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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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**Mitchelstown PPC**

● **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Thursday is the Feastday and is a Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil Masses: Wednesday evening, Ballygiblin at 6.00pm & Parish Church at 7.30pm.** Masses on Thursday in all three Churches as on Sunday, including Evening Mass on Thursday Evening. Confessions before Vigil Mass in Parish Church on Wednesday Evening at 7.00pm.

● **Mass at Cahir Hill Grotto:** Will take place at the Grotto on **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.** Rosary at 7.15pm. We encourage you and your family to come along.

● **Novena to Our Lady of Knock:** Begins on Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Copies of Novena available at Church Doors.

● **Centenary Celebration:** The Diocese is celebrating the Centenary of the Consecration of Cobh Cathedral (1919 – 2019) with a special **Mass at 3.00pm on Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>.** The Parish has been allocated 24 tickets and if you would like to attend please give your name and phone number in the Sacristy after Mass today.

● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm.** With special reflection on Our Lady’s Apparition Knock and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

**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.**

**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**

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**Cobh Cathedral – Centenary Celebration:** On **Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>** next the Diocese of Cloyne will mark the Centenary of the Consecration of St. Colman’s Cathedral, Cobh, with the celebration of the **Eucharist at 3pm.** The Diocese will also celebrate the completion of the recent restoration work with the internal cleaning and the refurbishment of the Telford Organ. Bishop Crean wishes to acknowledge that all the work of restoration, initiated by Bishop Magee, has been made possible by the generosity of the people of the Diocese. **Therefore, the celebration on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> is an event for the whole Diocese.** So that every Parish of the Diocese can be represented, an allocation of tickets has been given to each Parish. Mitchelstown has received 24 tickets. **If any Parishioner would like to attend, you are asked to give your name and telephone number in the Sacristy today after Mass.** The building of the famous Cobh Cathedral began under Bishop Keane in 1869 and took 50 years to complete. The Consecration took place in August 1919. The Bishop at the time was Dr. Browne. The Cathedral is outstanding for its artistic beauty, inside and outside. Its site and location, overlooking Cobh Harbour, is absolutely magnificent and unique. As a Diocese, we have every reason to be proud of our Cathedral and this centenary celebration is an opportunity to give thanks to God for it and ask Him to protect it. The people of Paris are very proud of Notre Dame, so too we are proud of St. Colman’s.

**Our Lady of Knock Novena August 14<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>:** This year 2019 marks the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady’s Apparition at Knock in August 1879. In Knock during the Novena there will be two sessions daily 3pm & 8pm, with guest speakers (see noticeboard for details). Copies of the Novena are available at Church entrances. At about 8 o’clock on the Thursday evening of the 21st of August, 1879, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the South gable of the Church at Knock, County Mayo, Ireland. Beside them and a little to the right, was an altar with a cross and the figure of a lamb, around which angels hovered.

There were fifteen official witnesses to the apparition-young and old, who watched it for two hours in pouring rain and recited the Rosary. Two Commissions of Enquiry accepted their testimony as trust-worthy and satisfactory in 1879 and 1936. Today, Knock ranks among the world’s major Marian Shrines, having enjoyed the full approval of the Church, for many years. It has received privileges from four Popes and the most recent privileges were the visits of Their Holiness, Saint Pope John Paul II, on September 30, 1979 and Pope Francis August 2018.

**Mass at Cahir Hill Grotto: Holy Mass will be celebrated at Cahir Hill Grotto on Monday night next at 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.15pm).** As we celebrate the great Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven on August 15<sup>th</sup>, we also celebrate at our local Grotto to Her. Thanks to Michael and Margaret who give such devoted care to maintaining the Grotto throughout the year. We welcome you all to the special Mass on Monday Evening, May Our Lady always take care of the Parish.

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** We invite you to come and spend an hour of prayer and adoration before the Lord in the Adoration Chapel. Share with Him. Let Him give you many wondrous graces and blessings for spending some time with Him. We are looking for new adorers to share for the following Adoration Hours: **Friday 9.00pm – 10.00pm** and **Saturday 5.00pm – 6.00pm.** Contact Nora Hogan (025) 24149 or Catherine on 087 7727496.

