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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**

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

● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special prayers for greater openness to the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.  
● Next Sunday is Temperance Sunday.

● **Station Masses:** The Spring & Lenten Station Masses will commence on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 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 distributors can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, it would greatly help.**

**SPRING STATIONS 2019:**

**We encourage you all to participate in the Station Masses.  
Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.**

**FEBRUARY**

Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Carrigane Ballygiblin School

**MARCH**

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> Gortroe, Gortnamina, Killacluig & Booladorcha Killacluig Church  
Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> Marshalstown & Baunnaooneey Killacluig Church  
Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> Derrynanool, Killee & Drough **Tom Sheerin** Killacluig Church  
Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Church St. Mitchelscourt, Kildorrery Rd., Ashfield Manor, Stagpark, Deepark, Clonkilla, Carriganleigh, Cloonlough & Ard na Gréine

Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Skeehane Upper & Lower Parish Church  
Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Knockagarry Stephen & Mary Noonan  
Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Upper Cork St., Lower Cork St., New Square, Pat & Helena Norris  
Arch Avenue, Railway Rd., Cross of the Groves, Brigown Rd Lower, Fermoy Rd., & Carraigroe

Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Croughmore **8.15pm** Parish Church  
Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Gurrane & Coolenave William & Nora Russell  
Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Ballinabrook & Ardglaire June O'Donnell  
Tom & Siobhán Barry

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**Interior Renewal of the Church in Ireland.** In Dublin last August, Pope Francis encouraged us to be "courageous and creative" witnesses to our own people: "The upheavals of recent years have been tested the traditionally strong faith of the Irish people. Yet they have also offered the opportunity for an interior renewal of the Church in this country and pointed to new ways of envisioning its life and mission. 'God is eternal newness' and he impels us 'constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond' (Gaudete et Exsultate, 135). With humility and trust in his grace, may you discern and set out on new paths for these new times. Be courageous and creative. Surely, the strong missionary sense rooted in the soul of your people will inspire creative ways of bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel and building up the community of believers in the love of Christ and zeal for the growth of his kingdom. (Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Bishops of Ireland on the Occasion of the Ninth World Meeting of Families, 26 August 2018). In recent years many groups and individuals all around the country have been studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The steering committee, under Cork woman Mairín Ní Shúilleabhain, have announced an inaugural National Pilgrimage to Knock on the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**Series of Talks:** Following the above inspirational words of Pope Francis, it is important for all of us to realise the days of a socially protected and comfortable Catholic Faith are well and truly over. We will all have to learn anew the beauty of Catholic doctrine and experience it for ourselves. But first we have to learn anew what the Church really teaches and reflect upon it. It is essential to invest in a Catholic Catechism and a Bible. This coming Lent we encourage you to give more of your time to deepen your knowledge of the Faith. **A series of talks will be held in the Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays beginning on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 800pm.** Each talk is just one hour. We are in a time of new challenge for each of us to know, love and serve Jesus Christ in our time. Jesus Christ is the Way, The Truth and the Life. Let us arise and meet the challenge!

**Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 31<sup>st</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019.** 5 Nights Full Board. Tour Director: Joe Walsh Tours. Under the Patronage of Bishop William Crean D.D., Bishop of Cloyne. Pilgrimage Director: V. Rev. Tobias Bluit P.P. Pilgrim Bookings available from Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick St, Cork. 021 4277959. Details of the Special Sick/Assisted Section available from: The Secretary, Mallow Parish, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow (022 20276).

**Women's World Day of Prayer – Come everything is ready!** will be held in Kingston College Chapel on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. All are welcome, both women and men. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**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? Please give names to Pat McEvoy, The Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council Members.

**Guided Faith Filled Lenten Journey, YOUCAT/YOUCAT Companion, (6 Wednesday evenings).** Starting Ash Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm – 8.45pm in SMA Community Centre, Wilton. All welcome. Contact Máirín Ní Shuilleabháin 0877950325 or mairin91@gmail.com for details.

**Spring Resource Session – Handing on the Faith & how to us the YOUCAT series in your parish(Dr Dan O’Connell).** Session will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Blackrock Parish Centre. Contribution - €5.00 per person (to include tea/coffee and “HOW TO” handbook to take away).To reserve places contact the office: 021 4537474 or by email: pdo@corkandross.org

**Mitchelstown Community Pre-School:** Enrolments are now being taken for August/September 2019. Operating E.C.C.E. Scheme (*free school year*). Experienced and Fully Trained Staff. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Tina at 086-8454870.

