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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Find us on Facebook: Mitchelstown Parish

- **First Friday Masses & Confessions** as per list below.
- **First Saturday Devotions:** In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary after 10.00am Mass **next** Saturday.
- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm.** With reflection on the life of St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing & Blessing with the Relic of St. Pio.

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, Killaclaug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am.**
Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

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Cardinal John Henry Newman:

It’s been announced by the Vatican that Cardinal Newman is to be promoted to being a Saint in the Catholic Church in the Autumn. He was born in London in 1801. After a long life he died in Birmingham in 1890. He was brought up in the Anglican faith, but later converted to the Catholic Church, a bit like our own Blessed John O’Sullivan. Cardinal Newman had a number of conversion experiences throughout his life. While initially he enjoyed a privileged lifestyle, he did suffer the failed financial fortunes of his father and after his father’s death, became his mother’s and families’ provider, as he was the eldest of six children. John Henry found a close encounter with Christ at the young age of fifteen, because of the families’ financial collapse, being ill and feeling desolate in college. Through these trials, God touched the heart of the fifteen year old in a profound way. Sometime later his father died, then his youngest sister Mary died, age nineteen, with whom he had been very close. But in the midst of these trials he progressed as a teacher and preacher. In his early thirties, he went with friends on a trip to Sicily and decided to stay behind alone. He became seriously ill with fever and nearly died. Everything became personally dark for him too, as he found himself entering into a state of personnel turmoil and self-recrimination. He began to see “more and more my utter hollowness”. Yet at the same time he felt the love of God. This turmoil lasted weeks until he was well enough to make his way back to England. It was then he wrote the poem “The Pillar of the Cloud”, which later became known the hymn, “Lead, Kindly Light”. Let us reflect on these beautiful words:

See Poem over the page →

“The Pillar of the Cloud”

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home,--
Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene,--one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on:

I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead Thou me on!

I loved the garish days, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on;

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;

And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

John Henry Newman

Collectors for AUGUST 2019: We thank those who collected during July. The Collectors for August take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Mike Howard, Pat Manning & Bridget Sherlock.

8.30am: Michael Boland, Neil Egan & Con Hogan.

11.30am: Seamus Carey, Brian Neville, Willie Ahern & Tom O'Brien.

7.30pm: Tom Lucy & Verling Fitzgerald.

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

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

**Ben Geary,
Lily Hussey.**

Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre,

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown

Will be closed from 5th to 11th August inclusive

and will re-open on Monday 12th August usual hours.

Tel: **0761 07 8030** E-mail: Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Sum of Money Found on Church Grounds Sunday, 14th July.

Contact the Parish Office.

AROMA, Mitchelstown Tidy Towns Group meet on **Tuesday evenings at 7pm in New Square** and would welcome volunteers to help us to keep our beautiful town looking its best.

Special Cork Group Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Also Special Cork Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 31st October for Halloween 8 nights Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. **Also Special Cork Fatima Pilgrimage for Miracle of the Sun 10th October, 7 nights ex Dublin.** Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 0860572216.

Glenahulla N.S. are delighted to announce a new Development Plan, to complete a site purchase for the development of much needed improved car parking facilities. To do this, we need the help and support of the entire community. For more information and to donate please visit www.glenahullansfundraising.com or our Facebook page.

WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Ireland Public Collection Days in; MITCHELSTOWN: Tesco Car Park, Mitchelstown, Saturday, 10th August, 10am – 4pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Are you struggling? If yes, then we are here to help. Call us at 087-6093906.

If you would like to become a volunteer in our shop or should you have clothes or furniture to donate, please call us on 087-6093906.

The **Irish Blood Transfusion Service** will hold a **Blood Donor Clinic** in **The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown. Tuesday 5pm – 8.30pm & Wednesday 3pm – 5pm & 7pm – 9pm, 30th & 31st July 2019.** Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on www.giveblood.ie or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.