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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

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● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with prayers 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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Thought for the Day

A SPARK OF FAITH

'If you start thinking that only your biggest and shiniest moments count, you're setting yourself up to feel like a failure most of the time.' Chris Hadfield

A question: do you feel that your faith is strong enough? I'd hazard a guess that for many of us the answer is *no*. Faith can be a fragile thing. It changes throughout our lives. It is tested and it wanes and wobbles at times, particularly when we go through periods of pain or loss.

A lot of the time we feel like we could be doing better – we should be spending more time in prayer, meditating on the Scriptures, making more effort to put the Gospel into action in our families and in our communities. No matter what stage we're at in our faith journey, there is room for improvement; God always wants to draw us closer to him.

There is a great image of hope in today's Gospel. The mustard seed brings to mind something that is tiny, weak and insignificant. But Jesus says that if our faith is even the size of a mustard seed, we are capable of great things! God grows strength out of weakness. Once we have a small spark of faith in our hearts, it can grow into something strong. If we nourish it, turn to God more often, make more space for him in our daily routine, wonderful things will follow.

Find that spark, and let it shine!

Relationships and Sexuality Education – RSE Programme in Primary and Post-Primary Schools: *Parents / Guardians at the heart of their children's Relationships and Sexuality Education.* An informative presentation of and discussion on the changes likely to be proposed to the current RSE Curriculum. **Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown, Tuesday, 8th October at 7.30pm.** All welcome. For more details contact 087-9270704.

A Weekend of Prayer, Praise, Worship and Healing in the Charleville Park Hotel, Charleville, Co. Cork. On Saturday, 9th & Sunday, 10th November 2019 starts at 9.00am on both days. Holy Mass and Confessions both days. Speakers include Sr. Josephine Walsh UK, Fr. John Keane, Fr. and more. Admission is free but do book your place on 087 2505528 or 087 2898518.

AUTUMN STATIONS 2019

Station Masses: Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.

OCTOBER

Mon.	7 th	Gurrane & Coolenave	PARISH CHURCH
Mon.	7 th	Gortroe, Gortnamina, Killacluig & Booladorcha	7.30pm. KILLACLUIG CHURCH
Mon.	7 th	Corrogurm & Tangresa	7.30pm. KILLACLUIG CHURCH
Tues.	8 th	Demesne	Patrick & Maura Clifford
Wed.	9 th	New Stag Park Estate.	TOWN HALL
Wed.	9 th	Robert St. Thomas St. George's St. Kingston Close & Edward St.	TOWN HALL
Wed.	9 th	Glenahulla & Cloughleafin	Denis & Betty Myers
Thurs.	10 th	St. Fanahan's Pl. Barrack Rd. Cloonlough North & Ballybeg Rd.	PARISH CHURCH
Thurs.	10 th	Captain Keane's Grove, Roche's Heights & Sarsfield Casey Drive.	P. CHURCH
Thurs.	10 th	King's St. James St. & Tearnann Ui Chaoimh.	TEARMANN UI CHAOIMH
Fri.	11 th	Ballinamona, Brigown Road & Brigown Lane	Timothy & Sylvia Healy
Fri.	11 th	Derryanool, Killee & Drough	John Lyons

We encourage all families to participate in the Autumn Station Masses.

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.

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this **Monday, 14th October, at 7 p.m.** in **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

Celebrity Chef, Catherine Fulvio will host a **Cookery Demonstration**, in the Firgrove Hotel on **Thursday, November 14th** at 7.30pm. Cheese and wine reception on

arrival. This is a joint fundraising event by Presentation Secondary School and Bunscoil na Toirbhirte. Tickets are €20 each and are available from both schools and in Spar and Hyland's. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a worldwide specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse/partner by death, separation or divorce. The next weekend is on at Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday 1st November - Sunday 3rd November 2019. Please contact 087 9886480 or email: beginningexperiencecork@gmail.com or www.beginningexperiencecork.com

Mitchelstown Adult Education Services Courses. Contact: 086 048 457

●Internet Skills QQI L3 Monday 2-4pm, ●Computer Literacy QQI L3 Tuesday 2-4pm, ●Tourism Awareness QQI L3, ●Communications QQI L3, ●Career Preparation QQI L3, ●English Language Courses- Beginners Monday morning & Advanced Friday 9.30-11.30am, ●Music Appreciation Wednesday 1.30-3.30pm, ●Upholstery QQI L4 (starting Wednesday 2nd October), ●Art & Design QQI L3 Wednesday 11.30-1.30pm, ●Literacy through Craft Skills - Crochet Wednesday 9.30-11.30am & ●Driver Theory Test Preparation October.

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL: If you would like to help a poor child this Christmas please visit the Team Hope website, www.teamhope.ie or contact your local co coordinator **Christine on 087 2514099.** There are prewrapped boxes available in Supervalu & the Ozanam Centre. The closing date this year is **8th November.** The drop off points are Supervalu, and the Ozanam Centre. We would like to thank you for last year's response.

CBS SECONDARY SCHOOL MITCHELSTOWN will host the annual **Open Night** at the school on **Wednesday October 16th from 6.30pm**, with the Principal's address at 7.45pm. We invite you to our school to view our facilities, see a sample of the work we do and meet with students and staff. School Prospectus and application forms for First Year students 2020/2021 will be available on the night. We look forward to welcoming you.

Doody's CarePlus Pharmacy are holding a **Nutrition Talk** with Rosie McAuliffe on **Thursday 17th October** in **Forrest Hall** at **7.30pm.** Tickets €5 available in store (limited availability)

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –

Sheila Graham (née Ryan-O'Leary), *Corpus Christi Nursing Home*
Mary Hyland (née Ryan), *Beechwood Grove*
who died recently.
May They Rest In Peace