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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.

● **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special prayers for families and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

● **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.

● **Series of Talks:** Explaining our Faith will continue in the Town Hall, this Monday & Thursday, 8.00-9.00pm. All welcome.

● **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

Fri. 29th Glenduff **8.15pm Eamonn & Catherine O’Donoghue**
Fri. 29th Pollardstown & Killicane **Ellen Casey**

APRIL

Fri. 5th Demesne **John & Antoinette Keane**
Fri. 5th Ballyarthur **8.15pm Denis & Mary Coleman**

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: 9.45am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm
Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

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

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Lent is Opportunity. At the beginning of Lent, Bishop Crean issued a letter for reflection entitled: **“What are you doing on Sunday”**. Today we reflect on the opening section of the letter. This section of the letter reflects that it would be a bad mistake to blame the Catholic Church for all the ills of society. Making scapegoats must not exonerate us from taking individual responsibility for the shaping of society into the future:

Lent is opportunity. It is an ideal time for us to review and re-evaluate the patterns of our lives. It affords us the opportunity to check out both what is going well and what needs changing.

When we ask the question “What are you doing on Sunday?” it can mean different things depending on the context. When I ask it in this context of Lent, I mean it as a ‘trigger’ to ask some further questions of one another about things sacred and spiritual in Ireland to-day.

There is no need to rehash the recent social and political developments that have led many commentators to suggest that we are now a modern, progressive and socially dynamic society. That is set in contrast to Irish society in the past that is commonly categorized as being backward and dysfunctional due to the excessive influence of the Catholic Church. There may be a measure of validity in this perspective. However, our recent history is more complex than the singular influence of the Catholic Church. We run the risk when attributing all our past afflictions to a single cause of having a simplistic single solution to our future which in the view of some, is the elimination of the Church from public sphere and driving it into an entirely private realm. There are enough political voices whose objective is to do just that. We would be immeasurably poorer as a nation, were this to happen.

There is a scene in St. Matthew’s Gospel (Mt: 28-34) which echoes an Old Testament (Lev: 16) concept of the scapegoat as the one on whom the sins of the people are cast and then sent out into the wilderness. So too, with the herd of pigs on whom the demons are cast upon only to be driven to oblivion over the cliff into the ocean. **Believer and unbeliever alike must embrace our personal responsibility for the shaping of society into the future.** No single drop of water thinks it is responsible for the flood....

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.

"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.

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

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
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*

Cardiac Support Group, North Cork: Presentation by Maeve Carmody, Self-Management Co-ordinator. Topic: Sitting in the driving seat of your health. At Mallow Daycare Centre, Monday, 25th March at 8pm.

FREE HEALTH & WELLBEING TALKS: On **Thursday 28th March** Aileen Connolly, Multiple Sclerosis Ireland Southern Regional Community Worker will deliver our March Health & Well Being Information Talk. This talk will take place from 11am – 12noon in the HSE Saint Francis Day Centre which is located on Rathealy Road. These monthly 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.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club are hosting **Shay Joyce on Garden Plants & Design on Thursday March 28th 2019 @ 8pm** in the **Town Hall**, Mitchelstown . Everybody welcome. New & Old Members.

Mental Health and Other Issues - How our faith carried us. Testimonies from three Catholic young women who contended with various struggles such as addiction, eating disorder, depression and family breakdown. Elizabeth Chapman, Theresa Traynor, Melanie Deveraux give their testimonies at Midleton Park Hotel, Jameson Suite, 8pm, Wed April 3rd.

www.midletonparish.ie/3testimonies <<http://www.midletonparish.ie/3testimonies>>

Ecce Pre-School intake for August 2019 at Bright Sparks Childcare Centre, Mitchelstown. Last few spaces remaining. Sessions available are 9-12pm or 12.15 to 3.15pm. If your child is 3 years by 31st December they will qualify for the ECCE scheme. Please ring 025/86799 or text 086/2653839 to book a space and for more details. Deposit required to secure your space.

Mitchelstown Community Text Alert Subs now due. Closing date Monday, 1st April. Can be renewed at Forrest Hall or Úna's Flower Shop. Cost €10.

The Ballindangan Players will perform 'Play On' by Rick Abbott on 29th, 30th & 31st of March and 5th, 6th & 7th of April at 8pm nightly. Under the direction of Tim Dunne, the cast includes Pat Landers, John O'Doherty, Mary Gallahue, Linda Murphy, Micheál O'Doherty, Ursula Flynn, Eileen Harrington, Sinead O'Brien, Fiona Walsh Clahane & Tina Carton. This is a comedy suitable for all the family. Ticket Reservation on 086/6079251 or 025/24753.

"Women of Faith" - A Catholic Conference for Women. Speakers: Sr Mara Grace (Dominican Sisters, Limerick), Frances Hogan (Scripture Scholar from EWTN), Sr Mary (Home of the Mother Sisters, Mitchelstown), Kathy Sinnott (EWTN Host and Former MEP), Niamh Uí Bhriain and Mary Lehané. Saturday 25th May, 9.30-3.30pm, SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, Cork. Mass with Archbishop Okolo (Papal Nuncio). Confessions & Adoration. Bring a packed lunch. Donation only. Register by Call/Text: 086 8760 058

Parent and Toddler/ Baby Group in the Town Hall, Thomas Street. Tuesday mornings from 9.30am-11am. €2 cover charge per family.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of
Michael Carey, Glenduff

Paddy Chamberlain, Lower Cork Street

Who died recently. May They Rest In Peace