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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

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- The collection for **Cloyne Diocesan Purposes** will be taken up today.
- **Boxes of Offering Envelopes:** If anyone did not receive their box of envelopes and wish to have one, or would like to set up a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office during the week.
- **Confessions Parish Church:** Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm
- **EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:-** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm.**

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, Killaclug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am.**

Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

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Thought For The Day:

Today we hear the beautiful prologue to John’s Gospel. It would be worth finding the time to meditate on these verses during the week. They are beautifully rich. ‘In the beginning was the *Word...*’ in Greek, *logos*. This *logos* (Word) has far more meaning than its English translation can give. It refers to all-knowledge; all-being; that which is forever; the Word that is Divine, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things.

We read in this prologue that not one thing came to be without God. Do we really see God at the centre of all things? In our environment, in nature, in all created beings? Science tells us our universe is 13.8 billion years old. We cannot even conceive of such a time scale. John tells us of God at that point, at that great flaring forth of all creation, when everything came to be. This Word was with God at that moment and was God.

If we truly believe in the Incarnation, let us be alert and awake to the Incarnation of God every day in our lives; Christ present in all people, in every created thing, for God is fully at work in creation at every stage, then, now and forever. For creation and incarnation are not different events, but the same event, the same process.

‘God is always incarnate, always bound to the world as its lover, as close to it, as we are to our own bodies, and concerned before all else to see that the body, God’s world, flourishes.’ Sallie McFag

Thank You - We would like to thank all who decorated the Churches, erected the Cribbs in our Churches for the Christmas Season. We thank all those who on a weekly basis take up the Parish Collection, and all who give of their time in polishing and cleaning the Churches of the Parish and keeping them looking as good as they are. We would like to thank the Choirs who enhance the liturgy that we celebrate. We thank the Collectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers. We thank the Sacristans in each of the Churches for their service during the year. It is very much appreciated.

Feast of the Epiphany Monday 6th January 2020.

Masses on Monday 6th will be at 8.30am; 10.00am and at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY 2020:

We thank those who collected during December. The Collectors for January take over this weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock, & Pat Manning.

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

11.30am: John Casey, Eddie Lynch, Seamus Mannix & Matt O'Sullivan.

7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald &, Tom Lucey.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

We thank Team "D". Team "A" take over this weekend.

Morning Rosary in the Parish Church

Monday – Saturday at 9.30am

Please note change of time

A NEW YEAR! A NEW DAY! A NEW LIFE!

Not only on New Year's but all the year through

God gives us a chance to begin life anew,

For each day at dawning we have but to pray

That all the mistakes that we made yesterday

Will be blotted out and forgiven by grace,

For God in His love will completely efface

All that is past and He'll grant a new start

To all who are truly repentant at heart –

And well may man pause in awesome-like wonder

That Our Father in heaven who dwells far asunder

Could still remain willing to freely forgive

The shabby, small lives we so selfishly live

And still would be mindful of sin-ridden man

Who constantly goes on defying God's Plan –

But this is the *Gift* of God's limitless love,

A gift that we all are so unworthy of,

But God gave it to us and all we need do

Is ask God's forgiveness and begin life anew.

(Helen Steiner Rice)

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.

Meeting **Monday, 13th January, at 7 p.m.** in **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.**

New Members always welcome

The winners of the C.B.S. Primary Parent Council Christmas Raffle held on the 18th December 2019 were:

1ST PRIZE €300: Simon Whelan

2nd PRIZE €200: Breda Hayes

3rd PRIZE €100: Jason Hanna

We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our Annual Christmas Raffle.

CAROL SINGING: The C.B.S. Primary Performing Arts Club were very busy over the past couple of weeks raising money for several needy charities, including Tesco's Charity of the Year, Temple Street Children's Hospital, and €191 was raised. Also for the local branch of St. Vincent de Paul, raising €732.31. They would like to thank everybody who contributed to these collections.

Light Humour As You Begin The New Year

An old nun who was living in a convent next to a construction site noticed the coarse language of the workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways. She decided she would take her lunch; sit with the workers; and talk with them. She put her sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating. Sporting a big smile, she walked up to the group and asked: "And do you men know Jesus Christ?" They shook their heads and looked at each other... very confused. One of the workers looked up into the steelworks and yelled out, "Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?" One of the steelworkers yelled down, "Why?" The worker yelled back, "'Cause his wife's here with his lunch."

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Fionn Liam Roche