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- **NEXT SUNDAY is a special Day of prayer for VOCATIONS.**
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The Children from Ballygiblin National School will receive their 1st Holy Communion **next Sunday** at **10.30am** in Ballygiblin Church.
- **TRÓCAIRE BOXES:** All remaining Trócaire offerings should be handed in as soon as possible.
- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special reflections on Our Lady and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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.

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

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.

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.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN BALLYGIBLIN: Today in Killacluig we are celebrating 1st Holy Communion for the children in Glenahulla School. **Next Sunday, May 12th,** it will be the turn of the children from Ballygiblin National School. The 1st Holy Communion Mass will be at **10.30am.**

We invite you all the community to attend and support the boys and girls and their families. It is a parish celebration. We encourage the boys and girls and their families to keep Sunday as special day for Jesus. Every Sunday of the year we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and His promise of eternal life to each one of us. The Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass in Ballygiblin will take place as usual. Please pray for the boys and girls and their families.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS next Sunday May 12th. Pope Francis invites us to be courageous and to take a risk for God's promise. He recalls the Gospel account of Jesus calling Simon and Andrew, and James and John (Mk 1:16-20), how they took the risk of accepting the Lord's invitation to follow him. Pope Francis comments that Jesus first invites them to take the risk of leaving everything and following him, and then promised that he will make them 'fishers of men'.

Pope Francis talks about the '**paralysis of routine**' – how we all can get caught up in the routine of life. He says "As with every call, the Gospel speaks of an encounter. Jesus walks by, sees those fishermen, and walks up to them". The same thing happened in our lives, be it our call to priesthood or to married life. "We were surprised by an encounter, and at that moment we glimpsed the promise of a joy capable of bringing fulfilment to our lives". Pope Francis says "The Lord's call is to an intrusion of God in our freedom On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch." Francis says that there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! He encourages us, especially the young, not to be deaf to the Lord's call. "If he calls you to follow his path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyses us before the great heights to which the Lord points us.

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Prayer for Priests

(St. John Vianney 1786 – 1859 Patron of Priests)

God, please give to Your Church today many more priests after Your own heart.

May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.

May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance:

be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness;

tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;

zealous dispensers of Your grace in the sacraments.

May their loving devotion to Your Son Jesus in the Eucharist

and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness

for their ministry. Amen.

Knock & Lough Derg Retreat: Monday May 20th: Mass at Glenstal Abbey Limerick on route to Lough Derg. Tuesday 21st May: Lough Derg retreat from 9.30am-4pm. Wednesday 22nd May: Visit Knock Shrine on return journey. Two nights' accommodation with 2 evening meals and Lough Derg retreat all included in the package. Limited seats available. Bookings taken until 8th May. Contact: Office: 023-8849196, Cormac 087-6167835 or Denise 087-7688561 Email: cormac@oconnorbushire.com

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.

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

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.

NORTH CORK ALZHEIMER'S DAY CARE: Raffle in Aid of Alzheimer's at Shapers Hair Salon (Molan's) Thursday, 16th May. Tickets €2 per Strip or €5 for 3 strips. All donations welcome. Fantastic selection of prizes.

"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

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Friday, 17th April 2019:

1st Prize: €1000	M Curley, Tuam, Co. Galway	Card:36, Line:9.
2nd Prize: €400	Holy Family Pioneer Centre, Drogheda, Co. Louth	Card:92, Line: 4.
3rd Prize: €200	Limerick South Reginal PTAA	Card:61, Line: 1
4th Prize: €100	C Griffin, Mountmellick, Co. Laois	Card:4, Line:6

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. M Keane, Co. Donegal. 2. S Uí Laoghaire, Co Cork. 3. G Clare, Longford,

4. B Garagan, Co. Meath. 5. J Rogers, Dublin 96. B Cuddy, Co Galway
As this was the final draw for 2018-2019, the Finance and Fundraising Committee of the PTAA Central Council, are very grateful to the many subscribers who gave so generously in support of this draw. Thank you all most sincerely for making it such a great success.

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.

C.B.S. Primary Field Development Fund: As you are aware the Board of Management of C.B.S. Primary purchased "O'Callaghan's Field" from Tesco in 2017. Having this piece of land is a wonderful opportunity for the school. This is the Board of Managements 3rd year of major fundraising towards payment for this substantial asset. The Fundraising Committee will organise two significant events around the June Bank Holiday weekend. **Golf Classic** which will run on **Thursday, 30th & Friday, 31st May at Mitchelstown Golf Club.** Contributions are invited towards sponsoring a Team, Individual Golfer or Tee Box. A great day is guaranteed. The Committee will also host a **Lip-sync Extravaganza, at Mitchelstown Leisure Centre, on Saturday, 1st June.** The new customised seating has now arrived at the Leisure Centre, which will greatly add to this Event. AIB New Square, Mitchelstown, has come on board as the main sponsor for Lip-Sync. Tickets on sale from Wednesday 1st May, be sure to get them early. Tickets can be purchased from Mitchelstown Leisure Centre, C.B.S. Primary and from the participants. Tickets priced at €25 - will include, Lip-Sync (MC - Maurice Walsh), Bar-B-Q and Disco. This is strictly an over 18's event - Bar facilities on site. For more details, please contact the school on 025 24505 or e-mail: cbsmithprimoffice@gmail.com

Heritage Society talk on Saint George's- It's Heritage and it's Future: Mitchelstown is hosting its final lecture of the season on next **Thursday, May 9th @ 8.15pm in Saint George's Arts and Heritage Centre, Mitchelstown.** The lecture topic is 'Saint George's - A New Lease of Life for a Mitchelstown Landmark'. The first public talk in this exciting new venue for the Arts and Heritage Centre, it will be delivered by Bill Power, M.A. Mitchelstown Heritage Society founder and Chairman of the Saint George's centre. Bill Power earned a Masters in History from U.C.C. in 1999. He is author of over a dozen books on history matters, among his literary canon; Bill is the author of the definitive history on Saint George's which was published in 2004 to mark the centenary of the church. 'Evensong, the story of a Church of Ireland country parish', documents Saint George's, its parishioners, notable people connected with the church and the events that marked its passage through time. As chairman of the company that has taken over the former church and is converting it into an arts and heritage centre, Bill is uniquely placed to present over 220 years of the buildings history. This is an ideal opportunity for people to visit the church and soak up the atmosphere. There is a small cover charge for the lecture, €5 for Heritage Society members and €7 for members of the public. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer with Sr. Briege McKenna Saturday 31st August 2019 Neptune Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20.00 available on Eventbrite.ie. Enter discount code EARLYBIRD for discount price of €15.00 available until 31st May 2019. All tickets purchased included in entry for free pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Cork or Dublin. Booking fees apply. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy [0862959380](tel:0862959380)

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes Collection 28th & 29th May. No mobile phones. More details closer to the date. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of
Winifred (Winnie) Murphy, (née Greene), James Street.
Who died recently. May She Rest In Peace

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Chloe Horgan, Lucy Tobin.**