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Mitchelstown PDC

- **PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR EASTER UNTIL MONDAY, 29TH APRIL.**
- **Lenten Reflection at 7.00pm on Monday.**

Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

MONDAY 15TH APRIL: PENITENTIAL SERVICE led by Home of The Mother Priest from Mallow at, 7.30pm. **A number of Priests will be hearing confession.**

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 15TH, 16TH & 17TH APRIL:

Masses in Parish Church: 8.30am 10am & 7.30pm Morning Prayer at 8am.

(No evening Mass on Monday 15th at 7.30pm due to Penitential Rite)

HOLY THURSDAY: Morning Prayer at 10am

MASS AT 5 p.m.: This year's 1st Holy Communion classes are invited to this Mass.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m.: followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose.

ADORATION OF THE LORD at the Altar of Repose until 12 Midnight.

CONDUCTED HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER: 11pm to 12 midnight.

The Perpetual Adoration closes on Wednesday at 7pm & resumes again after the 11.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

GOOD FRIDAY: A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE (We are to abstain from eating meat & to fast in honour of the Lord's Suffering).

MORNING PRAYER at 10am

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION & HOLY COMMUNION: 3 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7.30 p.m.

The usual collection for the **Christian Shrines in the Holy Land** will be taken up. This is a worthy cause & deserves support.

EASTER SATURDAY: Morning Prayer at 10 a.m.

VIGIL MASS: 9pm (candles will be provided) **Please note that there will be no 7.30pm**

Mass on Holy Saturday Evening.

EASTER SUNDAY: Via Lucis – Way of Light: Procession to the Parish Church, (*weather permitting*) for 8.30am Mass, from St. Fanahan's Holy Well. Assemble at the Well at 7.15am. Candles will be provided.

MASS: 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.

CONFESSIONS:

Parish Church: Wednesday & Thursday 17th & 18th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.

Friday 19th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & after Good Friday Ceremonies

Saturday 20th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Ballygiblin: After 9.30am Mass Palm Sunday

Killacluig: After 10.00am Mass Palm Sunday

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7.30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY: MASS: 9.30 a.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 12 noon

EASTER SUNDAY: MASS: 10 a.m.

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“Three Sacred Hours” Today we begin Holy Week and we relive in a special way all that the Lord Jesus has done for us and done for love of each one of us. Despite the many distractions in our modern Ireland, keep these three days Holy this week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday. Attend Mass of the Lords Supper on Holy Thursday evening, Adore the Cross of Jesus on Good Friday and participate in the Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of Jesus on Holy Saturday night. These are three most sacred hours of the Church's whole liturgical calendar. As a Christian and as a Christian family, these three hours are the foundation of our faith. There are many kinds of parties and celebrations planned to celebrate Easter, but they have inferior joy and meaning, without re-living the events created by the Lord Jesus. Despite the busyness of life these three hours are sacred to the meaning of our lives here and now and sacred to our hope of an Eternal Life with God in Heaven.

This year we are holding an outdoor Easter Procession on Easter Sunday morning prior to the 8.30am Mass in the Parish Church. We will assemble at St. Fanahan's Well at 7.15am and with lighted candles walk to the Church, contemplating the wonder of Jesus' Resurrection for 8.30am Mass. It should be a beautiful experience.

We will also hold the usual Penitential Rite with a number of Priests hearing Confession on Monday night at 7.30pm. This year one of the Servant Priests of the Home of the Mother will lead us. There will also be many other opportunities of Confession and Reconciliation during the week.

Let us all enter this week, with renewed devotion and hope. Let us honour the Lord Jesus.

EVENING PRAYER: This Palm Sunday Evening in the Parish Church at 5.00pm, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL: Chrism Mass in Cobh at 7.30pm. It is hoped that priests & people from every parish in the Diocese attend this Mass. Bus leaving the Square at 6pm. Names to be given after Mass in the Sacristy.

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to be present at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to renew their Commitment. They are asked to line up at the Sanctuary Steps during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Trocaire Boxes can be handed in at the Church Door on Holy Thursday & will be presented at the Offertory of the Mass.

EASTER OFFERINGS for the priests of the parish will be taken up on **Holy Saturday night & Easter Sunday.**

Word of Thanks: To everybody who helped with Lenten Stations and for offerings received.

The **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** begins on Good Friday, after Morning Prayer & finishes on 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 28th. The Novena will be recited each day at 3pm. Special Ceremonies in the Church on 28th April from 2pm to 5pm. (Novena leaflets available at the Churches)

Home of the Mother Sisters: Lent Mission Talk: Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish Church. All are welcome to attend!

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.

Invitation - Annual General Meeting of Mitchelstown Community Council CLG

Tuesday 30th April @ 8pm, FORREST HALL, MITCHELSTOWN
Mitchelstown Community Council CLG will continue to ensure that the work of your organisation is recognised and respected. We will strive to be an effective voice for you. You can help to support the work of the council by coming along to our AGM. We need your support to continue our work and to hear how we may improve. **Sean Finn**, Chairman, Mitchelstown Community Council CLG

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

"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 Lehane. 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

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group is celebrating 21 years, 1998 – 2019. Anyone interested in travelling with us next September, the 24th to 29th September in our 21st year. Please contact Patrick Seery 083-8098286

Cork Autism Conference 2019 - Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities, Sunday September 22nd, Silversprings Hotel, Tivoli, Cork. The conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. All are welcome. More info here: www.bookwhen.com/autismcork or call 089 239 8900.

