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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](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)**

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**Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council**

● **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Will begin next Friday. The Parish Church Unity Service will take place this year in the Parish Church on Monday Evening week, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. We encourage you all to participate.

● **World Day of Migrants and Refugees:** Next Sunday is a special day of reflection and prayer on this theme.

● **EUCARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special prayers for an increase of faith and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

**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, Killaclug**

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

**Confessions after 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Mass**

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**A New Year Beginning:** The challenge of the Gospel for us all is to love God first and before all. What that will cost us, is for each of us to make time in our daily demands for prayer. If we are to follow the Lord and have a living faith, we must make time for daily prayer. The Gospel of Luke often reminds us that Jesus spent a lot of time in prayer. It was while at prayer, after His baptism, that the Gospel tells us today that Heaven opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the Voice of His Father was heard. We all struggle with distractions from time spent in prayer, but it is the most important exercise of the day. We depend on God, we must never forget it. May the Lord grant all of us the grace of prayer throughout 2019.

**Christian Unity Service:** *Theme: Justice and only justice you shall pursue (Deut 16:18-20).* The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. With a population of 265 million, about 10 per cent of Indonesians are Christian from various traditions. There is a great diversity of ethnicity, language and religion. There are also tensions affecting politics, business, justice, wealth and poverty. Christian communities in such an environment become newly aware of their unity as they join in a common concern and a common response to an unjust reality. At the same time, confronted by these injustices, we are obliged, as Christians, to examine the ways in which we are complicit. Only by heeding Jesus' prayer 'that they all may be one' can we witness to living unity in diversity. It is through our unity in Christ that we will be able to combat injustice and serve the needs of its victims. **This year the prayer service will take place in the Parish Church on Monday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm.** We ask you all to make a special effort to attend and to keep the date in your diary.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER:** The season of Christmas ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. As the season draws to an end, the solemnity of the Epiphany offers an opportunity to proclaim the centrality of Christ's paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. The Easter Triduum or the Passion, death and Resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. Know, dear brothers and sisters that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the sixth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the twenty-first day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the second day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the ninth day of June, the feast of Pentecost. On the twenty-third day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the first day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, To whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.** Meeting this **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, at 7 p.m.** in **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*\*\*~::~~::~\*\*

**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](mailto:mitchelstownparishofficechurch@gmail.com). This would be a great help to us.

**The Iona Institute Invitation to talk. 'The Benedict Option: a Strategy for Christians in Post-Christian Societies'** Speaker: **Rod Dreher**  
**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 @ 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm (Admission Free)**  
**University Church, 87 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2**

**If you would like to attend please email:** [info@ionainstitute.ie](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September in our 21<sup>st</sup> year. Please contact Patrick Seery 083-8098286

**Enrolments in Mitchelstown Second-level Schools:** A gentle reminder to parents/guardians of 6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact the schools should you require any information.

CBS – 025 24104 / [info@cbsmitchelstown.ie](mailto:info@cbsmitchelstown.ie)  
Presentation – 025 24394 / [office@presmitchelstown.ie](mailto:office@presmitchelstown.ie)  
Coláiste Fionnchua – 025 24314 / [info@stfanahans.ie](mailto:info@stfanahans.ie)

**P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:**€1000 E. Kavanagh, Co. Meath  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:**€400 B. Conneely, Co. Galway  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:**€200 J. Lafferty, Derry  
**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:**€100 Elizabeth O'Brien, Corracunna, Mitchelstown (Promoter John Casey, Mitchelstown)

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each; ●J. Reilly, Co. Fermanagh. ●J. Casey, Mitchelstown. ●R. Clarke, Co. Westmeath. ●B. Cuddy, Co. Galway. ●M. Byrne, Co. Louth. ●J. Casey, Mitchelstown. **The next draw will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
Local promoter John (087) 6477897. We thank you for your financial assistance in the past and look forward to your support in the future. Best of luck to all in the draw. Wishing all our friends and supporters a very happy and peaceful New Year.

**The Pioneer Magazine** is published monthly and is full of interesting and informative articles and features. If you would like to get a copy each month, please contact any council member. Price per copy €1.55, Yearly €17.

**Mitchelstown/Ballygiblin Juvenile GAA Fundraiser - Family Bingo this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> in The Town Hall Mitchelstown @2pm.** Fun for all the family.

**Mitchelstown Parish on Facebook.** [www.facebook.com/mitchelstownparish](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelstownparish). Come and visit our new Parish Facebook page, and like / follow the page to keep up to date with upcoming events, important announcements, prayers and resources. Please share the page with family and friends to help spread the message!

A **Social Evening** will be held in **Shraharla Hall** on **Friday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.** There will be lots of Music, Song & Dance to entertain you. Refreshments will be served. Also a raffle on the door ticket. Tickets €10. Hope to see you there.

**Invitation to Launch of YOUCAT Companion:** A Study Programme of YOUCAT in Twenty Sessions, Rev. Seán Corkery & Máirín Ní Shuilleabháin (co-authors) with Most Rev John Buckley, Bishop of Cork & Ross and Most Rev William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne. **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, 7.30pm – 9pm, SMA Parish Centre** (adjacent to St. Joseph's SMA Parish Church, Wilton, Cork City, T12 E436. **Eucharistic Adoration including Evening Prayer 6pm – 7pm in St. Joseph's SMA Parish Church.** If you have a YOUCAT, please bring it with you. Opportunity to cash purchase copies of YOUCAT Companion. Enquiries: Tel 087-7950325 or e-mail: [cloynenewevangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:cloynenewevangelisation@gmail.com).

**"Come and See" - Vocations Afternoon.** Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork. **Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 4.30 pm.** For young women considering a vocation. Email: [vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com](mailto:vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com). [www.poorclarescork.ie](http://www.poorclarescork.ie)

Information/Enrolment for Night Courses for Spring 2019 will take place at the **Mallow College of Further Education**, Annabella, Mallow, on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 7 to 8pm.** For further information, please go to: [www.nightschool.ie](http://www.nightschool.ie) or contact 022-43030

**Cork Community Swim** finals **Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm** in Bishopstown Leisure World. Mitchelstown Area entries u8 to 16 closes January 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact 087.3589734. Fanahan McSweeney Athletics new season training at MLC Fridays at 7pm. New members welcome.

**FAMILY HISTORY EXHIBITION** "Where to begin to find your ancestral roots" at Mitchelstown Library. Enrol in Mitchelstown Family History classes starting January 30<sup>th</sup> on "How to trace your Irish Roots - 087.3589734 [www.irishfamilysearch.com](http://www.irishfamilysearch.com)

**Mitchelstown Operation Transformation** kicks off from Mitchelstown Leisure Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. **Mitchelstown Walking Group** invites walk Participants on 2 km or 4km Walks / Jogs. 087.9320062 for further details. See updates on Mitchelstown Operation Transformation Facebook. **TONE UP FOR SENIORS** Classes for over 55's at Tesco meeting room on Wednesday's at 7 pm. Fun simple stretches, light weights, chair exercises. Ring 087.3589734 for further details.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of  
Philomena O'Donoghue, Pollardstown  
Yuliya Myeshkova, Furrow  
Who died recently. May They Rest In Peace

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Caedan Wren, Tom Nolan**