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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

E-mail address for Parish Pastoral Council is mitchelstownppc@gmail.com

Also on Facebook - Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

● **Mass for Volunteers: The 7.30pm Mass next Saturday Evening, 12th January**, will be offered for the intentions of all our volunteers in appreciation for their generous service to the parish community. The Mass will be followed by a short community social gathering in Forrest Hall. All welcome.

● **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.

● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special prayers for expectant mothers and their unborn and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

● **Sunday next is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

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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Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist: On this 1st Sunday of January, 2019, Eucharistic Adoration will take place on the Main Altar of the Parish Church and not in the Adoration Chapel, from after 11.30am Mass until 7.15pm, before the evening 7.30pm Mass. **This year the Parish is celebrating thirty years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.** For thirty years day and night, seven days a week, Adorers have maintained continuous watch and prayer with Jesus. We also acknowledge the enormous help of Adorers from neighbouring parishes, which has made this continuous prayer possible for thirty years. **So, to celebrate this 30th Anniversary, beginning this 1st Sunday of January, the Eucharist will be exposed on the Main Altar of the Parish Church and on the 1st Sunday of every month thereafter.** We invite you and your family to make a visit to Jesus and to thank Him for His presence with us. We also make a renewed invitation to you and your family to consider dedicating one hour of your week, day or night, in the Adoration Chapel. It is a commitment of love to the Lord worth making. If you feel you can help in any way contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496. To love is to give time; to love is to make time.

Jesus is our Light: The Feast of Christmas 2018 has passed and we thank all of you for your efforts to honour the birth of the Lord. The lights in Town were beautiful. Well done to all who worked so hard to decorate the town. It made our Town a very welcoming place.

Appreciation of Parish Volunteers: The Saturday Evening Mass in the Parish Church at 7.30pm next Saturday, January 12th, will be a thanksgiving Mass for all our Parish Volunteers. It will be followed by a Parish Social in the Forrest Hall. It is right and fitting to celebrate all the great work that goes on in the Parish throughout the year. We are a Christian Community, not without our struggles, who are very rightly proud of our Parish, Ballygiblin, Killacluig and Mitchelstown. Let us celebrate the event as Priests, Religious and People, called to serve the Lord and one another.

“Love Them Both” Mothers and their unborn children are very much in our thoughts and in our prayers, as we enter 2019. Many pregnancies are a joy and welcomed, but many too cause fear and dread. Nobody understands that better than Our Lady and St. Joseph. Mums in crisis pregnancy need to be understood and listened to and encouraged to keep calm and to think of the wonder of new life. Fathers, parents, friends, the medical profession and counsellors play a crucial role in helping a mother and her unborn; the consequences are too serious for everybody.

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“Love Them Both” (continued from the front page) This is a challenge for us all, and maybe it is a challenge that got lost in the political debates over the years. We say to all mothers in crisis pregnancy, seek the Lord’s help, remember it may be the only baby you will be able to carry and that thousands of couples would love to have your baby. We must, as a Church, find better ways to support expectant mothers in crisis, abortion may seem the easy answer, but the loss of precious God-given life is enormous. Let us all keep expectant mothers, their families and friends in our prayers every day.

Volunteer Needed: We are updating the Parish Website presently and we are seeking volunteers with experience in Web Design. If anyone you know can help in this area, please contact the Parish Office Phone: 025-84062 or E-mail: mitchelstownparishofficechurch@gmail.com. This would be a great help to us.

Mary Immaculate College will hold its **January Open Day on Saturday, 12th January, 2019 (10am-1pm)**. The MIC Open Days showcase the wide range of programmes that the College has to offer. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff, mingle with current MIC students and take a tour of the campus. In addition, attendees can find out about the range of accommodation options and student supports. For more visit www.micopenday.ie <<http://www.micopenday.ie>>.

The Iona Institute Invitation to talk.

‘The Benedict Option: a Strategy for Christians in Post-Christian Societies’

Speaker: Rod Dreher

Monday, 21st January 2019 @ 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm (Admission Free)

University Church, 87 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

We are very pleased to invite you to our next talk which will be delivered by one of America’s leading Christian writers today, Rod Dreher, author of *The Benedict Option*, described by *New York Times* columnist, David Brooks, as ‘the most discussed and most important religious book of the decade’.

‘The Benedict Option’ examines the current highly secular and individualistic nature of US society and how Christians might best respond to this. What he has to say is equally applicable to other Western countries, including Ireland.

Rod’s thesis is that we must become better at forming self-consciously Christian communities that have a better chance of saving Christians from being absorbed into an increasingly hostile surrounding culture.

Rod is a senior editor and blogger at *The American Conservative* and author of several books, including *How Dante Can Save Your Life*. He has written about religion, politics, film, and culture in such publications as *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times*, and other publications. He was chief film critic for the *New York Post*. His commentaries have been broadcast on National Public Radio’s All Things Considered, and he has appeared on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, Court TV, and other television networks.

If you would like to attend please email: info@ionainstitute.ie **or phone 01 6619 204.** (This gives us an idea of how many to cater for on the night). Refreshments will be served after the talk.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group is celebrating 21 years, 1998 – 2019.

Anyone interested in travelling with us next September, the 24th to 29th September in our 21st year. Please contact Patrick Seery 083-8098286

JANUARY 2019: 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 & Bridget Sherlock.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank **Team “D”**. **Team “A”** take over next weekend.

The winners of the C.B.S. Primary Parent Council Christmas Raffle held on the 19th December 2018 were:

1ST PRIZE €300: Haullie Fitzgibbon, O’Neill Crowley Terrace

2nd PRIZE €200: Jack Keating, Ballybeg

3rd PRIZE €100: Gerard Mallon

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

CAROL SINGING: The C.B.S. Primary Carol Singers 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, €287 was raised. Also for the local branch of St. Vincent de Paul, raising €676.91.

C.B.S. Primary Carol Singers were also at the foyer of the Firgrove Hotel to welcome our Senior Citizens to their Annual Party on Sunday 16th December and also entertained all at Tearmann Uí Chaoimh for their Christmas lunch.

We are so grateful to you all for continuing to support us in all our endeavours.

Enrolments in Mitchelstown Second-level Schools

A gentle reminder to parents/guardians of 6th class students that the closing date for receipt of applications for places in First Year 2019/20 in the second level schools in Mitchelstown is **Monday January 14th**. Please contact the schools should you require any information.

CBS – 025 24104 / info@cbsmitchelstown.ie

Presentation – 025 24394 / office@presmitchelstown.ie

Coláiste Fionnchua – 025 24314 / info@stfanahans.ie

MITCHELSTOWN CONCERN - Mitchelstown Concern Group wish to sincerely thank all who helped out with the recent 12 hour Fast and the Church Gate collection before Christmas. The total amount raised in the Fast was 3,262 euros. The amount from the Church Gate Collection was 2,146 euros, giving a total amount of 5,408 euros. Sincere thanks also to all those who donated so generously.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of

Bridget Byrne, Upper Skeheen

Who died recently. **May She Rest In Peace**