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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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

● **KNOCK NOVENA:** the Novena to Our Lady of Knock concludes on Thursday next, the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

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

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Parish Office, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, P67 E303

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls: During the last week the Leaving Cert results were delivered to the young students. Many were satisfied with the results hopefully and some naturally disappointed. This applies also to the offer of college places. Some students may make the decision to repeat and give it another year. Whatever the situation, it is decision time for you, the students. We wish God's blessing on you all and pray that He will guide and direct you. Exams and results are part of the maturing process of our young life. We encourage all young people to keep daily prayer in your lives even if it be short. We also encourage you all to keep coming to Sunday Mass. Society often puts unreal expectations and pressures on you, but remember there is a power greater than yourself to protect and guide you. God loves you and has a special place in life for you to fill. So, pause and reflect and listen to the Holy Spirit within you. Be assured that the parish community is thinking of you and wishing you well. We thank God for all His help. We thank God for the supports of parents, grandparents and families. We thank God for all our teachers and friends. It is good to have got so far in life and we look forward in hope to great things.

Nora Touched our Hears: The young teenager Nora Quoirin who was missing in Malaysia for ten days touched all our hearts. We pray for her parents, Meabh and Sebastian and for her distraught family. We also pray for the Downey family in Clonmel whose son Jack took ill during the music festival and later died. A number of families suffered great tragedy during the past weeks and we keep them all in our thoughts and prayers. Many of you have experienced similar tragedies in your families and you know its deep and painful life changing effects. Our Blessed Mother Mary, too, knew tragedy in the crucifixion of her only beloved Son Jesus. May Our Lady give hope and courage to all who find themselves in these difficult circumstances.

All- Ireland Hurling Sunday: In Croke Park, Dublin today, Kilkenny and Tipperary will battle it out to win this year's all-Ireland Hurling Championship. It's great to see our National game maintaining such a high standard of fitness and skill. Only one team can win in the end, even if it be a draw. Thanks to all in sport of every kind, you give us such enjoyment in the midst of all the struggles of life. Best of luck to both teams today.

Altar Serving: In September we begin the training of new Altar Servers for Mitchelstown, Ballygiblin and Killaclaug. A number of boys and girls have already made their applications. We invite other boys and girls going into 4th Class in September and upwards from the National Schools to consider becoming Altar Servers. Application forms to be filled in before practice. Anyone who would like to serve, please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 or one of the priests as soon as possible. It is a great privilege to assist the priest in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrifice of the love of Jesus for the whole of humanity, by which our sins are forgiven. The presence of Altar Servers at Mass greatly helps the priest and adds solemnity to the actions taking place on the Altar. We are grateful to all our present servers for their dedication and we look forward to preparing the new applicants.

Eucharistic Adoration: We invite you to come and spend an hour of prayer and adoration before the Lord in the Adoration Chapel. Share with Him. Let Him give you many wondrous graces and blessings for spending some time with Him. We are looking for new adorers to share for the following Adoration Hours: **Friday 9.00pm – 10.00pm** and **Saturday 5.00pm – 6.00pm**. Contact Nora Hogan (025) 24149 or Catherine on 087 7727496.

“Grandparents are a treasure” – Pope Francis. In recognition of the great contribution that grandparents make to the Church, to family, and to society in teaching and passing on the faith, Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council are organising that the **11.30am Mass in the Parish Church, Mitchelstown on Sunday 8th September** will be a celebration for grandparents and families. As part of the celebration, we would like to do a collage of pictures of living and deceased grandparents and also families for the Mass. Please submit photos to the parish office or to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. We invite grandparents and grandchildren to participate in the Mass by doing readings, prayer of the faithful and offertory. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 or any member of the PPC if you would like to do any of these items.

Lough Derg One Day Retreat – Saturday, 24th August. Leaving Mitchelstown on Friday, 23rd August at 8.30am for an overnight stay in Ballyshannon. Contact Bridget Fitzgerald for more details or to book your place, 086-3594571

Killaclaug Church Choir: New members are always welcome - all instruments and singers. If you can play keyboard, organ, guitar, fiddle, accordion etc. and willing to lead the choir on some Sundays or play on your own or in a group at Mass, please come along too. Practices will be arranged for any new members. Contact Caitriona Fox Murray on 086-3760487 if interested.

NEWLY BAPTISED:

We welcome into our Catholic Community,
through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Leo Maxfield and Aoibhín Lambe

Annual St. Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 14th September 2019
Cost: €20 Adults €10 Children. Bus will leave the Mart at 7.30am Places can be booked through the office at Ozanam Centre 025/84733

Monthly Day of Recollection guided by the writings of Servant of God Mother Marie Adele Garnier. St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Saturday 24th August. The theme is "Contemplation". First talk 11.00. Mass at 9am at the Priory or 10am at the nearby Cathedral. Lunch provided. Cost: Donation Ends with tea at 3.30pm

Alzheimer's Society of Ireland:

Dementia Open Day in Tearmann Uí Chaoimh, **Thursday 22nd August** from 4pm – 7pm. Guest Speakers on the Evening. This would be an opportunity to learn about the local Alzheimer's Society of Ireland Service and what care and support is provided. Open to the Public.

Mitchelstown Day Care: Open 1 day a week (Tuesday) 10am – 4pm. Transport and lunch provided. €15 a day. Music/entertainment. Dementia Specific, person centred. Contact Dympna Howard 086 0218504.

Family Information Sessions: Date: Wednesday 25th September. Time: 7pm – 9pm. 6 week course. Venue: Tearmann Uí Chaoimh, James Street, Mitchelstown. Contact: Amy Murphy, Dementia Advisor 086 7812217

Fostering Event – Mitchelstown: Do you have a desire to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of children and young people? If so why not come along to our fostering information event in **Mitchelstown Enterprise Centre** on **August 28th from 11am – 1pm** to meet our Fostering Advisor who will be happy to share our information pack with you and answer any queries you may have about becoming a carer with Fostering First. If you would like some information sooner, feel free to contact us on **01-4171944** at any time or visit our Facebook page for more details.

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekends (Fri 8pm to Sun 4:30pm) will be held at the **Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry from 13th – 15th September 2019** and at **The Lake Hotel Killarney from 15th - 17th November 2019**. For info. and to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 087 784 0408

Cobh Cathedral – Centenary Celebration on Sunday 25th August at 3pm in Cobh Cathedral. There are still some tickets available. **If any Parishioner would like to attend, you are asked to give your name and telephone number in to the Sacristy today after Mass.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of

Jimmy Whelan, Ballinamona.

Kathleen Forrest (née McDonagh), Ballinwilliam Close

Who died recently. *May they Rest In Peace.*