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- As a Diocese, today we join with Bishop Crean in giving thanks to God for our beautiful Cathedral Church in Cobh, on this the anniversary of its consecration a hundred years ago.
- **First Saturday Devotions:** In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary after 10.00am Mass **next** Saturday.
- **Grandparents Mass:** The 11.30am Mass on Sunday week, September 8th, will be a celebration of the love and faith of Grandparents.
- **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with special reflections and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.
- Next Sunday is 1st Sunday and the **Diocesan Religious Purposes collection** will be taken up at all Masses.

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.**

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CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: This Sunday August 25th 2019, marks the Centenary of the Solemn Dedication of St Colman’s Cathedral, Cobh, County Cork, the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Cloyne.

To mark the occasion, Bishop William Crean will be presiding at a special Diocesan Mass taking place at the Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Sunday August 25th. Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio will be in attendance at the Mass, with bishops from the neighbouring dioceses in Munster, as well as clergy and parishioners from the 46 parishes of the Diocese of Cloyne in County Cork. The Mass will feature music and hymns specially composed for the Centenary by noted Irish composer Bernard Sexton.

St Colman’s Cathedral was built over a 47-year period from the laying of the foundation stone in 1868 to its completion in 1915, at the cost of €235,000. It is a neo-Gothic Pugin Cathedral. It was designed by architects E W Pugin, and G E Ashlin who later partnered with T A Coleman for the completion of the Cathedral. The consecration took place on August 12th 1919. Solemn commemoration ceremonies took place on August 24th 1919 presided over by then Cardinal Logue. St Colman’s Cathedral boasts the largest carillon of bells in Ireland and Britain – with a total of 49 bells. In preparation for the Centenary celebrations, during the last three years the cathedral Telford Pipe Organ was restored by Fratelli Ruffatti in Padua Italy. Extensive interior cleaning of the stonework and the beautiful stained-glass windows took place over a 6-month period in 2018. New interior lighting has also been installed.

All the work of restoration was made possible by the generosity of the people of the Diocese to whom we are deeply indebted. This is therefore an event for the whole Diocese to celebrate.

Wednesday, August 28th: Inaugural Recital of the Telford Pipe Organ with the Blessing of the Organ by Bishop Crean at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Sr. Briege McKenna OSC in Neptune Stadium: Next Saturday August 31st, Sr. Briege McKenna, known all over the world for her Ministry of healing and her devotion to the Holy Eucharist, will be guest speaker at the Neptune Stadium. Sr. Briege will speak and led in prayer during a Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer in the Neptune Stadium, Cork next Saturday 9.00am – 5.30pm. It should be a wonderful day of celebration of faith and prayer

1st Anniversary of Pope Francis's Visit (25/26 August 2018): There were concerns around tickets, would we have enough? There were concerns around walking, would it be too far? There were concerns around transport, where was the car park or bus park located? ... and yet, it all worked out with such perfect precision in the end. Every aspect of the World Meeting of Families Pastoral Congress and the Papal Visit was thoroughly enjoyable. Those of us who were privileged to be there at some elements of the Congress or some aspects of Pope Francis' visit were at something we will never forget in our lifetime. 1.2 million people tuned into RTE's coverage of the Papal Mass from the Phoenix Park. It will take time for us all to unpack the message of the Papal Visit. Pope Francis' very moving apology to victims of all abuse during Penitential Rite of Phoenix Park Mass was a profound moment.

Then there was Croke Park and the gathering of Families, the visit to the Capuchin Day Centre for homeless, run by Bro. Kevin. We must not forget his moving visit to Knock and his meeting with married and engaged couples in the Pro-Cathedral in Dublin. In a short two day visit, Pope Francis touched us all by his love, his smiles and his concern for everybody.

Collectors for SEPTEMBER 2019: We thank those who collected during August. The Collectors for September take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, & Pat Manning.

8.30am: Neil Egan, Con Hogan, Matt O'Sullivan & Michael Boland.

11.30am: Donal Smith, John Crowley, Billy Ryan & Paddy Moloney.

7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald, Tom Lucey & Bridget Sherlock.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank Team "D". Team "A" take over next weekend.

Men for Christ II: A Catholic Conference for Men on Saturday October 12th from 9.30am Brú Columbanus, Wilton, Cork. Limited spaces, registration is necessary. Go to www.eventbrite.com and type in Men for Christ II or call 021 437 6732 (Mon to Fri 9-5pm). **Speakers:** Nathaniel Benversie (Exodus90.com), Fr. Patrick Cahill (Holy Family Mission), Michael Kinsella (Aid to the Church in Need) and John Carlin (40 Days and Nights of Adoration on Croagh Patrick. Mass, holy hour and confessions. Light lunch provided. Donation only.

Killaclaugh 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 Cairiona Fox Murray on 086-3760487 if interested.

NEWLY BAPTISED:

We welcome into our Catholic Community,
through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jessica Hayman

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

Alzheimer's Society of Ireland: 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 Dymphna 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

RAISED ON SONGS AND STORIES An evening of words, song and music featuring Aisling FitzGerald and Pádraig Wallace will be held at Saint George's Arts and Heritage Centre on Saturday, August 31st at 8pm. Tickets available from Reidy's Kitchen Garden, The Favourite and Scullery, The Treasure Chest, Diva and Flowers by Una. If you wish to book tickets please phone 087 392 0423. For more details visit us on Facebook or at our website, www.saintgeorgesmitown.com

Bingo "Special" Fundraiser: The Organisers (Bridie O'Dwyer & Mary Barrett), of the recently held Bingo at Forrest Hall, Mitchelstown, wish to say a very "Big Thank You", to everyone who helped make it a wonderful success. The proceeds raised amounted to €1,244, for which we are extremely grateful. It was divided between Crohn's Disease Society of Ireland and to Mitchelstown Cope Residence. There was a very large attendance, which made it most enjoyable. The Bingo numbers were called by Billy O'Callaghan of Knockadea Local Community Association. Thank you also to the many people who donated such lovely prizes for the raffle and to everyone who helped on the night. A special thanks to Seán Finn for allowing us the use of Forrest Hall, which is a wonderful venue.

Save the Date: Come and have some good old fashioned fun at **BALLYGIBLIN NATIONAL SCHOOL SUMMER FETE** at Ballygiblin School, **Sunday September 8th**. Welly Throwing, Coconut Shy, to mention just a few and a Barbeque. Great family fun day. All welcome. This is a Fundraising event, your support would be greatly appreciated.