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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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- **Catholic Schools Week begins today.**
- **First Friday Masses:** As per list below.
- **Confessions:** As per list below.
- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special reflections led by Home of the Mother Sisters and Eucharistic Healing Blessing. Confessions during Holy Hour.
- **Feast of St. Brigid:** Friday next, February 1st, St. Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland. We encourage you to attend Mass.
- **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:** Saturday next, candles for use in the home and in Church will be blessed during 10.00am Mass. We encourage all families to keep a blessed candle in the home. Donations for candles welcome.

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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St. Brigid (Bride) of Ireland, Virgin. February 1st - Patroness of Dairy

Workers. St. Brigid is known as the second Patron of Ireland and “the Mary of the Gael.” Born in County Louth near Dundalk about 450, of parents baptized by St. Patrick, she showed signs of sanctity from her youth. According to a legend, she asked God to take away her beauty in order to escape marriage and pursue her religious vocation. And when she received the veil from St. Mel, her beauty that had given way to deformity returned. She founded the first convent in Ireland at “Cil-Dara” (the Church of the Oak), now Kildare, over which she presided many years. She also established communities in other parts of Ireland and by her prayers and miracles exercised a potent influence on the growth of the early Irish Church. St. Brigid was generous and joyful, vehement and energetic. Her one desire was to aid the poor and needy and relieve those in distress. One of her friends once brought her a basket of choice apples and saw her distribute them to the crowd of sick people thronging about her. The friend could not refrain from exclaiming: “They were for you, not for them.” St. Brigid simply said: “What is mine is theirs.” She died about the year 525 and was buried in Downpatrick in the same grave as Sts. Patrick and Columba.

PRAYER: *Lord, our God, grant that Your faithful spouse, St. Brigid, may kindle the flame of Divine love in us for the everlasting glory of Your Church. Amen.*

Catholic Schools Week 2019 will run from 27th January to 3rd February 2019. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is: **Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools.**

As Irish society changes, it is important that we reflect on the unique contribution of Catholic schools to our collective goal of education. Each Catholic school shares an ethos that is inclusive, welcoming and vibrant. Each school works towards a vision of each student as made in the likeness and image of God (*imago Dei*). This means that we work towards helping each child, irrespective of background, ethnicity or creed, reach their full potential academically, spiritually and socially. To be in the likeness and image of God means that we have the capacity to truly care for ourselves, each other and the environment around us.

While each Catholic school shares this profound commitment to this vision, every school does this differently. Each school is influenced by the community it serves; be it large urban schools, small rural schools, schools with a wide variety of ethnicities and every school in between. For this reason, every Catholic school works in a unique and distinctive manner in educating each child to holistically develop their talent, skills and potential. The daily themes are as follows:

Monday:	Living Tradition	Tuesday:	Welcoming Diversity
Wednesday:	Grandparents’ Day	Thursday:	In Service of our Community
Friday:	Supporting Faith		

February 2019: 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.

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!

"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

LEARN HOW TO FIND FAMILY ROOTS: Enrol in Mitchelstown Family History classes by February 4th on "How to trace your Irish Roots @ Aimerslei de Bhosc 087-3589734 www.irishfamilysearch.com

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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK: *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.

HEALTH IS WEALTH: Mitchelstown Operation Transformation WALK/JOG from Mitchelstown Leisure Centre each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm.

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

ATHLETICS FOR 7-14 YR OLDS: Join Fanahan McSweeney Club at MLC on Friday 7 pm

BINGO – Glenahulla N.S. are hosting a Bingo Day for all the family, on **Sunday, 3rd February at 2.30pm** in the Firgrove Hotel. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

GET UP & GO CLUB, The Town Hall, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown. Meeting Tuesday, 29th January at 2pm. New Members Welcome. Membership now due.

Upcoming Event: **The Divine Mercy Conference** will take place in the RDS, Dublin on **Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February**. The theme of the conference this year is "..... Let us not be put to the test". A bus will travel to the conference on Saturday 23rd February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

"Eucharistic Adoration" We are looking for people for the following Adoration hours: Sunday 5-6pm and Friday morning 4-5am. Contact Catherine on 087 7727496 or Nora on 025 24149 if you can help.

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 16th February 9.00 am to 12.30 pm**. 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.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club are hosting an evening with Mike O'Grady "Trip around the World" slide show. On **Thursday 31st January** in the Town Hall, Thomas Street, at 8.15pm. Members and non-members very welcome. "A night not to be missed"

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. Re. the Bingo, the Parent Council urge all families to come along. The day will be suitable for children, parents, grandparents and all in between. At this stage, after Christmas, you may have some left over tins of biscuits, sweets and / or unwanted gifts, which you may be able to donate, that can be used as spot prizes on the day. Thank you, in advance, for this.

Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports Bereaved Parents is holding a **Bereavement Information Evening** on **Wednesday 6th February** at **7:20pm** in the **Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork**. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc., please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 5th February or call the Information number on 085 2888 888.

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Paige McCarthy Gibbons, Eimear Scanlon**