Home of the Mother – Holy Week Encounter: *Live the most important week of the year, in a prayerful and joyful atmosphere!* Knockadoon Retreat Centre, Co. Cork from **April 18th to 21st.** €100 Adult, €85 under 18's, Family Discount. Bring – sheets, duvet (Sleeping bag), notebook, pen, Bible, Rosary etc. For more details contact Sr. Mary SHM 087-1660381 or mitchelstownshm@homeofthemothor.org

BINGO Special: TO Park, Labbamologga, **Holy Thursday, 18th April at 9pm** (to allow for Church Services) Usual Bingo cash prizes. Proceeds of Raffle to the Mitchelstown Cope Sensory Garden Fund. Bumper prizes for raffle. Refreshments served at interval.

Cloyne Diocese Lourdes Fund wish to thank the Parishioners of Mitchelstown and surrounding areas for their generous support of our recent Church Gate Collection, €1069 was raised. A Special word of thanks to all the collectors who gave their time generously.

The **Spring Fair** in aid of **St. Joseph's Foundation, Charleville** takes place **today, Sunday, 14th April** at Baker's Road, Charleville. Commencing at 1.30pm. Great Family Day Out assured. Your support would be much appreciated.

Heritage talk on the Galtee Mountains: Mitchelstown Heritage Society is holding its next public talk on **Tuesday, April 16th at 8pm** in the **Chapel at Kingston College, Mitchelstown.** The topic for the night is 'The Folklore, Flora and Fauna', of the Galtee Mountains. Our Guest Speaker for the night is none other than our own; Michael Lewis. A member of Mitchelstown Heritage Society, a passionate Gaeilgeoir and enthusiastic hill walker and naturalist. Few people can boast such a depth of knowledge and intimate understanding of the beautiful mountains beneath which our community nestles. Drawing on over 40 years' experience in the classroom in Anglesboro, as well as a rich tapestry of stories and accounts compiled from a lifetimes walking with and talking to people on the mountains and hills locally, Michaels illustrated lecture will be a walk on the wild side from the comfort of a chair. This public talk is open to all, there is a small cover charge of €5 for Society Members, €7 for the public. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Deepen your Catholic Faith and find healing. Join Brother Johnson on his Mission in Ireland and gain a clearer understanding of God's word to help deepen your relationship with Christ. Brother Johnson will be in the **Town Hall, Mitchelstown on Wednesday 8th May from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm.** All are welcome.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 12th May. Bus will leave the square, Mitchelstown at 7.15am. Adults €20, children €15. Names to be handed in to Pat McEvoy in the Sacristy.

Rosary at the Grottos. Join thousands of people around Ireland, as we go to our local Grottos to pray the Rosary each day during the month of May. May is the Month of Our Lady. Throughout the month of May, there will be **Rosary at the Grotto, Mitchelstown each evening at 8.00pm, except Thursdays when it will be at 7.30pm.** We encourage you all to renew the family Rosary for the month of May and to continue the tradition of the May Altar in honour of Our Lady in your homes and schools. On the 1st June at the All Ireland Rosary Rally pilgrimage to Knock, a bouquet will be presented to Our lady of all the prayers, rosaries and spiritual sacrifices made during May.

Person wanted to work on the Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltd C.E Scheme. 19.5 hours per week. Must be in receipt of social welfare. **Caretaker wanted to work on the Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltd C.E Scheme.** 19.5 hours per week. Must be in receipt of social welfare. Please contact Aileen on 025-86956 for more details.

Irish Heart Foundation Information Evening for people with Cardiac Conditions:
Venue: Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Cork. Date: Thursday 2nd May. Time: 6.30pm – 9.00pm. We will have many speakers including Michael Lyster (former RTE Sports Presenter) as our special guest. To book a place phone **Lucinda on 087 7781561** or email lmcnernev@irishheart.ie

HSE FREE Type 2 Diabetes Course starting in Living Health, Mitchelstown on Wednesday, 1st May (2.5hours over 4 Wednesdays). Please contact Anne Marie HSE Community Dietitian on 086 7871885 for further information/ to register.

Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Absence Association will have a Mass with presentation of 10 year, Golden and Silver Jubilarian badges, Fr Cullen medal, 10 year certificate, 40 year, 60 year, 70 year and 80 year diplomas in **Mitchelstown Parish Church on Friday June 7th at 7.30pm.** If you think you are eligible for any of the above, please contact Catherine Hanley (Secretary) on 087-7727496 or any member of the Pioneer Council to arrange. All are welcome.

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Matilda Collins. Billy Thornton.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of **Tony Sherlock, O'Neill Crowley Terrace.** Who died recently. *May He Rest In Peace*