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- As today is the 1st Sunday, The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Main Altar of the Parish Church from after 11.30am Mass, until Benediction at 7.15pm. We encourage you all to make a visit throughout the day.
- Monday: Bank Holiday – Mass at 11.00am only.
- Confessions: **Ballygiblin:** After 6.00pm Mass this evening.
- Killacluig:** After 10.00am Mass this Sunday Morning. **Parish Church:** Saturday 12.00 – 1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm.
- EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:**Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm.** Withprayers and reflectionsand Eucharistic Healing Blessing.
- Annual Mass at Cahir Hill Grotto:** Will take place at the Grotto on Monday week, August 12th at 7.30pm. Rosary at 7.15pm. All welcome.
- Collection for Maintenance of Adjoining Cemetery:** This important collection helps the Parish maintain the Cemetery and will be taken up at all Masses **next Sunday.** We would appreciate your generous support.

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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Congratulations Fr. Paddy Hennessy: This year June 2019 Fr. Paddy Hennessy, is celebrating 50 years of Ministry as a Priest. On **Tuesday evening next August 6th at 7.00pm in the Parish Church.** Fr. Paddy will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for those fifty years of faithful service. He invites you all to join him for the special Mass and to light refreshments and a chat afterwards in the Forrest Hall. Fr. Paddy has served in the Diocese of Motherwell, Glasgow, Scotland. At present Fr. Paddy is Parish Priest of St. Columbkille’s, Rutherglen in Glasgow. Fr. Paddy also spent a number of years on Mission in Peru. Fr. Paddy has four sisters: May, Rose, Nell & Susan. We congratulate him and his family on this very special occasion.

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Importance of Prayer: On Thursday last we celebrated the Feast of St. Alphonsus de Liguori. He was born in Naples, Italy in 1696 and became the founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known now as the Redemptorists. St. Alphonsus was a very spiritual man and gave great consolation to souls in his writings, preaching, confession and spiritual direction. The following is a very touching quote from his reflections: *“Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends. Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears— of everything that concerns you. Converse with Him confidently and frankly; for God is not wont to speak to a soul that does not speak to Him.”*

Our God is not just a bundle of energy, as the new agers think, but He is a Person who sees, hears and feels our human condition and circumstances. Though He is infinite and divine He has all the attributes of a loving Father. This is why the words of St. Alphonsus give us good direction on how we should converse with Him. Prayer is not something just to get done and get over with, we must make it a joyful encounter and a heartfelt conversation with God as revealed to us by Jesus. We must not allow prayer to be a burden to us, but rather a joy and an essential part of every aspect of our lives. We ask St. Alphonsus to intercede for us, so that we can have this deeper personal encounter with God. Let us spend a little time with the quotation given above.

Congratulations Fr. Pat Hennessy: On the Occasion of His **Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination**, the Very Rev. Fr. Pat Hennessy, will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in thanksgiving for the gift of the Priesthood, in the **Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown**, on **next Tuesday, 6th August at 7pm**. Afterwards All Are Welcome for refreshments and a chat at Forrest Hall. Fr. Pat was ordained to the Priesthood on the 8th June 1969 and celebrated his first Mass in Mitchelstown Parish Church on 9th June 1969.

Altar Serving: In September we begin the training of new Altar Servers for Mitchelstown, Ballygiblin and Killacluig. A number of boys and girls have already made their applications. We invite other boys and girls going into 4th Class in September and upwards from the National Schools to consider becoming Altar Servers. Application forms to be filled in before practice. Anyone who would like to serve, please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 or one of the priests as soon as possible. It is a great privilege to assist the priest in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrifice of the love of Jesus for the whole of humanity, by which our sins are forgiven. The presence of Altar Servers at Mass greatly helps the priest and adds solemnity to the actions taking place on the Altar. We are grateful to all our present servers for their dedication and we look forward to preparing the new applicants.

Eucharistic Adoration: We invite you to come and spend an hour of prayer and adoration before the Lord in the Adoration Chapel. Share with Him. Let Him give you many wondrous graces and blessings for spending some time with Him. We are looking for new adorers to share for the following Adoration Hours: **Friday 9.00pm – 10.00pm** and **Saturday 5.00pm – 6.00pm**. Contact Nora Hogan (025) 24149 or Catherine on 087 7727496.

“Grandparents are a treasure” – Pope Francis. In recognition of the great contribution that grandparents make to the Church, to family, and to society in teaching and passing on the faith, Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council are organising that the **11.30am Mass in the Parish Church, Mitchelstown on Sunday 8th September** will be a celebration for grandparents and families. As part of the celebration, we would like to do a collage of pictures of living and deceased grandparents and also families for the Mass. Please submit photos to the parish office or to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. We invite grandparents and grandchildren to participate in the Mass by doing readings, prayer of the faithful and offertory. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 or any member of the PPC

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of
Kathleen Prendergast (née Collins), Mandeville Park.
Who died recently. *May She Rest In Peace*

if you would like to do any of these items.

FAITH CAMP – LOST & FOUND: A number of items were left in the Town Hall after the Faith Camp. Any lost items - please contact Catherine Hanley (087) 7727496.

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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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 your 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.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS by Alban Williams in Mitchelstown Library. Official Opening by Father Pat O'Donoghue on Saturday, 10th August at 4pm. Viewing till Saturday 31st August.

Alzheimer's Society of Ireland: Dementia Day Thursday 8th August a Mobile Information Service will be in the New Square from 9.30am to 2.30pm.
Dementia Open Day in Tearmann Ui Chaoimh, **Thursday 22nd August** from 4pm – 7pm. Guest Speakers on the Evening.
This would be an opportunity to learn about the local Alzheimer's Society of Ireland Service and what care and support is provided. Open to the Public.