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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](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie). Find us on Facebook: Mitchelstown Parish**

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- **Today is DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.** Your prayers are asked for vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and the Permanent Diaconate.
- **CONFESSIONS: Saturday 12 – 1.00pm & 7.00 -7.30pm in the Parish Church.**
- **First Holy Communion:** The girls from Bunscoil na Toirbhirte will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at **11.30am Mass next Sunday**. We encourage you all to support the girls and their families with your presence and prayers.
- The collection for **Episcopal Conference** will be taken up **next Sunday**.
- **Bus to Knock:** will leave the Town Square **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.15am**. Adults €20, Children €10. Names to Sacristy and Parish Office.
- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special prayers for vocations 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Mass**

**Prayer for Priests, Seminarians and Priestly Vocations:** You are warmly invited to **St Mary's Church in Mallow** on **\*This Sunday afternoon, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm** \*for a Holy Hour of Prayer and Reflection on the Lord's Call to Priesthood. Archdeacon Gerard Casey will lead and deliver the homily at the Prayer Service.

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**First Holy Communion in Ballygiblin:** This Sunday at 10.30am Mass in Ballygiblin, the children from the school will receive their First Holy Communion. We congratulate the children from Glenahulla School, who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday in Killacluig. We thank the parents, teachers and Sisters, for helping the children to prepare for this special moment in their lives. We also thank Catherine Hanley, for doing so much work in organising the parents' parish programme during the year. This Sunday our support and prayers are with the children and families of Ballygiblin, The support of the people of the Parish is very much appreciated for these special celebrations, as we want to encourage these young children and their families to be actively involved in the life of the Parish and especially in the weekly Parish Mass. May the Risen Jesus be glorified in a special way today.

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**Vocations Sunday:** Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and a special day to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into the Harvest. Have you ever considered the Priesthood, Religious Life or Permanent Diaconate? The Lord doesn't need the most perfect, but he does need people of generosity, courage and faith. Have a think about it. Let's all pray for this special gift and grace.

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**Appreciation:** Sincere thanks to the people of the Parish for their generous contributions to the collection for Fr. Burke. A social gathering will be held in the **Town Hall on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm**, to make the presentation to Fr. Burke and everybody is welcome.

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**Defibrillator:** What is it? "A Defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation, and it's an essential part in trying to save the life of someone who's in cardiac arrest".

There are a number of these devices in Town and in public places generally and they can be used effectively to save lives. The proposal to install one in the Parish Church has been accepted by the Parish Pastoral Council. The cost is €1,345 and training will be opened and encouraged to parishioners in the coming months. In order to defray costs, the parishioners will be invited one Sunday to make an extra donation to the offertory collection. This will be announced at a future date.

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**Political Canvassing:** We wish all candidates well in the upcoming elections, but we would appreciate, **no canvassing on Church grounds.**

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

**Knock & Lough Derg Retreat:** Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>: Mass at Glenstal Abbey Limerick on route to Lough Derg. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Lough Derg retreat from 9.30am-4pm. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**"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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September in our 21<sup>st</sup> year. Please contact Patrick Seery 083-8098286

**Cork Autism Conference 2019 - Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities, Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> & Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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: [cb-smitchprimoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cb-smitchprimoffice@gmail.com)

**Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes Collection, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, from 9am to 3pm and 6pm to 8pm & Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May up to 11am, at Ballygiblin School.** *No mobile phones.* Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer with Sr. Brieghe McKenna Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 Neptune Stadium, Cork.** Tickets €20.00 available on [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie). Enter discount code EARLYBIRD for discount price of €15.00 available until 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**Learning and Living our Catholic Faith – Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.** \*Workshop options on learning and living the Catholic faith: 11am, 11:45am or 12:30pm. Afternoon Programme: Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Anointing of the Sick & Holy Mass. Further details can be found on [www.catechism.ie](http://www.catechism.ie) or from Máirín on 087 7950325. Please encourage families, friends and young people.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.** Meeting this **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

**St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh - you are invited to a Day of Recollection. Talks, Adoration, Holy Mass at 9.00am (Priory), or 10.00am in Cobh Cathedral.** Lunch provided. **25<sup>th</sup> May,** 11.00am-3.30pm. Overnight accommodation available. For more information contact Mother Prioress: 021 481 1354, [cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com](mailto:cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com)

**Mass for Exam Students:** You are all invited to a Special Mass, both, parishioners and students, their families and friends, for all our exam students on **Monday evening, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.** The Mass is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council, in order to pray and support all exam students in our locality. Before the Mass students will have an opportunity to write their first name on a piece of paper, which will be placed on the Altar during Mass. Parishioners, will be invited to take a name and pray for the student throughout the exam period. Our young people are very important to us and we want them to know that we understand the strains and challenges that face them. While we ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to success in their exams, we also pray for their happiness and protection in all their decisions and undertakings. So, you are all invited to come along to the Mass and to actively support and pray for God's Blessing on our young people at this important time in their lives.

**St Thérèse – The Little Flower" Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years.** This year's Faith Camp will run from Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496

**Help Your Child to Navigate Their Social and Emotional Wellbeing – A Practical Guide for Parents.** Parents/carers of children 0 to 24 years welcome!!! Free one off workshop for 2 hours. **Venue: - Coláiste an Chraoibhín, Fermoy. Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 @ 10 a.m.** Please contact Maeve at 025-31633 to book your place.

**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: **Gearóid Lewis Bláthnaid Flynn**