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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).**

**Find us on Facebook: Mitchelstown Parish**

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- **Maintenance & Development Collection will be taken up this Weekend.**
- **Catholic Schools Week 2020 - 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January. Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools.**
- **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: 9.30am**

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

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### Thought for the Day

#### Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdrew to Galilee and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. Anyone who has been to the Holy Land will have visited Capernaum and will know that it is a beautiful place. In Jesus' time this was a thriving fishing town.

To 'repent' literally means 'to turn around'. We are called to transformation, to turn away from what is not life giving and embrace a full life.

It's hard to imagine behaving in the same way as Simon Peter and Andrew, leaving everything behind them and following Jesus. There must have been something very attractive about Jesus. The account in Matthew is quite short but one wonders if they had heard him speak many times before this moment. It takes courage to drop everything and follow something new. Obviously, they were ready for it, it was the right moment and their hearts said 'Yes!'

These accounts are the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today perhaps you can reflect on moments you were called to something new and even though it meant leaving something behind, you knew it was the right choice. You were at peace with your decision despite the challenges it might bring. This process never ends, we are constantly called to 'repent', renew, rediscover, seek out.

#### Catholic Schools Week 2020

Catholic Schools Week 2020 begins on Sunday, 26 January, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and its theme is 'Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation'. This is the twelfth year of Catholic Schools Week and, while we gather each year to celebrate our schools, this year we gather in special way to celebrate the gift of God's creation and how we can be co-creators in making the world a better place. God's creation means the world around us and our relationship with it. Our relationships with those around us, our environment and how we treat ourselves are all part of God's creation.

Called as a community to worship at the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2020, we are presented with a unique occasion to consider other ways in which the parish community can complement and support the work of the school community during this week-long celebration. While there are a variety of ways in which parishes can celebrate Catholic Schools Week, the following are some helpful suggestions to assist parishes with their celebrations.

**Teacher:** 'Name the five days of the week – leaving out Saturday and Sunday.

**Kerry Boy:** 'Yesterday, the day before yesterday, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow, and, and.....today.'

**COLLECTORS FOR FEBRUARY 2020:** We thank those who collected during January. The Collectors for February take over next weekend.

**Vigil 7.30pm:** Mike Howard & Pat Manning & Bridget Sherlock.

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

**11.30am:** Seamus Carey, Brian Neville, Willie Ahern & Tom O'Brien.

**7.30pm:** Tom Lucy & Verling Fitzgerald.

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** We thank

Team "A". Team "B" take over next weekend.

**Morning Rosary in the Parish Church**

**Monday – Saturday at 9.30am**

**Please note change of time**

**Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima.** September 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Flights from Cork. Day trips to Balasar, Valinhos/Aljustrel, Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, and St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon. Limited places. Spiritual Director: Fr Marius O'Reilly. Price €699 if booked before Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. Call Damien on 087 204 9048

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We would like to invite you to **Ballygiblin N.S. Open Night at 7 pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** to view our facilities. You will also meet some of our pupils and hear first-hand their experiences of being a pupil in our school. In the meantime you might like to check out our website on [www.ballygiblinnationalschool.ie](http://www.ballygiblinnationalschool.ie) or follow us on Twitter: @BallygiblinNS. You are welcome to ring the school on 025 24933 or email us at [ballygiblinns19@gmail.com](mailto:ballygiblinns19@gmail.com) at any stage for further information. **Open Night Agenda:** •Tour of School and Facilities at 7 pm. •Principal's Address at 7:30 pm  
• Refreshments

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**Bunscoil na Toirbhirte,** Mitchelstown, (025) 24264, e-mail; [officebunscoil@gmail.com](mailto:officebunscoil@gmail.com)

**Now enrolling for September 2020.** Visit the school from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of February 9am – 2.30pm or Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 6pm to 7.30pm, or to enroll your child online, visit; [www.bunscoilmitchelstown.com](http://www.bunscoilmitchelstown.com)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –  
Mick Dunne, *Tearmann Uí Chaoimh*  
Rosemary Lehane (née Higgins), *Glanworth Road*  
Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*

**Annual Coffee Morning** in aid of **St Joseph's Foundation Charleville** who Provide much care and support to many in our community, will be held in the **Hunters Rest on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 8.30 am to 12.30.** We had a phenomenal response last year and we are hoping for the same support this year from you all here in the community in any way you might be able. Many of you did baking for us or provided a spot prize for our raffle or came along on the morning and joined us for a cuppa. We would be very grateful for any support given. Catherine and Colm (086) 2487454.

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Fermoy Parish will run a **Catechism Programme** that is also open to those who come from outside the Parish. The Introductory, "Come and See" night will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm at Corrin Events Centre (Cork Marts).** The course will use the recently published "Youcat Companion" written by Fr Seán Corkery (Cloyne Priest) and Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin who will introduce the course at the open night. Duration of course: One night per week (Tuesdays) over the months: Feb, Mar, Apr, May, (Summer Break), Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec. Course Director: Fr Eamon Roche (CC Fermoy). Enquiries/Bookings can be made to Fermoy parish office. 025 30856.

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**MITCHELSTOWN OPERATION TRANSFORMATION** -Mitchelstown Walking Group conducts Operation Transformation with 2 k / 5 km Walks/ Couch to 5k Runs for 8 weeks each **TUESDAY & THURSDAY** plus free gym classes on **WEDNESDAY** all at 7.15 pm at MLC. Registration at 6.30 pm. Donations accepted . **TESCO OVER 60 SOCIAL TONE UP CLASSES.** Come try a Free class on Wednesday at 7 pm. Queries 087.3589734

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The **Divine Mercy Conference** this year will take place in the **RDS, Dublin on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.** The theme of the conference this year is "Deliver us from evil". Speakers include Archbishop Diarmuid Martin DD, Archbishop Eamon Martin DD, Maria Steen (Author), Fr. Pat Collins CM (Author), Fr. Peter Glas (Poland), Fr. Brendan Walsh SCA. A bus will travel to the conference on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

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**Pioneer Short Term Pledge for Lent:** Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for Lent and offer this challenge as a prayer for someone suffering from problems with alcohol or other drugs. You can do likewise. Why not consider taking the short term Pioneer Pledge this Lent? Lent begins on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please give names to Catherine on 087 7727496 or any of the other Pioneer Council Members.

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

Jack Lyons

Ella Murphy