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Mitchelstown DDC

● **Today is World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation.**

● **Celebration for Grandparents:** Grandparents will participate in the 11.30am Mass in the Parish Church on Sunday next, September 8th.

● **Friday next is 1st Friday, Masses in Parish Church:** 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm in the evening.

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

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.

CONFESSIONS: 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

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The way to Heaven is difficult and the gate to enter small, but Jesus' mother, Mary, who herself entered through the narrow gate, will help those who ask, Pope Francis said Sunday. Mary can be invoked under the title "Gate of Heaven," he explained in his Angelus address August 25th

"She welcomed [Jesus] with all her heart and followed him every day of her life, even when she did not understand, even when a sword pierced her soul." The Blessed Virgin Mary is "a gate that exactly follows the form of Jesus: the gate of the heart of Jesus, demanding, but open to all," he said. "May the Virgin Mary help us in this."

Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel passage from Luke, when someone asks Jesus, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

This was a highly debated issue at the time, Francis said, and with his answer, Jesus turns the question "upside down." Instead of focusing on the number of people who get to Heaven, he speaks of the path to Heaven, and how many will choose to follow it.

Using the present tense, Jesus invites people to take personal responsibility, saying, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

"With these words, Jesus makes it clear that it is not a question of numbers, there is no 'closed number' in Paradise! But it is a question of going through the right passage, which is there, for everyone, but it is narrow," Francis said.

He explained that Jesus does not deceive people; he does not say that the way to Heaven is a big, beautiful highway with a large door at the end, to not worry. "No, Jesus tells us things as they are: the passage is narrow," he said. "In what sense? In the sense that to be saved one must love God and one's neighbor, and this is not comfortable! It is a 'narrow door' because it is demanding, it requires commitment, indeed, 'effort,' that is a determined and persevering will to live according to the Gospel. "For us Christians, this means that we are called to establish a true communion with Jesus, praying, going to church, approaching the Sacraments and nourishing ourselves with his Word," he explained. "This keeps us in faith, nourishes our hope, revives charity," he continued. "And so, with the grace of God, we can and must spend our lives for the good of our brothers, fight against every form of evil and injustice."

Carmelite Lourdes Group will participate in 7.30pm Mass to celebrate their 21 years on **Saturday 7th September** and also as part of their preparation for their Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes. All welcome

Men for Christ II: A Catholic Conference for Men on Saturday October 12th from 9.30am Brú Columbanus, Wilton, Cork. Limited spaces, registration is necessary. Go to www.eventbrite.com and type in Men for Christ II or call 021 437 6732 (Mon to Fri 9-5pm). **Speakers:** Nathaniel Benversie (Exodus90.com), Fr. Patrick Cahill (Holy Family Mission), Michael Kinsella (Aid to the Church in Need) and John Carlin (40 Days and Nights of Adoration on Croagh Patrick.Mass, holy hour and confessions. Light lunch provided. Donation only.

Killacluig Church Choir: New members are always welcome - all instruments and singers. If you can play keyboard, organ, guitar, fiddle, accordion etc. and willing to lead the choir on some Sundays or play on your own or in a group at Mass, please come along too. Practices will be arranged for any new members. Contact Caitriona Fox Murray on 086-3760487 if interested.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - Can you commit to one hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration. We are looking for people for the following hours: Tuesday morning 4-5am, Thursday 1-2pm and Saturday morning 3-4am. Please contact Nora on 025 24149, Catherine on 087 7727496 or any one of the priests.

Killacluig Church - Be part of our Sunday Mass! We invite primary and secondary school students to become involved in our Sunday Mass in the offertory procession, prayer of the faithful or music. You can make a difference. Please contact Samantha on 089-4415338, Johanna 086-8494191 or Catherine on 087-7727496 if interested.

"Father, glorify your name!" **Weekend Retreat**, Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd September in the Deebert House Hotel, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick (063) 32100. Led by Fr Patrick Cahill, Fr Maximilian Schwarzbauer and Fr Niall O'Riordan, together with the Family of Mary. Friday: Holy Mass @ 7.30pm. Saturday: 10am until 9pm, Holy Mass @ 5.45pm. Sunday: 10am until Holy Mass at 4.45pm. For further information contact Clare (085) 1532258 or Nodlaig (087) 6527033

NEWLY BAPTISED:

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **John, Vankina & Dieudonne Kabundi.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of – Brian McGrath, Stag Park who died recently. *May He Rest In Peace*

Bernie Young Memorial 6km Run/Walk is taking place on Friday 20th September in Glenahulla commencing at 7 pm sharp.

Glenahulla NS Development Go Fund Me / Donation Draw - every €5 donated is entry to win a €200 family voucher for Tayto Park. Visit www.glenahullansfundraising.com for more information

Annual St. Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 14th September 2019 Cost: €20 Adults €10 Children. Bus will leave the Mart at 7.30am Places can be booked through the office at Ozanam Centre 025/84733

Alzheimer's Society of Ireland: Mitchelstown Day Care: Open 1 day a week (Tuesday) 10am – 4pm. Transport and lunch provided. €15 a day. Music/entertainment. Dementia Specific, person centred. Contact Dymna Howard 086 0218504. **Family Information Sessions:** Date: Wednesday 25th September. Time: 7pm – 9pm. 6 week course. Venue: Tearmann Uí Chaoimh, James Street, Mitchelstown. Contact: Amy Murphy, Dementia Advisor 086 7812217

Save the Date: Come and have some good old fashioned fun at **BALLYGIBLIN NATIONAL SCHOOL SUMMER FETE** at Ballygiblin School, **Sunday September 8th from 1pm to 4pm.** Welly Throwing, Coconut Shy, to mention just a few and a Barbeque. Great family fun day. All welcome. This is a Fundraising event, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Foróige in Fermoy are running a Leadership for Life Programme for young people aged 15-17 years every Wednesday evening 7pm - 8.15pm starting the 18th September to the 6th November with registration taking place on the 16th September at 7pm. This programme is to enable young people to develop the skills, inspiration and confidence to be effective leaders. Please contact Jacinta on 085-2044427 for more information.

Cork Autism Conference 2019 - Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities, Sunday September 22nd, Clayton Silversprings Hotel, 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. More info here: www.autismcork.ie or call 089 239 8900.

Dates for your Diaries: ALL WELCOME to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for their **Annual Start of Year Mass**, to ask God's blessing as they begin a new School Year. This Mass will be celebrated by Canon Michael Fitzgerald P.P. in the **Parish Church on Wednesday, 11th September at 11.15am.** All at CBS Primary would like to sincerely thank the people of Mitchelstown and its environs for their continued support and co-operation. **C.B.S. Primary Parent Council** are hosting **5K Fun Run / Walk on Thursday, 12th September.** Special invitation to all past pupils and friends of C.B.S. Primary. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Lithuanian Community to Explore Irish Music Links with a **Concert on Saturday, 14th September at 7.30pm in George's Arts & Heritage Centre.** The link between the Irish Traditional music will be explored, as many local musicians, singers and dancers will join with our popular folk group "The Kupkemis" on the night. Tickets €15. For more details contact Rasa on 087-7474858 or Neringa on 085-1546967