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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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● **Collection for Canon Michael Fitzgerald 8th/9th February, in appreciation of all he has done for the Parish.**

● **Feast of St. Blaise** – Monday 3rd February – As well as the 8.30am and 10.00am Masses there will also be an evening Mass at 7.30pm. Blessing of throats will take place at all Masses.

● **Friday is the First Friday of the month.** Evening Mass at 7.30pm.

● **Confessions Parish Church:** Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm

● **EUCHARISTIC 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, Killaclaug

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am.**
Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

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Thought for the Day

Unexpected moments: It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the new-born Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child – that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

Canon Michael Fitzgerald: The Parish Pastoral Council would like to announce that a second collection will be taken up on **Saturday/Sunday 8th/9th February 2020** to acknowledge the ministry and contribution of Canon Michael Fitzgerald to the parish of Mitchelstown over the years that he spent in the parish. Your generosity and support of this collection would be very much appreciated.

Defibrillator Training: In preparation for the installation of a Defibrillator in Mitchelstown Church, training will take place for all who are interested on Saturday 7th March 2020 in the Town Hall Mitchelstown. Training will be provided by the Irish Heart Foundation. Training for CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) will be given on the day. Times of training – 10.00am, 11.30am and 1.30pm. To book a place please contact Catherine McGrath at 086/3369377. All are welcome to apply for training.

Ann: 'I found a 20 cent coin on the road this morning.'

Seán: 'It's mine. I dropped 20 cent this morning.'

Ann: 'But I found two 10 cent coins.'

Seán: 'Then it is definitely mine. I heard it break in two when it hit the ground.'

Neo Catechumenate Way - COME AND LISTEN - "At many moments in the past and by many means, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, but in our time, He has spoken to us in the person of His Son" - Heb.1:1-2. A Series of Talks on the New Evangelisation of the Catholic Church will take place on **MONDAYS** and **FRIDAYS @8PM**. Beginning on Monday 3rd February, 2020 in the Town Hall, Mitchelstown. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - Can you commit to one hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration. We are looking for people for the following hour: Wednesday 10-11am. Please contact Nora on 025 24149, Catherine on 087 7727496 or any one of the Priests.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK - *Walk in the footsteps of Jesus* This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) will take place from August 18th -26th 2020. 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, Excellent 4* Hotels, dinner bed and breakfast throughout. Spiritual Director Fr Liam Crowley. For further Information and details please contact GTI Travel 01 8085201 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. Fr Liam Crowley Drimoleague is the Spiritual Director.

The **Divine Mercy Conference** this year will take place in the **RDS, Dublin on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd 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 22nd February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

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 26th February. Please give names to Catherine on 087 7727496 or any of the other Pioneer Council Members.

Powerful Weekend of Prayer, Praise, Worship & Healing with Maria Vadia, also Fr. John Keane and others. **Saturday, 7th & Sunday, 8th March at Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork**. Commencing at 9.00am both mornings. All welcome. For more details contact Pat on 087-2505528.

Bunscoil na Toirbhirte, Mitchelstown, (025) 24264, e-mail: officebunscoil@gmail.com. **Now enrolling for September 2020**. Visit the school from the **3rd to 7th of February 9am – 2.30pm or Wednesday, 5th February 6pm to 7.30pm**, or to enroll your child online, visit; www.bunscoilmitchelstown.com

Coffee Morning - Kilbehenny Community Hall on **THIS Sunday 2nd February to support Ger Spillane, from 11am - 2pm**. Ger was recently diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this very worthy cause.

Singing for the Brain – is an open weekly session held in **Forrest Hall in Mitchelstown every Friday from 2pm to 3-30pm**, where we use **singing** to bring people from all walks of life together in a friendly and stimulating environment; it provides a unique opportunity for people to come together and enjoy music and socialise with others in the community. Attendees are provided with song sheets including the lyrics for each song. At the end of each session, there is an opportunity for refreshments and time to socialize. Singing is a mindful activity. So much is going on in the body and mind when you are singing you are fully focused. This allows you to 'Turn off' your stream of consciousness and live completely in the moment, distracting your mind from negative thoughts, focusing on the sound, the action, the breathing, the feeling and the pleasure of song. Mindfulness has been shown to have many benefits, including reducing stress and increasing focus. Any queries contact Kathleen Griffin 086 2469524

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 8th February 8.30 am to 12.30**. 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.

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 4th Feb, 7.30pm at Corrin Events Centre (Cork Marts)**. Enquiries/Bookings can be made to Fermoy parish office. 025 30856.

Dates for Your Diaries: C.B.S. Primary Parent Council **Family Bingo** at the Town Hall on **Sunday, 9th February** at 2.00pm, then the **Fashion Show on Friday, 27th March**, at the Firgrove Hotel (the 34th Annual!). Do mark these dates in your diaries. Re. the Bingo, the Parent Council urges all families to come along. The day will be suitable for children, parents, grandparents and all in between, make it your family day out!

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw was held on **Wednesday, 15th January 2020 - The next draw will be held on Wednesday 19th February 2020**. Local promoter John (087) 6477897. Best of luck to all in the draw.

Grow Community Mental Health is a 12 Step support group for people coping with issues such as Depression, Anxiety, Stress or any Emotional Upset in their lives. GROW is totally confidential, free to attend. No referrals are needed. Just come along. You will be most welcome. If you would like more information on GROW Groups near you log onto our website www.grow.ie or telephone Noreen on 0861726004