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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**

●**Children’s Faith Camp:** will take place in the Town Hall **Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**. For children aged 6 – 12, limited places. See over the page for contact details.

●**Peter’s Pence Collection:** The Annual Collection for the Pope (Peter’s Pence) will be taken up at all Masses **next weekend**. These offerings help the work of the Church throughout the world, your support is appreciated.

●**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 12 – 1.00pm & 7.00 -7.30pm in the Parish Church.

●**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm.** with special reflections 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, Killaclug**

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am.**  
**Confessions after 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Mass**

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**St. Anthony’s Brief – (Letter):**

In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, a Portuguese woman who’d been demonically oppressed, resolved to do the unthinkable, by taking her own life by drowning herself in the Tagus River. On her way to the river, she passed a shrine erected in honour of the great orator and miracle-worker, St. Anthony of Padua. She stopped to pray, one last time. As she prayed, she saw St. Anthony standing before her, saying, “Arise woman, and take this paper, which will free you from the molestations of the Evil One.” Then he gave her a parchment inscribed with what is now known as the “Brief (i.e., “Letter”) of St. Anthony,” and she was now free from demonic oppression and the desire to do away with herself.

News of this miracle spread, even to the King who asked the woman for the Brief. He placed it with the Crown Jewels of Portugal, which was fine for the King, but bad for the woman. After the Brief was no longer with her, she began to weaken and lapse, so the King made a copy for her that restored her to her healed state. Other copies of the Brief were spread to help the faithful fight the Evil One and remind them that Christ has conquered.

The Brief consists of a depiction of a Cross, and words which, forming a rhyme in the Latin, harken back to Apocalypse 5:5, “And one of the ancients said to me: Weep not: behold the lion of the tribe of Juda, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book and to lose the seven seals thereof.” The words of St. Anthony’s Brief are:

Ecce Crucem Domini,  
Fugite, partes adversae,  
Vicit Leo de Tribu Juda,  
Radix David, alleluia.

English version:  
Behold the Cross of the Lord!  
Flee ye adversaries!  
The Lion of the Tribe of Juda,  
The Root of David has conquered, alleluia!

**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

**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 for the following Adoration Hours: **Wednesday morning 5.00am – 6.00am, Thursday afternoon 4.00pm – 5.00pm, Friday morning 5.30am – 6.00am (half hour).** Contact Nora Hogan (025) 24149 or Catherine on 087 7727496.

**Confession:** The question is sometimes asked: “how often should I go to Confession?” The best answer is, to go as often as we need go, but also to go regularly. It is a good practice to examine our conscience regularly and to practice humility, by admitting our sins, be they small or big. Confession gives you the assurance and support of God’s forgiveness and love as we strive for His Kingdom.

Parents have a very special role in explaining confession to their children and encouraging them to go regularly. As the children grow older, the practice is of enormous benefit to them, as they strive to develop their faith. When young people practice Confession well, it saves them from a lot of false fears and discouragement. Confession brings young people to a greater knowledge and experience of God’s love.

There are Confessions in Mitchelstown every **Saturday at 12 noon to 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.**

A good Confession brings delight to the soul. We should not allow the shame of our sins and the length of time since the last Confession, keep us from coming to meet the Saviour Jesus in this wonderful Sacrament.

#### **The Difference:**

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day,  
I had so much to accomplish that I didn’t have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.  
“Why doesn’t God help me?” I wondered. He answered, “You didn’t ask.”  
I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, grey and bleak;  
I wondered why God didn’t show me. He said, “But you didn’t seek.”  
I tried to come into God’s presence; I used all my keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided, “My child, you didn’t knock.”  
I woke early this morning, and paused before starting the day;  
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

**AROMA, Mitchelstown Tidy Towns Group** meet on **Tuesday evenings at 7pm in New Square** and would welcome volunteers to help us to keep our beautiful town looking its best.

**Get your Summer Holiday Reading at the Ozanam Shop,** Thomas Street, Mitchelstown, 025 84733. Fiction €2; Non-Fiction €1; Children’s Books 50c. Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 10am–1pm & 2pm–4.45pm, Sat: 10am-1pm. All proceeds go to your local Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Special Cork Group Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Also Special Cork Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 31<sup>st</sup> October for Halloween 8 nights** Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. **Also Special Cork Fatima Pilgrimage for Miracle of the Sun 10<sup>th</sup> October, 7 nights ex Dublin.** Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 0860572216.

**FUNDRAISING DANCE:** Firgrove Hotel, **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July.** Music by Michael Cahill. Doors open 8.30pm. Dancing 9.30pm – 12am. Admission €10. Hosted by Irish Red Cross – Fermoy Branch.

**Prayer Meeting at T.O. Park with Amal, on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, from 6pm – 7.15pm, starting with Rosary at 6pm.**

All welcome.

**Glenahulla N.S.** are delighted to announce a new Development Plan, to complete a site purchase for the development of much needed improved car parking facilities. To do this, we need the help and support of the entire community. For more information and to donate please visit [www.glenahullansfundraising.com](http://www.glenahullansfundraising.com) or our Facebook page.

**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre,** Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown. Tel: **0761 07 8030** E-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie)  
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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of  
Nora Dineen (*née Roche*), formerly of Mulberry  
Who died recently. *May She Rest In Peace*

**NEWLY BAPTISED:**  
We welcome into our Catholic Community,  
through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Paddy O’Brien**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 1.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.**

