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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY
Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

●FEAST OF ST. PATRICK: Tuesday next is the Feast of St. Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland.

Vigil Mass: Monday Evening in the Parish Church at 7.30pm. Masses on Tuesday Morning at 8.30am & 11.30am. & Tuesday Evening at 7.30pm

Ballygiblin Church: Monday Evening at 6.00pm.

Killacluig Church: Tuesday Morning at 10.00am

Collection for Emigrants taken up on St. Patrick's Day.

●Chrim 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

Stations of the Cross

Each Sunday of Lent at 3.00pm in the Parish Church

For the six Thursdays of 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. All welcome.

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Thought for the Day

How does it feel like to meet someone who knows everything you've ever done? Vulnerable for one thing, uneasy and slightly awkward for another. Who could stand up to such scrutiny? But the treasure of having as a friend someone who truly knows you and is still your friend!

It was such a friend that the crowd-avoiding Samaritan woman met at the hottest part of the day. It was like most of the deepest changes in life – a so-called 'chance' encounter. His thirst for her life changed a Samaritan woman with a chequered past into a follower. Most of us came to meet Christ in less dramatic ways than she did. Yet there was a path, however obscure or winding that led us to some well where we realised that our thirst was deeper than anything earthly could ever satisfy.

'Hunger is a good sauce' is a saying that describes how desperate need can make us satisfied with what we have, inadequate though it may be. Jesus wants a full life, not a mere existence for his followers. 'If you only knew what God is offering...' (Gospel).

Two people went out of their way in the Gospel. The woman to a remote well, and God who will always go out of his way to encounter us and offer us a life of renewal.

Lenten Calendar

This Lent, you are invited to pray with a line of God's Word each week and to express that Word in action each day...

3rd Sunday of Lent: Lord, you have the message of eternal life

Mon: Notice signs of new life around you and give thanks

Tues: Give to those who are in need

Wed: Pray for those who feel unloved

Thurs: Fast from what does not bring life

Fri: Pray for the gift of trust in God

Sat: Cherish the unexpected moments of wonder

A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. "Ha! That's not going to help," she said. "Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."!!

Postponed – I have been asked by Msgr. Michael Crotty to inform you, that his episcopal ordination has been postponed because of the corona virus outbreak in Italy. At the moment no new date has been decided.

