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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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● **Prayer Service for Christian Unity:** on tomorrow night Monday, January 21st at 7.30pm, in the Parish Church. We encourage you all to attend and participate.

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

● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special prayers for Holy Souls and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

● **Maintenance & Development Collection will be taken up Next Weekend.**

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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Prayer for Christian Unity 2019: The Prayer Service this year has been prepared by the Christians from Indonesia. It is the largest Country in South East Asia. It is made up of 17,000 islands, 1,340 different ethnic groups and over 740 local languages. It has a population of 260 million people. It is estimated that 86% are Muslim. Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world. About 10% of Indonesians are Christians from various traditions, as well as Buddhist and Hindu communities. We encourage you to come and pray for Christian Unity on **Monday night in the Parish Church at 7.30pm.** Canon Tom Sherlock, Kingston College will preach the Homily. All welcome.

Pope Francis celebrates the Baptism of 27 Children: Amid crying babies beneath Michelangelo's famous frescoes, Pope Francis issued a simple advice to parents: never fight in front of your children. As tradition dictates, the Pope baptized newborn babies in the Sistine Chapel on Sunday to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which signals the end of the Christmas season in Catholic liturgy. During his brief homily, Francis reminded parents that although it is normal for couples to fight, they should serve as a good example for their children. "Excuse me, but I give you this advice: Never fight in front of your children. Never. It is normal for spouses to fight; it is normal. The opposite would be strange. Do it, but without them hearing it, so that they do not see it," the Pope, speaking in Italian, said. "You do not know the anguish a child experiences when he or she sees his or her parents fight." As he did in the previous years, Francis again reminded the parents to be comfortable and let the children cry even during Mass. "I tell you: let them be comfortable. Be careful not to cover them too much and if they cry of hunger, feed them. To the mothers I say: let the children eat. Be calm, the Lord wants it. Because they – why worry? – have a polyphonic vocation. One begins to cry and another responds, and another... and in the end, is this chorus of tears," the Pope added. This year, the Pontiff baptized 12 boys and 15 girls who are children of Vatican employees.

Feasts & Seasons – Music for the Liturgical Year Will be presented in Cork Diocese on **MONDAY 28th JANUARY 2019 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the Parish Centre, Blackrock (located behind the Parish Church)** by Dr John O'Keeffe, Director of Sacred Music in St Patrick's College, Maynooth. This is the second collection of music produced by the College in book and cd format for use in parishes. The cost to attend the session is €5 per person and the book and cd will be available to purchase at the reduced price of €15 (normally €20) for those who wish to do so at the end of the session – no obligation to do so! To reserve a place contact the Pastoral Development Office 021 4537474. John O'Keeffe is a well-known composer and arranger of music and he conducted the choir for the Papal Mass in August 2018.

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.

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

Mitchelstown Parish on Facebook. 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!

Invitation to Launch of YOUCAT Companion: A Study Programme of YOUCAT in Twenty Sessions, Rev. Seán Corkery & Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin (co-authors) with Most Rev John Buckley, Bishop of Cork & Ross and Most Rev William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne. **Tuesday, 22nd 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: cloynewewangelisation@gmail.com.

“Come and See” - Vocations Afternoon. Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork. **Saturday February 9th, 2 – 4.30 pm.** *For young women considering a vocation.* Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com. www.poorclarescork.ie

FAMILY HISTORY EXHIBITION “Where to begin to find your ancestral roots” at Mitchelstown Library. Enrol in Mitchelstown Family History classes starting January 30th on “How to trace your Irish Roots - 087.3589734 www.irishfamilysearch.com

To coincide with the **100 Years Anniversary of the First Dáil, Glenahulla N.S.** in partnership with the family of Liam Tobin (Deputy Director of Intelligence during the War of Independence) are hosting a ‘Local History Day’ on **Wednesday 23rd January, 2019 at 12 noon in the school hall**, to which you are cordially invited to. The pupils of Glenahulla N.S. will enact a presentation entitled ‘Our Local History’. This will be followed by the unveiling of a memorial plaque to honour Major-General Liam Tobin.

Foróige Fermoy have 2 New Book clubs for 12-17 year olds which will take place in the Fermoy Foróige Youth Space once a month. The book club will meet either Saturday or Tuesday. Please contact Emma for more information on 086-4134777 or emma.browne@foroige.ie

Step By Step Painting Workshop, Monday 21st January, 7pm – 10pm, Ozanam Centre, Mitchelstown. €30 includes all material, Tea/Coffee. Contact Deirdre 085-7844305. www.deirdredunne.weebly.com

Catholic Schools Week 2019 - 27th January to 3rd February. Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools. Mass for Grandparents Day on Wednesday, 30th January at 11.00am in the Parish Church.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORKL *Walk in the footsteps of Jesus* This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) will take place from **August 21st -29th 2019**. Highlights include: A boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, visits to Nazareth, Cana, Jericho, The Dead Sea, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Bethany etc. The trip includes: Return flights ex Cork, a comprehensive daily programme, entrance fees, 4* Hotels, dinner bed and breakfast throughout. Spiritual Director Fr Christy Fitzgerald. For further Information and details please contact MAP Travel 01-8783111 or Jim Keogh 021 4885371 Mobile 087 2678793. You will be most welcome but please note that places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis only.

Mitchelstown Operation Transformation is up and running from Mitchelstown Leisure Centre on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm. Mitchelstown Walking Group** invites walk Participants on 2 km or 4km Walks / Jogs. 087-9320062 for further details. See Mitchelstown Operation Transformation Facebook.

STONE UP FOR SENIORS: Classes for over 55's at Tesco meeting room on Wednesday's at 7 pm. 087-3589734.

Athletes invited to MLC Fridays at 7 pm. **Community Games Swim Finals** January 26th at 3 pm in Bishopstown Leisure World. Mitchelstown Area entries u 8- 16 to 087-3589734.

Liam Tobin and the Intelligence War in Ireland, 1919-21. On January 23rd a plaque to Major General Liam Tobin, Director of Intelligence for General Michael Collins during the 1919-1921 War of Independence, will be unveiled at Glenahulla N.S. In conjunction with this event, Dr. Gabriel Doherty will present a lecture to Mitchelstown Heritage Society on Liam Tobin and the Intelligence War he led with Collins during 1919-1921 to coincide with the Centenary of the signing of the First Dáil. Tobin, whose father was from Cloughleafin, Mitchelstown, served as Director of Intelligence during the War of Independence. A member of the '12 Apostles', this unit was responsible for the assassination of British agents and officials in Ireland. He served on Collins staff during the Treaty negotiations. Tobin served as Chief Pall Bearer at Collins funeral. Gabriel Doherty lectures on the Irish revolutionary period, 1912-23 in the School of History at UCC and has also served as the Historical Advisor to the Oireachtas on the Centenary Commemorations. The lecture to Mitchelstown Heritage Society will be given on Wednesday, 23rd January in the Town Hall at Thomas Street at 8pm. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards. A small cover charge applies, this is €5 for Heritage Society members and €7 for the public.

Dates for Your Diaries: C.B.S. Primary Parent Council **Family Bingo** at the Town Hall on **Sunday, 10th February** at 2.30pm, then the **Fashion Show on Friday, 29th March**, at the Firgrove Hotel (the 33rd Annual!).

Do mark these dates in your diaries.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Dan O'Connor, Cloughleafin.

Pauline Williams (née O'Loughlin), Linden Hill.

Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*