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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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●Maintenance & Development Collection will be taken up THIS Weekend.

●The collection for **CloyneDiocesan Purposes** will be taken up next weekend.

●**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 - The liturgical season of Lent helps us prepare for the great feast of Easter, and for the forty days of Lent (where Sundays are excluded in the counting of the days), we commit ourselves in a special way to prayer, almsgiving, denial of self and ego, and acts of penance. It is, essentially, an act of prayer extended for forty consecutive days that takes us on a spiritual journey that, hopefully, will bring us closer to God. The number ‘forty’ is mentioned well over a hundred times in the Bible as it held special spiritual relevance in both the Old and the New Testaments with regard to periods of preparation, testing or probation. Think of the forty days and nights Moses spent on Mount Sinai before God gave him the Ten Commandments and, in the New Testament, the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert before He began His public ministry.

Aside from the fast and abstinence days of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, anything we give up or taken on to do during Lent may be considered self-disciplinary in nature and are often more effective if we see them through every day of Lent, including Sundays and the Irish ‘free pass’ of St Patrick’s Day! Our sacrifices for Lent are not Church or law-governed, but a matter of individual conscience.

As part of its apostolate, the Pioneer Association has a Short-Term Pledge section for adults over the age of eighteen years. This enables a person who does not wish to make a life commitment to total abstinence to take a pledge for a limited period of time. Many people who have problems with alcohol over-consumption have used this pledge to help them, while others want to do something uplifting or challenging for themselves or for others for a particular season of the year, i.e., for Lent, for the month of the Holy Souls in November or for Advent, in preparation for Christmas. Many of these ‘Short-Term Pledgers’ have gone on to become longer-term and frequent members. Many have used it to buttress their resolution to stay ‘dry’ for a particular month for their own personal reasons.

If you feel that you can and would like to take the pledge for the six weeks of Lent, please go online at www.pioneerassociation.ie and follow the links to join. A small fee applies if you wish to have the Pioneer emblem and the registration card.

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 session will be on **Thursday 27th February at 8pm.**

Seán: ‘Why does your new baby sister cry so much?’

Michael: She doesn’t cry that much – anyway, what would you do, if you had no teeth, a bald head, legs so wobbly that you couldn’t stand or walk? I bet you would cry a lot more.’

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday next, 26th February, is Ash Wednesday, Masses in the **Parish Church:** 8.15am (to accommodate schools and workers), 10.00am & 7.30pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed as a sign of repentance at Masses and we encourage you to attend. **Wednesday is also a Day of Fast & Abstinence.**
Trócaire Boxes: We encourage you today to take home a Trócaire box and to give any money saved during Lent, to help the poorer countries of the world. The boxes are at Church entrances, please take one.

COLLECTORS FOR MARCH 2020: We thank those who collected during February. The Collectors for March take over this weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, & Pat Manning.
8.30am: Neil Egan, Con Hogan, Matt O'Sullivan & Michael Boland.
11.30am: Donal Smith, John Crowley, Billy Ryan & Paddy Moloney.
7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald, Tom Lucey & Bridget Sherlock.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank Team "B". Team "C" take over next weekend.

Station Masses: 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 Distributors can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, it would greatly help.**

FEBRUARY

Fri. 28th Corrogur & Tangresa 8.00pm Dan & Ellen Hanley

Vocations Afternoon: An afternoon for men considering a vocation to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Cloyne will be held on **Saturday, 7th March** at the Nano Nagle Centre, Killavullen, from 2.30pm-5.00pm. The afternoon will consist of reflection, prayer and the opportunity to find out more about becoming a priest in our diocese. For more information Fr Brian Boyle (Vocations Director) at 085 2553787. Email: priesthood@cloynediocese.ie. Those hoping to attend should make contact by phone or email by Thursday, 5th March. There are currently two candidates studying for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Cloyne.

Defibrillator Training: In preparation for the installation of a Defibrillator in Mitchelstown Parish Church, training will take place for all who are interested on **Saturday 7th March 2020** in the Town Hall Mitchelstown. Contact Catherine McGrath 086/3369377.

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, continues on Mondays and Fridays @8pm. Town Hall, Mitchelstown. All are welcome.

LUÍ NA GRÉINE RESIDENT'S will host a **FUNDRAISING BINGO** –

In Aid of GER SPILLANE & FAMILY,

Ger was recently diagnosed with MOTOR NEURON DISEASE.

SUNDAY MARCH 1st, JACKIE O' BRIENS FUNCTION ROOM, 2.30PM

ALL SUPPORT GREATLY APPRECIATED

Donations/Spot Prizes can be dropped to SHAPER'S HAIR SALON Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown. **TEA & REFRESHMENTS SERVED**

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.

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 **TODAY 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.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club are delighted to host Geraldine Hegarty of Hegarty Fabrics Fermoy on Interior Colour & Design. **On Thursday 27th February at 8pm in the Town Hall, Mitchelstown.**

FREE MONTHLY HEALTH & WELL BEING INFORMATION

TALK: Loretta Kennedy, Community Resource Officer with Epilepsy Ireland Cork is our guest speaker, Loretta will talk about the range of services and supports available for people living with Epilepsy. These FREE community talks are hosted by Fermoy Community Health Project and are open to all. This talk will take place in **Fermoy Library at 11am on Thursday 27th February.** For further information please contact Jacinta McCormack, Community Health Worker on 085 8742320.

Tearmann Ui Chaoimh Mitchelstown H.S.E. Day Care Centre. Places available in Centre. Opening hours Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 3.30 pm. Nurse led, offering advice and support to clients. Activities include; Music, Exercise, Guest speakers, General discussions, Bingo and just fun. Transport available if required. Why not give it a try. Contact Rita Slattery 0867871027