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – World Down Syndrome Day - Guinness World Record.** In aid of The Down Syndrome Centre Cork, Bingo at the Rock will be hosting their Annual Coffee Morning in aid of the charity from 10:00 am until 12 noon. Aside from the Coffee Morning, they will also be making an attempt to break the WORLDS LARGEST BINGO CARD world record. This will begin at 12:30 followed by some bingo and major fun!! Tickets to be involved in the attempt at breaking the world record will be €20 and this will give the ticket holder entry into the game by means of a 3-page bingo book. Tickets can be bought in The Down Syndrome Centre, Forge Hill, Cork 0219615616 or in Rock Bingo, Deanrock Business Park, Togher, Cork. 021425011. This event is to raise much needed funds for The Down Syndrome Centre, who rely 100% on donations and receive no government funding.

**AI-anon** is a self-help group who offers support and understanding to families and friends of problem drinkers. An open information evening will be held in The Mercy Centre, Mallow **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm until 8.30pm. All welcome to attend.

**Beef Plan Meeting** in the Vienna Woods Hotel Cork, on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm.** It's about like-minded farmers coming together to try and get a fair price for their beef.

**THE ANCHORAGE INSTITUTE - SOUL ENRICHMENT COURSE 2019 (OVER 5 SATURDAYS FEBRUARY to JUNE 10am-4pm) Learning to listen with the heart.** *Discover boundless compassion within a broken world.* Presented by; Kathleen Keane, Una Boland LCM, Vincent O’Grady. Venue: Blue Nuns Convent College Road, Fermoy. Booking essential at 087-1679586. Cost of day €45. 5 day package €200. Light lunch provided.

**Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltd** are looking for a person for the office here in Mitchelstown. The person must be in receipt of Social Welfare and it's for 19.5 hours per week. If interested please contact Aileen on 025-86956

**Date for Your Diaries:** C.B.S. Primary Parent Council **Fashion Show on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**, at the Firgrove Hotel (the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual!). Do mark this date in your diaries.

**Mitchelstown Community Text Alert Subs** now due. Can be renewed at Forrest Hall or Una’s Flower Shop. Cost €10.

**We need to hear your Voice:** Mitchelstown Community is coming together to draw up a 3 to 5 year plan for Mitchelstown. This will be hosted by Mitchelstown Forum and facilitated by Ballyhoura Development. Please complete the following survey here is the link [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ballyhouracomunityplanning](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ballyhouracomunityplanning) We need as many people as possible to have their voices heard and feed into the future planning of Mitchelstown. (Paper copy available at the Ballyhoura Office Kingston College). Any queries please contact Norma @Mitchelstown Enterprise Centre **087-6347652**

**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre, Marian Hill, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown, Tel: 0761 07 8030 E-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie)**  
As and from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, the following will be the opening hours.  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 1.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.**

**Volunteers required by Cope Foundation in Mitchelstown residence.** Do you have some time to spare? We require Gardening Assistants to help maintain our lovely garden during the spring & summer months. The volunteers will help with various basic gardening duties and will ideally have some knowledge and a love of gardening. We need help for 3 hours twice a week at any time that suits. This can be shared between two or more volunteers. If you can help we would love to hear from you. Please contact Milly Farrell, Volunteer Coordinator on 021-4643294 or e-mail [volunteer@cope-foundation.ie](mailto:volunteer@cope-foundation.ie)

**Coffee Morning.** Colm and Catherine would like to sincerely thank everyone for their so generous support in many ways to our Coffee morning last Saturday for the St Josephs in Charleville in the Hunters Rest. We are delighted to announce that because of your generosity we have reached a phenomenal amount of 1305 euro.

**NEW SEASON MEETING** Mitchelstown Community Games area including Araglin, Gianworth, Kildorrery, Kilworth hold an information meeting on Tuesday next February 26th in Mitchelstown Leisure Centre at 8 pm. CHESS u13. 16 finals in Glanmire GAA March 9th 2 pm & QUIZ u14 @ 12 noon See [www.communitygames.ie](http://www.communitygames.ie) for rules / guidelines etc Contact 087.3589734.

**Free Health & Wellbeing Talks:** Next Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Finola O’Callaghan from GROW will deliver the February session in our series of Health & Well Being Information talks. GROW is a national community based organisation providing support and education around emotional and mental wellbeing. This talk will take place from 11am – 12noon in the HSE Saint Francis Day Centre which is located on Rathaely Road. These month talks are FREE and are open to everyone and the focus is on informing and supporting people. For further information contact Jacinta on 085 8742320.

**Knock Shrine Society is seeking new members** to join Our Lady’s Volunteers to assist pilgrims who visit the Shrine. This opportunity is open to all men and women over 18 who wish to share their time and be of service to the Sick and infirm and to assist in the Eucharistic and Liturgical services at Knock Shrine. For further information, contact John Hynes, President Knock Shrine Society 087 6891422 or email [knockshrinesociety@gmail.com](mailto:knockshrinesociety@gmail.com)

**In aid of St Josephs’ Foundation, Charleville,** homemade cakes, jams & garden produce for all sale in Kildorrery Parish Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 10.30am – 1pm.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Nakiah Lonergan**