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**“Grandparents are a treasure” – Pope Francis.** In recognition of the great contribution that grandparents make to the Church, to family, and to society in teaching and passing on the faith, Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council are organising that the **11.30am Mass in the Parish Church, Mitchelstown on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September** will be a celebration for grandparents and families. As part of the celebration, we would like to do a collage of pictures of living and deceased grandparents and also families for the Mass. Please submit photos to the parish office or to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. We invite grandparents and grandchildren to participate in the Mass by doing readings, prayer of the faithful and offertory. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 or any member of the PPC if you would like to do any of these items.

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**FAITH CAMP – LOST & FOUND:** A number of items were left in the Town Hall after the Faith Camp. Any lost items - please contact Catherine Hanley (087) 7727496.

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**Lough Derg One Day Retreat – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August.** Leaving Mitchelstown on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 8.30am for an overnight stay in Ballyshannon. Contact Bridget Fitzgerald for more details or to book your place, 086-3594571

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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** Are you struggling? If yes, then we are here to help. Call us at 087-6093906.

If you would like to become a volunteer in our shop or should you have clothes or furniture to donate, please call us on 087-6093906.

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**Parish Office will be closed for Holidays  
from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August.**

**NEWLY BAPTISED:**

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

**Zibusiso Mkwanzu**

**Doody’s CarePlus Pharmacy in Mitchelstown are hosting a Coffee Morning on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August from 10am until 1pm in aid of Brú Columbanus.** Brú Columbanus is an independent charity located in Wilton across from Cork University Hospital (CUH) that provides "home from home" accommodation for relatives of seriously ill patients in any of the Cork hospitals and the hospice, for a voluntary donation if possible. Brú Columbanus was established in September 2005, and since then has alleviated the anxiety of finding and funding accommodation for families that need it. They rely on donations and fundraising from people to keep this service going. We are delighted to be in a position to host this coffee morning for them – we will also be donating 10% of all front of shop takings on the day.

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**Alzheimer’s Society of Ireland: Dementia Open Day** in Tearmann Ui Chaoimh, **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** from 4pm – 7pm. Guest Speakers on the Evening. This would be an opportunity to learn about the local Alzheimer’s Society of Ireland Service and what care and support is provided. Open to the Public.

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On behalf of **The Irish Blood Transfusion Service:** Please pass on our thanks to all who contributed to the running of this Clinic. 275 Donors attended our Blood Donor Clinic in **The Firgrove Hotel.** This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. The precious gift of Blood brings life and hope to our hospital patients and their communities.

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**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre, Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown – Will be closed from 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August inclusive** and will re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August usual hours.

Tel: **0761 07 8030** E-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie)

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 1.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.**

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**EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS** by **Alban Williams** in Mitchelstown Library. Official Opening by Father Pat O’Donoghue on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm. Viewing till Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

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**All Ireland Medal Winner:** Congratulations to Cathal O’Mahony, St. Fanahan’s Place, Mitchelstown, on being a key member of the Cork Under 20 Football side that won the All-Ireland U20 Football Final on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Cathal was also named “Man of the Match”. He was outstanding in all Cork’s games in this year’s U20 FC against Waterford, Kerry, Tyrone and Dublin. He plays football with Mitchelstown, hurling with Ballygiblin. He won a Co. Minor Football Championship with Mitchelstown in 2017. Cathal is the last player from the Parish to win an All-Ireland U21 Football title since 1989, when John Barrett played. He was a key member of the Mitchelstown C.B.S. side that won the Munster and All Ireland Senior FC titles in 2016. Currently Cathal is a student at Mary I College, Limerick, where is studying to be a teacher.

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**BINGO Special:** Forrest Hall, New Square, Mitchelstown, **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August at 8.30pm.** Usual Bingo cash prizes. Proceeds shared between Crohn’s Disease Society of Ireland and Mitchelstown Cope Residence. Lovely prizes for raffle.