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### Please take note

- All Masses and Weddings must be booked directly with one of the Priests of the Parish; they are not booked through the Parish Office.
- All Baptisms must be booked directly with Tricia in the Parish Office.

**Mitchelstown Community Council CLG** are holding their Annual General Meeting on the **10<sup>th</sup> of May** at 8pm sharp in Forrest Hall. All are welcome.

**Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group.** Anyone interested in travelling to Lourdes with us next September, 27<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, please contact Patrick Seery 083-8098286. Further details on poster in Church.

**Albany Colour Run in aid of Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group** will take place **Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**, meeting at Spar. Please wear white t-shirt. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw was held on  
Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 –**

***The next draw will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.***

Local promoter John (087) 6477897. Best of luck to all in the draw.

**Trócaire Boxes** can be handed in to the Church. If possible, convert coin to notes and place in letter box on Sacristy door.

**Some Light Humour** - Jason stops Patrick in Mitchelstown and asks for the quickest way to Mallow. Patrick says, "Are you on foot or in the car?" Jason says, "In the car." Patrick says, "That's the quickest way."

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### **Thought for the Day**

#### *Vocations Sunday*

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day for everyone in our parish and our Diocese. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We pray in thanksgiving to day for our Bishop, Priests, Religious and Deacons and for an increase in vocations in the Church. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, we praise you and thank you for all you have done for us. We thank you especially for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to visit and save us. We ask you to bless our family and all the people of our parish, especially those who are suffering in any way.

Encourage those in our parish whom you invite to become priests, religious and permanent deacons, and grant them the generosity of mind and heart to follow your call. May they bring good news to our world today.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Ukraine Collection** - Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas.

We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

**Congratulations** to the boys of C.B.S. Primary School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

### Masses during the week in the Parish Church

- Monday, Thursday & Friday : Mass: 8.30am
- Monday to Friday: Rosary: 9.30am Mass: 10am
- Thursday: Holy Hour: 8pm
- Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm
- **No Saturday 10.00am Mass for the next two Saturdays.**
- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12.00pm to 1.00pm

**Parish Masses on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May –  
Parish Church – Vigil 7.30pm; 8.30am and 11.30am.  
Ballygiblin – 10.00am.**

**Pre- Marriage Courses – [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)**

**Counselling - ACCORD** offers a safe, professional and confidential process facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage & relationship. For appointment please ring Jean at 025-31899.

**The Ten Most Important Two-Letter Words:  
If it is to be, it is up to me.**

### **Prayer to Discover Your Vocation**

Almighty God,  
You have made me to know you,  
To love you, and to serve you,  
And thereby to find and fulfil myself.  
I know that you are in all things  
And that every path can lead me to you,  
But, of them all, there is one path especially  
By which you want me to come to you.  
Since I will do what you want of me,  
I pray you; send your Holy Spirit to me;  
Into my mind to show me what you want of me;  
Into my heart to give me the determination to do it,  
And to do it with all my love, with all my mind,  
And with all my strength, right to the end.  
Amen.

**Rosary at the Grotto.** May is the month of Our Lady. There will be Rosary recited each evening at 7.00pm for the month of May at the Grotto, Cahir Hill, Mitchelstown. All are welcome. We encourage you to renew the family rosary and to set up May Altars in your homes in honour on Lady.

**Caring is a gift** that no one can buy. It's made up of LOVE that roots in our HEARTS and creates MEMORIES not just for awhile but for a LIFETIME.

**Free Dementia Information Evening** is being held in Middleton Park Hotel, East Cork on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May from 7 - 9pm. The evening is one of three community information sessions currently being organised in 2022 by the HSE Cork North Community Work Department; the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland and the Crystal Project Mallow.

### **Tax Refund System:**

**DEADLINE REMINDER:** Last week some of you would have received correspondence from us, about the tax refund scheme, we would appreciate prompt return of these completed forms. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the Parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing the refund. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

If you are unsure about any of the details regarding the documentation you received from us, please contact Tricia in the Parish Office between 9am and 11.30am, Monday to Friday on (025) 84062.

**LIAMS LIFTS – TRANSPORT FOR CANCER CARE:** Volunteer Drivers needed in the Mitchelstown Area, to drive people to and from their cancer treatments in Cork Hospitals. If you have time and would like to join our pool of existing drivers, who provide this service, we would be delighted to hear from you. For more information contact Pat Walsh 087 – 215 8874

**Biological Diversity** - The UN has proclaimed 22<sup>nd</sup> May the International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

**ALONE** - Older people need your support! ALONE is recruiting volunteers for their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people. ALONE asks interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) or ring 083 065 7629 for more info.