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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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● **CHRISM MASS IN COBH:** In the Cathedral on Wednesday Evening, April, 8th at 7.30pm. A bus will leave the Square in Mitchelstown at 6.00pm. Names to be given to Patricia, Parish Secretary in the Parish Office by Tuesday, 24th March. There will be a charge for the bus.

● **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 1st Sunday Mass

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Thought for the Day

There are times when we try to get by with the bare minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort, or done a last-minute rush job to complete a work project. Plenty of us know what it's like to do just enough around the house to keep it from descending into total chaos.

Perhaps unconsciously, we sometimes take the same approach to our relationships – only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to 'check in,' or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love.

Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not quite right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's Gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is 'follow the rules,' we have missed something important. Jesus does not want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply doing the bare minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God.

Obedying the rules is the bare minimum. The Gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living.

St Elisabeth Convent, a Russian Orthodox Community in Minsk, Belarus was founded in 1999 in the outskirts of Minsk and has originated from the sisterhood bearing the same name. Since its establishment the convent has been patronizing 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies for more than 14 years. To support and develop the above ministries, more than twenty workshops and studios operate within the frameworks of the Sisterhood. The Sisters will be in Mitchelstown Church on **Wednesday 19th February for the 8.30am and 10.00am Masses** and will have crafts on display for sale to support their work. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

No matter how beautiful and handsome you are,
just remember Baboons and Gorillas also attract tourists.

Stop Boasting!

Station Masses: The Spring & Lenten Station Masses will commence on **Monday, 17th February and continue throughout Lent.** Some Stations will take place in the Parish Churches and others in the homes of Parishioners. The Station Masses are offered for the families of the Station area to invoke God's Blessings in all we do. It is also an opportunity to make an offering towards the income of the Parish Clergy. We always invite and encourage families to consider having the Station Mass in your home for your area. You are most welcome to have the Station Mass in your home, please contact the Parish Office and let us know. Again we ask your help for the distribution of the Station envelopes. **The Spring Distributers can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, it would greatly help.**

FEBRUARY

Mon.	17 th	Marshallstown & Baunnaoneeny	8.00pm	Michael & Helen Dunne
Mon.	17 th	Croughmore		David & Melissa Moher
Thurs.	20 th	Ballinamona, Brigown Road & Brigown Lane		Michael & Alice Ryan

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.

For the six Thursdays in Lent, there will be a **Series of Mediations at the Holy Hour** in our Parish Church led by Fr Pat O Donoghue, on understanding the Mass through the writings of the Saints. It is an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the parts of the Mass. The first sessions will be on **Thursday 27th February at 8pm.**

GIRLS RETREAT & GET-TOGETHER: Come along for a 3-day retreat and get-together open to post-primary age girls and led by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. The retreat will be held at the old Bon Secours Convent in Cobh (next to the Cathedral) from 4pm on Sunday 16th - 3pm Tuesday 18th of February. The retreat will include a variety of activities including daily Mass, adoration, faith formation, videos, sports, games, music, and an adventure around Cobh. Cost: €30. For more information please contact: Sr. Mary Donovan, SHM - hmactivitiesireland@gmail.com - 087 1660381

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.

Do you know your Eircode? Do you know that in an emergency, a First Responder or an Ambulance can attend to you much quicker, if you know your Eircode. You can find your Eircode at www.eircode.ie. Ask someone to help you get it, if you have no access to technology. It can save a life.

Cloyne Annual Lourdes Mass - This year's Annual Lourdes Mass will take place on Tuesday February 11th in St. Colman's Church, Macroom at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Annual Mass to Remember Victims of Crime - You are invited to attend a special Mass to remember victims of crime on **Sunday, 23rd February at 12 noon in Knock Basilica.** For more details please contact Mary in our Victim Assistance head office at Enterprise House, Aiden Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo. T: 086 3938871.

Cardiac Support Group North Cork – Monday, 17th February, presentation by Ruth Burton. Topic: Irish Community Rapid Response Helicopter Service. Venue: Day Care Centre, Mallow. Time: 8.00pm.

Coffee Morning for St. Joseph's Foundation: We were simply blown away by the continuous support we receive yearly for this wonderful charity. Thank you once again to the Community for being so generous. We are delighted to announce that we will be handing over a cheque for €1600 to Better Life Cycle soon. This committee work so hard to raise funds for St Joseph's foundation. Again thank you everyone that baked, donated prizes for the raffle, came along on the day and joined us and donated. To many of you who could not make it and sent in your donations and a very special thanks to the Staff of the Hunters Rest who worked tirelessly serving coffees and teas all morning. Without all of your help we certainly could not do it. Here's to 2021!!!! Colm and Catherine

Digital Photography starting Tuesday 25th February 2.30pm - 4.30pm
English Language Classes for Beginners starting soon

Contact: **Mitchelstown Adult Education Services,** Forrest Hall 086 048 4457

ARISE – is an event for young adults 18+ which will take place on Saturday 7th March 2020 in Knock, Co. Mayo. The day will include inspirational speakers, worship, prayer and workshops running from 10.30am – 4.30pm. This day is organised by CMYI – Catholic Youth Ministry Ireland. If you are interested in attending this event please contact Mallow Parish Youth Ministry, Bernadette on 086 8031126. If there are a number of people interested we will organise a bus.

Rescheduled-C.B.S. PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL FAMILY BINGO WITH T.O. at the Town Hall on **Sunday, 23rd February** at 2.00pm, the Parent Council urges all families to come along. The day will be suitable for children, parents, grandparents and all in between.

A **Prolife Mass** will be offered on the **third Friday of every month at St. Patrick's Church, Fermoy at 7.30pm.** All are welcome.

Invitation to an evening: *Let's take Ireland back for Christ, what you can do,* Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Saturday 22nd February, 7.30pm with Human Life International Ireland, 085 2525 612.

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