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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**

- Today is **World Communications Day** – and we offer special prayers for all who work in the Media.
- **Bank Holiday:** Monday is a Bank Holiday. **Mass at 11.00am** in the morning and a special **Evening Mass for Exam Students at 7.30pm** All Welcome.
- **First Friday Masses:** Friday next is 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of June, Masses at 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm Evening Mass in the Parish Church. **The 7.30pm will be the Annual Mass for Pioneers.** All welcome.
- **Route for Corpus Christi Procession:** The Procession will take place on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> after 11.30am Mass. The Route will be the same as last year: Chapel Hill, Main Street, Lr. Cork Street, Baldwin Street & Thomas Street and finishing in the Town Hall Grounds with Benediction.
- **CONFESSIONS: Thursday Evening 8.00pm – 9.00pm during Holy Hour & on Saturday 12 – 1.00pm & 7.00 -7.30pm in the Parish Church.**
- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** the Home of the Mother Sisters will lead reflection on the Holy Spirit, followed by Eucharistic Healing Blessing. Confessions during Holy Hour.
- **FEAST OF PENTECOST:** Sunday next is Pentecost Sunday. **Special Blessing at 11.30am Mass for families who had children baptised in the past year.** This week is a special time of fast and prayer in honour of the Holy Spirit.

**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**

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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

**Only God Knows:** Only God knows is a new film on the Apparitions of Our Lady at Garabandal, in Northern Spain. Four girls, aged 11 and 12, claimed to receive apparitions of St. Michael and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, between 1961 – 1965. Garabandal is in the Cantabrian Mountains and the nearest city is Santander. At the time of the apparitions, the village had 300 inhabitants, who lived poorly, but very devoutly. The apparitions have been investigated by the Church and at present it is neither approved nor disapproved, Judgement remains open. The messages given were the need for penance and prayer, particularly prayers for priests and a more fervent devotion to the Holy Eucharist. A number of future prophecies were given, some of which have been realised, others to take place in the future. All four girls got married and have families and three are still alive. The film is based on a book written by a young Spanish priest, entitled Garabandal, Hope of the World, it makes for very interesting reading and is published in English. The film has been shown in cinemas throughout the world and will be shown in the Mahon Point Omniplex cinema next weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 6.30pm, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. A bus is being organised from Mitchelstown on Sunday evening, if you would like to travel, give your name to the Parish Office 025-84062 or Catherine Hanley at 087 77 27 496.

**Mass for Exam Students:** Junior and Leaving Cert Exams will begin on Wednesday next and our thoughts and prayers are with the students. A special Mass is being organised to reflect and pray with the students on **Monday Evening next in the Parish Church at 7.30pm.** We welcome you all to this Mass and assure our young students of the support of the Parish. May the Holy Spirit give you all courage and wisdom.

**Celebrating Newly Baptised Children:** We would like to thank the members of the Parish Baptismal Team who do so much supportive work helping families prepare their children for Baptism. **Next Sunday at the 11.30am Mass in the Parish Church** all the families who had a child baptised in the past year are invited to a special blessing. As it is Pentecost Sunday, we will especially call on the Holy Spirit to bless all children and their families and that they feel welcomed and supported in the Community.

**A Word of Thanks:** A special congratulation to all the boys and girls who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion during the month of May. Thanks to everybody who prepared and supported the children and their families. Special thanks too, to the Sacristans and those who prepared the Altar linen and the floral decorations. It all gave great honour to Jesus. Let us continue to honour Him and love Him.

**First Aid Training Day:** Suitable for all personnel including teachers, carers, parents etc. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Venue; Bright Sparks Childcare Centre Mitchelstown. Cost; 55 euro. Time; 9.30am to 3pm. Refreshments served on the day. Booking essential as places are limited. 085-8893249 or 025 86799

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**Dear Friends of Bunscoil na Toirbhirte,** There are exciting times ahead for all pupils, parents/guardians and staff of Bunscoil na Toirbhirte. In the coming months, additional rooms will be constructed at our school. In addition to this development, we hope to raise funds which will enable us to improve our playground space and surface. This project will be of wonderful benefit to all pupils for generations to come. To achieve this, we are asking for your support in raising €20,000. To generate these funds, we are inviting all parents, staff, past pupils, businesses, community members and our many friends to support our “Buy a Brick for Bunscoil” project. By purchasing a brick, families can be a part of our school and our history! This brick will be engraved with your name, the name of your family or the name of your business and will then be displayed on an internal wall in the extension for future generations to see. The cost of an engraved brick (single) is €100 or €180 for a double brick. Single bricks can fit 24 characters, double bricks can fit 48 characters. These bricks will be on sale for the next six weeks. We realise that everyone will not be in a position to purchase a brick, please note that we will gratefully accept any donation, should you wish to contribute. If you would like to support our school, you can do so by calling into the school office, by sending a cheque in the post, or online by googling “Buy a Brick for Bunscoil”. All supporters will be entered into a free raffle.

Over the years there have been many wonderful occasions and achievements in Bunscoil na Toirbhirte. This project is the next milestone in the history of our school and our community and we would love for you to be a part of it. We would greatly appreciate if you could support this fundraiser and if you could help our school to spread the word about this fundraiser. We look forward with great excitement to inviting your family to the opening of the new facilities, which will include the unveiling of our wall of sponsors. Sincere thanks for taking the time to read this letter. “Unity is strength, when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.” – *Mattie J.T. Stepanek*.

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**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.

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**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](tel:0862959380)

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**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.

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**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

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**Baptism Celebration & Blessing: On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at the 11.30am Mass** in the Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown, we will have a special celebration and blessing for all those baptised in the parish in the last year from June 2018 to the end of May 2019 and a blessing for all their families. We invite parents, their families and those who were baptised to attend this special occasion. In the event that you cannot attend the Mass, you can still participate by accessing the live feed on the Mitchelstown Parish website.

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**Foróige** are looking for volunteers to run our Leadership for Life Programme, for young people aged 15-17 over 15 weeks, for one hour per week in Mitchelstown. Please contact Sharon Buckley for more information on 086-4145732 or [sharon.buckley@foroige.ie](mailto:sharon.buckley@foroige.ie)

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**The movie *Garabandal, Only God Knows*** is the first film to tell the story about what took place during the alleged Marian apparitions in Garabandal, Spain in the 1960s. This full-length film first came out in Spain last Spring and since then has premiered in South America and in the United States, being seen by more than 230,000 people world-wide. The movie will be playing in the Omniplex Mahon Point Cinema in Cork on 7, 8, and 9 June at 6:30pm. If anyone is interested in traveling by bus on Sunday, 9 June, please contact Catherine Hanley at 087 77 27 496.

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#### **Prayer For Success In Exams:**

Lord, you know the anxiety that I'm feeling right now.

Please calm my spirit,

Come and still my nerves, for the questions I am about to be given.

Help me to read them slowly and correctly.

Come and flood my heart with Your peace.

For the words I am about to write, Help me to recall everything fully.

Come and inspire my mind as I gather my thoughts.

For the examiners who read my work,

Help them to mark with justice and fairness,

Come and refresh them, please bless their lives.

I give all these prayers to You and ask that this day you would give me the success that my heart desires, For Your kingdom and glory. ~Amen~

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#### **Prayer Before an Examination:**

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way. As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focussed and clam, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. ~Amen~

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended

to the family and friends of

Denis Nagle, Barrack Road

Who died recently. May He Rest In Peace