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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with Lenten reflections and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.
- **Trócaire Boxes:** are available today, if you have not already got one. Remember that by denying ourselves a little during Lent, we can offer life to someone in poorer countries.
- **Evening Prayer and Benediction every Sunday Evening at 5.00pm during Lent.** We encourage you to attend.
- **Confessions:** Saturday 12.00 – 1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm. We encourage families to practice monthly Confession.
- **What are you doing on Sunday?** Is a Lenten Reflection by Bishop Crean. Copies available at Church entrances. Please take one.

● **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.

Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.

MARCH

Mon.	11 th	<i>Captain Keane's Grove, Roche's Heights & Sarsfield Casey Drive.</i>	PARISH CHURCH
Mon.	11 th	Kildrum & Garryleigh	James & Geraldine O'Brien
Tues.	12 th	Croughevoe	Mary Barry BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Tues.	12 th	Furrow & Gurteenaboul	James Feeney BALLYGIBLIN CHURCH
Tues.	12 th	Derrylahan	PARISH CHURCH
Tues.	12 th	Kiltrislane & Cloonlough South	Michael & Margaret O'Grady PARISH CH.
Wed.	13 th	<i>Clonmel Road, Baldwin Street, King Square, Kingston College, Bank Place, Castlefarm Road, Castle Lodge, Sutton's Corner & Castile Park.</i>	PARISH CHURCH
Wed.	13 th	Glenahulla & Cloughleafin	8.15pm Andrew & Sarah O'Regan
Wed.	13 th	Knocknamuck, Ballygiblin & Parknakilla	BALLYGIBLIN SCHOOL
Wed.	13 th	Ballybeg, Turbeigh, & Glenatluckey	Liam & Elizabeth Sheehan
Thurs.	14 th	<i>Robert St. Thomas St. George St. Kingston Close & Edward St.</i>	TOWN HALL
Thurs.	14 th	<i>King St. James St. & Tearmann Ui Chaoimh.</i>	TEARMANN UI CHAOIMH
Thurs.	14 th	<i>Church Rd. Brigown Church Rd. Mulberry Flats, Mulberry Crest, Woodlawn, Kali Magdan, Brigown Cottages, Abbey Farm, Mulberry, Abbey View, The Meadow & Stonewell</i>	PARISH CHURCH
Fri.	15 th	Ballinamona, Brigown Road & Brigown Lane	Sheila Dwane PARISH CHURCH
Fri.	15 th	Kilshanny	8.15pm Barry & Janet O'Brien
Fri.	15 th	Corrogurm & Tangresa	8.15pm Lizzie Hanley

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Pope Francis to Children: The Devil is your biggest Enemy: In a meeting with children and young people from Saint Crispin's parish in Viterbo, the pope said that the devil is "the ruler of the pagan spirit" and "the lord of evil," while urging them to resist his wiles through prayer and recourse to Jesus. In a spirited dialogue with the group, Francis asked question after question regarding the devil and how he attempts to separate us from God. "The devil! But the devil is a fantasy, he does not exist, right?" the pope asked teasingly. "Isn't he just an old wives' tale?" "Yes, he exists, it's true, and he is our biggest enemy," he agreed with them. "He is the one who tries to make us slip up in life. He is the one who puts bad desires and bad thoughts in our hearts and leads us to do bad things, many bad things in life, ending with war." Pope Francis has often spoken of the devil during his 6-year pontificate, insisting that he is not a myth and must be combatted. During his U.S. visit in 2015, the Pope told Harlem schoolchildren that the devil works to destroy our dreams and undermine our happiness. Satan "sows sadness, sows distrust, sows envy, and sows evil desires," he said. "The devil always sows sadness because he doesn't want us happy. He doesn't want us to dream." "Where there is joy, Jesus is always present," Francis said. "Because Jesus is joy, and he wants to help us so that his joy stays with us every day." On Sunday, the pope offered the Italian children of Viterbo a similar message, insisting that the devil can never be our friend, since he only wishes to harm us. "He will take us on the path of evil, to do evil things," he said. Jesus is the one who defends us from the devil, he said, since "He is the Lord, He commands." It was Jesus who cast out devils on earth, chasing the evil one away. In his ongoing reflection, the pope said the devil has "many qualities," one of which is his intelligence. "He is very intelligent, more intelligent than theologians!" he said. "He is very intelligent and this is a quality." But the devil's "greatest quality," he continued, is his ability to deceive. "The devil is a liar," Francis said. "Because he tells you: look at how beautiful this is... And he acts in the same way a snake does with a little bird. It looks at it, it puts it to sleep and then eats it." "The devil shows you things and tells you: 'This is beautiful, it will do you good, do not obey your father and mother, do not do this, go this way, it will do you good,' and then leaves you alone and to be defeated," he said. "In the gospel, he is called the father of lies," the pontiff continued. "God is the Father of goodness," but the devil, who is evil, passes himself off as good by lying. "You have to tell the devil, 'Go away, liar!'" he told them. The best defense against the devil is prayer, he continued. "When the attack comes, go to Jesus, who never told a lie," he said. "Jesus cannot tell lies. Jesus always tells us the truth. Sometimes we do not like it, because there are some painful truths, but He tells them." Francis also told the children that the devil promises happiness, yet never delivers. What the devil offers is like candy, he continued. You eat one, then another, then a dozen, and then at night you wind up with a stomach ache. "Yes, a stomach ache," the pope said. "The devil gives you momentary joy and then you get a 'stomach ache' of the soul. Your soul is sick. The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, gives you the joy that does not make you sick."

