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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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The Priests of the Parish wish you all a very Holy and Happy St. Patrick's Day.

- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special prayers for the gift of faith and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.
- **Monday is a Bank Holiday – Mass at 11.00am only.**
- **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.
- **Feast of St. Joseph:** Tuesday is the Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- **Series of Talks:** Explaining our Faith will continue in the Town Hall, this Monday & Thursday, 8.00-9.00pm. All welcome.
- **Emigrant Collection:** This collection helps to fund the Irish Chaplaincies abroad, who serve the needs of emigrants, this collection will be taken up today.

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

- **Station Masses:** The Station Masses will continue this week. Please take note of your Station Mass on your list of Stations. We encourage every family to attend. **Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.**

MARCH

Tues.	19 th	<i>St. Fanahan's Pl. Barrack Rd. Old Fermoy Road, Cloonlough North & Ballybeg Rd.</i>	PARISH CHURCH
Wed.	20 th	<i>New Stag Park Estate.</i>	TOWN HALL
Wed.	20 th	<i>Ballinwillin, Cahir Hill, Ballinwillin Estate, Linden Hill, Árd-Mhuilinn & Luí Na Gréine</i>	PARISH CHURCH
Thurs.	21 st	<i>Liam Lynch Pk., O'Neill Crowley Tce. Beechwood Grove, Moher Crescent, Mandeville Pk., & Ailsbury Court.</i>	PARISH CHURCH
Fri.	22 nd	<i>Corracunna & Cooleregan</i>	8.15pm Olive Flynn
Fri.	22 nd	<i>Boolakelly, Gurtenatarriff & Gortnasna.</i>	8.15pm John & Ann-Maire Walsh
Fri.	22 nd	<i>Sliabh Alainn</i>	Paddy & Breda Leonard

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The Confession of St. Patrick:

It is thought that St. Patrick was born in Britain, but uncertain where. He was born about the year 389AD. His parents were Calpornius and Conchessa. Before he died, St. Patrick wrote about the struggles of his life. The Confession of St. Patrick is a most profound and encouraging document and it takes about an hour to read. When he was a boy of sixteen years of age, he was taken from his family as a captive and brought here to Ireland to work as a herdsman. He tells us he had lapsed from the faith and he blames his painful misfortune for not keeping God's Commandments and for not listening to the Priests. He says the "strong anger" of God had come down upon him. While minding sheep in the West of Ireland he says: "I prayed frequently ... more and more the love of God increased ... I would pray up to a hundred times a day and night I would rise to pray before dawn in snow and ice and rain". In suffering and hardship Patrick rediscovered the love of God. Reflecting on this in later life as Bishop back in Ireland, he tells us God answered his fervent prayers: "I was like a stone lying deep in the mud. Then He who is powerful came and in His mercy pulled me out, and lifted me up and placed me on the very top of the wall".

After six years of painful penance Patrick escaped back home. In a dream, Patrick was told to go back and Christianise Ireland. He went to study in a Monastery and was ordained a Priest in 417, he was 28 years old. After a struggle, he was eventually able to fulfil his dream and came back to Ireland in 431. He was consecrated Bishop in 432. Again this was not without a struggle, as a close friend betrayed his confidence, as regarding some sins of his youth. Patrick travelled the length and breadth of Ireland, planting the faith everywhere, despite the hostility of the druids and succeeded in converting several members of the Royal family. With the approval of Pope Leo the Great, Patrick made Armagh the Primatial See and established Bishops in various places. In winning a pagan nation for Christ, St. Patrick established many Monasteries for men and women and made Ireland famous for its seats of piety and learning. St. Patrick died on 17th March 461 in the Monastery in Saul, in Down, in Ulster.

In his Confession, St. Patrick praises the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for lavishing His Mercy upon him and he praises God "who protected me and consoled me as a father does for his son". The Confession of St. Patrick is a wonderful treasure, let us find a copy and read it.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group: To celebrate the 21st Anniversary of our Group opening in Mitchelstown, we will have Mass on the **24th March at 11.30am** in the Parish Church. All Welcome.

Anyone interested in going to Lourdes to celebrate our 21 years, limited seats available. Contact Patrick Seery 083-8098286.

St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co.Cork. Day of Recollection guided by the spirituality of the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier. **Saturday 23rd March**, 9.00am Mass and Adoration, 11.00am first talk ends with tea at 3.30pm. Lunch provided. Contact Mother Prioress 0124811354.

C.B.S. Primary Parent Council Fashion Show on Friday, 29th March, at the Firgrove Hotel (the 33rd Annual!). Tickets €15 available from the School.

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 @ 11-12am 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.

"Life in the Spirit" seminar, by Mr Brendan Walsh. DATE: Monday 15th April. TIME: 7:30-8:30pm Approx. DURATION: Over 7 week period VENUE: Muintir Mhuire, Ballybutler, Ladysbridge, Co.Cork

Refresh, Renew, Rekindle your marriage relationship on a Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 12th – 14th April 2019 in Cork.

www.marriageencounter.ie 086-8334382- 087-2162436

Seniors (over 60's) Tone Up Class at Tesco Training Room Mitchelstown Wednesdays at 7pm. ~Gentle Weights, stretching, nutrition tips ~ 087.3589734 to book.

Do you want to know all the ancestry connections for aspirants to apply successfully for citizenship / passports. Ring 087.3589734, www.irishfamilysearch.com

QQI Level 3 Horticulture Course - Growing Vegetables and Plant Propagation Thursdays 10.00am to 3.00pm. Venue: Mannix College, Charleville.

This Part-time Programme is FREE for: Those receiving a Social Welfare Payment or those with a Medical or GP Only Card Those without Leaving Certificate (priority given to those free). To apply: Tel. 063 81422

Active Retirement Club, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown. Meeting on Tuesday the 26th of March at 2pm. All welcome, refreshments served.

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Tadhg Tobin,** **Dáithí Wiley**

March, 3pm – 5pm & 7pm – 9pm. Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on www.giveblood.ie or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

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.

Saturday 30th March: 'Day of Meditation/Relaxation' with Eileen Nash pbvm: Give yourself the Gift of a day away from the busyness of everyday life! Get in touch with yourself, with creation and with God. *10.30am — 3.30pm; bring a packed lunch; cost €25 incl. tea/coffee. Booking required. Nano Nagle Birthplace 022 26411 www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie*

Further Education & Training. Introduction to Childcare & Communications

Friday mornings 10.00am to 12.00pm. Starting Friday, March 22nd Venue: Le Cheile Family Resource Centre, Mallow. This Part-time Programme is FREE for: Those receiving a Social Welfare Payment or those with a Medical or GP Only Card. Those without a Junior Certificate or Leaving Certificate (priority is given to those who are free). To apply, contact Brendan Glynn, Q Centre Mallow. Tel. 022 55452

Prayer to St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland

Dear St. Patrick,

in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Saviour.

Many of their descendants in turn, spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands.

Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began.

Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Kate O'Donnell (née Carey), *Fanahan's Court & Clonmel Road*

Who died recently. *May She Rest In Peace*

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in **The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown. Wednesday, 20th March, 5pm – 8.30pm, Thursday, 21st**