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

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

**Parish Website: [www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie). Find us on Facebook: Mitchelstown Parish**

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- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special reflections from Padre Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and Blessing with Relic of St. Pio.
- **Today we pray especially for the gift of Temperance.**
- **As today is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Parish Church after 11.30am Mass until Benediction at 7.15pm, before Evening Mass.**
- **Confessions:** Saturday 12.00 – 1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm. We encourage families to practice monthly Confession.

● **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.**

**MARCH**

Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gortroe, Gortnamina, Killacluig & Booladorcha	Killacluig Church
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Marshallstown & Baunanooneeny	Killacluig Church
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough	<b>Tom Sheerin</b> Killacluig Church
Thurs. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Church St. Mitchelscourt, Kildorrery Rd., Ashfield Manor, Stagpark, Deerpark, Clonkilla, Carriganleigh, Cloonlough & Árd na Gréine	<b>Parish Church</b>
Thurs. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Skeheen Upper & Lower	Stephen & Mary Noonan
Thurs. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Knockagarry	Pat & Helena Norris
Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Upper Cork St., Lower Cork St., New Square, Arch Avenue, Railway Rd., Cross of the Groves, Brigown Rd Lower, Fermoy Rd., & Carraigroe	<b>Parish Church</b>
Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Croughmore	<b>8.15pm</b> William & Nora Russell
Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gurrane & Coolenave	June O'Donnell
Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ballinabrook & Ardglare	Tom & Siobhán Barry

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**Lent Is Coming:** As Spring and Lent begins this week, no matter what our age, let us turn to Jesus anew and open our hearts to Him. He has the power to transform our lives. Let us make the Eucharist the centre of our lives. Let us again correct our material excesses in food, clothes and lifestyle. Let us not be controlled by the human things and remember we are called to prepare for an eternal life. Let us not allow life to be centred on our self-amusement and fulfilment, but rather reach out to help those around us. Take home a Trócaire box this weekend and pray for those who are suffering because of the selfishness and hatred of our world. This year **during the Monday's of Lent**, the Home of the Mother Sisters will do a Reflection at 7.00pm, before evening Mass. There will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm in the Parish Church throughout Lent. We will also have the **Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm**, before Evening Mass. We will have **Evening Prayer at 5.00pm for the Sundays of Lent also.** Let us enter into the season of Lent with fresh zeal and pray for a new heart. Let us also consider attending the **Gospel Talks in the Town Hall every Monday and Thursday at 8.00pm.** Let us turn to Jesus anew this Lent and prepare for a great Easter celebration. Remember to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday.

**Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday next is Ash Wednesday, Masses in the **Parish Church:** 8.15am (to accommodate schools and workers), 10.00am & 7.30pm. **Killacluig:** 6.30pm. **Ballygiblin:** 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.**

**Stations of the Cross:** Will be led every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm, before Evening Mass.

**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.

**MARCH 2019:** 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.

**The best of Family Bingo with Coláiste Fionnchua on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm at the School.** This fundraiser is being organised by the Parents Council to buy sports gear for the basketball team. Everybody welcome, young and old, for a couple of hours of fun. Michael Holmes will be keeping us all on track.

**“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom” (2Cor. 3:17). Powerful weekend of Prayer, Praise, Worship and Healing** with Maria Vadia also Fr. John Keane, Canon Michael Fitzgerald, Fr. Tony Emeka MHN in Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork on Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> March. Sat, 9<sup>th</sup> March – Workshops on Charisms. Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> March – Day of Praise, Worship and Healing. Both days start at 9.00am. Holy Mass celebrated both days. All welcome. Info: Pat 087 2505528, Mary 087 2898518.

**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 Shúilleabháin 087/7950325 or mairin991@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

**Al-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.

**Over 60s talent competition** takes place in the Tavern, Mitchelstown on **14<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm.** We invite all to attend and welcome all participants. Free entry and refreshments, great night assured. Any queries please contact Chairperson Helen white at 086 8777157 or Secretary Ann Gorman at 086 0815665.

**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.

**Eric Patrick Nolan - Album Launch and Concert.** An evening of breath-taking vocals and captivating songs that is not to be missed. Village Arts Centre, Kilworth. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Tickets €15 from the Avondu office 025 24451.

**Mallow College of Further Education** is having its **Open Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March,** from 10:00am to 5:30pm. Anyone who is interested in continuing their education or starting a course in a new field of study are welcome to attend throughout the day and talk to teachers about the courses. They will have the opportunity to sit in on classes in a range of courses and there will also be funding information available on the day.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Lottie Bullock. Mason Casey**

**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

**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

**Mitchelstown P.T.A.A. Flag Day:** A flag day will be held by Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Abstinence Association on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 9am to 6 pm. The purpose of the collection is to raise funds to help the association in their efforts to promote temperance among young and old in our Parish and outlying areas. As we all know the excessive use of drink and drugs is causing great distress and breakdown in many families in Ireland today. **PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY,** and if any of you could help with the collection, please contact any council member.

**Lent Mission Talks:** "Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more." The Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother will be giving a series of talks every Monday during the season of Lent. The talks will be at 7:00pm in the Main Church before evening Mass at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend!

**Stations of the Cross** will be held in the Main Church every Friday during Lent from 7:00-7:30pm, led by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. All are welcome to attend!

**DVDs** are now available for purchase about the life of Sr. Clare Crockett, a budding actress from Derry who left her career and the open doors to fame behind to give her life for God. Sr. Clare tragically passed away in the 2016 earthquake in Ecuador at the age of 33, but has since been touching lives with her testimony. Please contact the Servant Sisters if you would like to purchase one. Cost is 12 euros.

**Steps4Life** - is a new programme looking for **older adult volunteers** to take part in a FREE 4 week Physical Activity Programme, facilitated by 4<sup>th</sup> Year Physical Education Students from UCC. Fun, easy, chair based and low intensity activity - Suitable for all levels of fitness and ability. **Locations:** Mayfield, Bandon, Cork City, Cobh, Fermoy, Bishopstown, Douglas, Wilton and Turners Cross. **Date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-7.30pm.** Register: Call Cork Sports Partnership 021 4347096. Email: [churley@corksports.ie](mailto:churley@corksports.ie) LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Catherine (Kit) Blake (née Nagle), Tearnann Uí Chaoimh

Jack Roche Murphy, Glenduff

Eileen Whelan (née Casey), Ballinamona

Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*