The best of Family Bingo with Coláiste Fionnchua on This Sunday March 10th 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.

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.

Over 60s talent competition takes place in the Tavern, Mitchelstown on **14th 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, 29th March**, at the Firgrove Hotel (the 33rd Annual!). Do mark this date in your diaries.

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this **Monday, 11th March, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

Mitchelstown Area Community Games: Soccer indoor (all boys or all girls) u10, 13, u12 girls 7 a side @ Ballinacarriga March 24th @ 2 pm. Duathlon u15 & Cycling u12 & 14 @ Riverstick March 24th @ 11am. Choir u13 u15 @ Ballinlough Our Lady of Lourdes April 6th. Draughts u10 to u16 @ Ballincollig GAA Sunday April 7th @ 2 pm. Sat April 13th at Riverstick Hall Art u8 to u16 @ 10am. Handwriting (boys or girls) u10 or u12 @ 11-12 am, Model Making u10 u12, u14 u16, Group Dance Modern disco u12 or u16, Group Dance Irish u12, Solo modern dance u12 or u16, Solo Music u12 or u16, Group Music u12 or u16, Group singing u12 or u16. Solo singing u12 or u16, Solo recitation u12 or u16, Culture corner u15. See Facebook: Mitchelstown area community games. See www.communitygames.ie for rules / guidelines To enter Contact 087.3589734.

Feast of St. Patrick: Next Sunday, a Special Collection for Emigrants will be taken up at all Masses.

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

The Parish will lead the Stations of the Cross on Corrin Hill, Fermoy, on Sunday, March 17th at 3.00pm.

Home of the Mother Sisters: 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.

Mitchelstown Forum are calling on the people of Mitchelstown, to come have their say on how to keep our Community a healthy place to live, work, and play. This will set our agenda for the next three years. Under the project to date the Community wanted to see the development of a Community Allotment and a Safe Walking Group, which we delivered, we now need your view on what is next for the healthy town project. Our overall aim is to become a pilot project with Cork County, to become the first healthy town in the region. Cork Mobility Forum are looking at a bike scheme for the Community and need to hear your views. So many factors can affect our health, our housing, our wellbeing, our connections in our community, our education, supports for our young people and lifestyle factors, to name a few. On the night the following agencies will be available, Niall O'Callaghan Cork County Council- Cork Healthy County, Transport Mobility Forum, Edel O'Donnell HSE Health Promotion, HSE Community Work Department and Cork Environmental Forum. Open consultation night **Wednesday 13th March 8pm, Mitchelstown Enterprise Centre, Dublin Road, Mitchelstown.** For further information contact Mitchelstown Forum Tel: 087 634 7652

Thank you from Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: The Association would like to thank the following people and management, for allowing us to collect outside their premises, on the occasion of our Flag Day Fundraiser held Saturday, March 9th: Aldi Stores (Ireland Ltd), Mitchelstown Credit Union Ltd., Farrell's Centra, Roche's Spar, and Farrell's Super Valu. Thanks also to our many collectors, subscribers and all those who helped in any way. "Go Raibh Mile Maith Agaibh Go Léir".

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday, 20th February 2019:
1st Prize: €1000. Kilmaine Pioneer Centre, Co. Mayo. **2nd Prize:** €400. A. McPhillips, Roslea, Co. Fermanagh. **3rd Prize:** €200. A. Doherty, Derry City. **4th Prize:** €100. L. Walshe, Elphin, Co. Roscommon. Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each; ● S. Duffy, Galway. ● J. Kelly, Carlow. ● A. Yates, Co. Offaly. ● A. Doherty, Derry City. ● B. Cuddy, Co. Galway. ● S. Duffy, Galway. **The next draw will be held on Wednesday 20th March 2019.** Local promoter John (087) 6477897.

Series of Talks on the Gospel: will commence this week in the Town Hall, Monday & Thursday, 8.00-9.00pm. All welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED:
The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of
Timmy (The Rancher) White, *Ballybeg*
Who died recently. *May He Rest In Peace*