ireland, as we go to our local Grottos to pray the Rosary each day during the month of May. May is the Month of Our Lady. Throughout the month of May, there will be **Rosary at the Grotto, Mitchelstown each evening at 8.00pm, except Thursdays when it will be at 7.30pm.** We encourage you all to renew the family Rosary for the month of May and to continue the tradition of the May Altar in honour of Our Lady in your homes and schools. On the 1<sup>st</sup> June at the All Ireland Rosary Rally pilgrimage to Knock, a bouquet will be presented to Our lady of all the prayers, rosaries and spiritual sacrifices made during May.

**Person wanted to work on the Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltd C.E Scheme.** 19.5 hours per week. Must be in receipt of social welfare. **Caretaker wanted to work on the Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltd C.E Scheme.** 19.5 hours per week. Must be in receipt of social welfare. Please contact Aileen on 025-86956 for more details.

**C.B.S. Primary Field Development Fund:** As you are aware the Board of Management of C.B.S. Primary purchased "O'Callaghan's Field" from Tesco in 2017. Having this piece of land is a wonderful opportunity for the school. This is the Board of Managements 3<sup>rd</sup> year of major fundraising towards payment for this substantial asset. The Fundraising Committee will organise two significant events around the June Bank Holiday weekend. **Golf Classic** which will run on **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> & Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May at Mitchelstown Golf Club.** Contributions are invited towards sponsoring a Team, Individual Golfer or Tee Box. A great day is guaranteed. The Committee will also host a **Lip-sync Extravaganza, at Mitchelstown Leisure Centre, on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June.** The new customised seating has now arrived at the Leisure Centre, which will greatly add to this Event. AIB New Square, Mitchelstown, has come on board as the main sponsor for Lip-Sync. Tickets on sale from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, be sure to get them early. Tickets can be purchased from Mitchelstown Leisure Centre, C.B.S. Primary and from the participants. Tickets priced at €25 - will include, Lip-Sync (MC - Maurice Walsh), Bar-B-Q and Disco. This is strictly an over 18's event - Bar facilities on site. For more details, please contact the school on 025 24505 or e-mail: [cbmsmithprimoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cbmsmithprimoffice@gmail.com)

**"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

**Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club.** Evening outing at Michael Caplice Garden Centre at Burncourt on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm. Members & non-members welcome. Meeting in New Square, Mitchelstown at 6.30pm

**A Carers Support Group** is starting up in Fermoy for Fermoy/Mitchelstown and ALL surrounding areas. Everybody who is careering for a loved one, be that a child, parent, husband/wife etc., whom ever your careering, be it on a full time or part time basis, even if you only stay in the house at night, you are welcome. In particular former Carers are especially welcome. So come along to **Adair Hall on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May @ 7pm.** More info call or text Pdraig (087)2271153.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of  
Paddy Donegan, Mitchelscourt.  
Nellie O'Sullivan, formerly Church Street.  
Michael (Mickey) O'Grady, Kiltrilane,  
Kevin (Spaz) Ryan, Baldwin Street,  
Émer O'Keeffe (née Casey), Ballinwillin.  
Who died recently. May They Rest In Peace

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Lucy O'Brien.**