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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY
Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

● **MASSES DURING THE WEEK:** Monday 10am & 7.30pm (No 8.30am Mass). The rest of the Week, 8.30am & 10.00am.

● **NOVENA to St. Fanahan:** The Annual Novena to St. Fanahan will conclude with Concelebrated Mass on **Monday 25th November at 7.30pm.**

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Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown. Those who died during the past year will be remembered at the beginning of the Mass. **Night lights will be lit during the Ceremony in remembrance of all our dead. (Night lights will be provided)**

● **No EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR next Thursday due to Remembrance Mass:**

● **Next Sunday is 1st Sunday of Advent** and the beginning of preparation for Christmas.

● **Confessions Parish Church:** Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm

● **Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday and the Diocesan Religious Purposes** will be taken up.

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Thought for the Day

Christ the King

This is the final Sunday of Year C and as we draw to a close, our reading of Luke's Gospel, we hear the account of Jesus' Crucifixion. It is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. Jesus' Kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a Kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few 'kings' can measure up to this: responding to violence with forgiveness, giving those with no hope a reason to hope, putting the crisis of the world before financial gain or power. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship, making daily sacrifices in endless service to those around them?

We hear much about the climate crisis in our world today, the loss of bio-diversity, the breakdown of our ecosystems and the lack of political will to embrace the solutions that are available. This is due to greed and the powerful influence of so called leaders. Once again many will gather in Chile next month for the 25th UN Conference on Climate Change. We must pray for them that they will be courageous and put the future of our environment above financial gain and lead for the best interests of our world and for the generations to come.

Today's Gospel gives a powerful image of Jesus as servant King, shining like a beacon of light for society in today's world.

*'The power of truth, of honesty, of forgiveness – with no frills!
How different the world would be if it was governed by this kind
of power.'* Michel de Verteuil

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International Youth Conference December 27th to 30th at Clongowes Wood College, Castlebrown, Clane, Co. Kildare, W19 DN40. To register www.afcmteamireland.org. For more details contact: Sonia 087-9041272

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.

Life After Death!

It was a sad day when the children's pet hamster died.

Eight year old Hannah decided that a formal funeral was called for,

So she got a small box and dug a little hole in the back garden.

Eventually Hannah and five year old Thomas stood with hands clasped and eyes closed, giving thanks for all the joy and fun their late pet had brought them. They ended with a fervent "Amen."

Then Thomas added, "Oh, Jesus, be careful and put your gloves on before you pick her up. She bites!"

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Ellie O'Mahony

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes & Shoes Collection in Ballygiblin N.S. Wednesday, 4th 9am to 3pm & 6pm to 8pm, also Thursday, 5th December morning up to 9.30am. *No mobile phones.* Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club - Gala Night, Thursday November 28th 2019 at 8 p.m. Sharp. Venue: **Ballindangan Hall.** "A Christmas Carol" with Jasmine O'Gorman. Visitors and non-members all welcome. Great night assured.

The Hope Foundation – Rebecca Walsh travelling to Kolkata, India. BINGO FUNDRAISER – Monday 25th November, 8.30pm in Forrest Hall, New Square. Prizes & Raffle on the night. All proceeds go to Hope Foundation working with street and slum children.

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE: Mitchelstown Community Council are inviting you, to a launch of 'Photos of Mitchelstown', these are from Ben Corbett & Bill Joe Pigott collection and have been kindly donated by their families. The picture gallery is on display in **Forrest Hall** and will be officially open to the public for viewing on **Friday November 29th from 5 to 8pm.** They are a compilation of people, events and places, some from the distant past, but all associated with Mitchelstown.

Heritage Society Christmas Table Quiz: Mitchelstown Heritage Society are hosting their Annual Christmas Table Quiz, next **Thursday 28th November** in the **Hunters Rest, Mitchelstown @ 9.15pm sharp.** The cost per team is €40, funds raised will go towards the cost of ongoing Heritage Society work and projects. Including, the refurbishment of the Heritage Trail Signage, maintenance of local historic features including our water pumps and built heritage and other initiatives. With John Hickey as Quiz Master, the night is suitable for all interests and abilities. Always an enjoyable social night out, with food and plenty of raffle prizes, it's a great way to kick off the Christmas season. The Society wishes to thank everyone in advance for their support, especially the local businesses & The Hunters Rest team who are always incredibly supportive.

MEN'S SHED – following a very successful information evening, the first meeting of the Men's Shed will be held in **Forrest Hall on Tuesday 26th November at 7pm.** All are welcome.

FREE MONTHLY HEALTH & WELL BEING INFORMATION TALKS: Fermoy Community First Responders will be speaking & doing demonstrations at the November Health & Well Being Talk next Thursday 28th November. These monthly information talks are FREE to attend and are open to everyone and take place in the St Francis Day Centre on Rathealy Road from 11am – 12noon. Contact Jacinta McCormack, Community Health Worker on 085 8742320 for further information.

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –
Eileen Finn (née Murphy), Georges Street
Who died recently. *May She Rest In Peace*