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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

●**Children’s Faith Camp:**The Annual Summer Faith Camp will take place this week in the Town Hall (**Monday, July 22nd to Thursday, July 25th**), for children aged 6 – 12. We pray for Fr. Patrick Cahill and his team of Volunteers and all the children, that they will be blessed during the Camp.

●**Feasts this week:** Monday: St. Mary Magdalene, Tuesday: St. Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe. Thursday: St. James, Apostle. Friday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

●**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 1st Sunday Mass

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The Link Between Liturgy And Life: The Church has a vital role to play in shaping responsible citizens with moral character and with a willingness to contribute to the well-being of society. The liturgy and worship of the Church have much to do with these admirable goals. At divine worship, people receive the grace to help them to be formed ever more closely to Christ. The saving grace of the dying and rising of Christ are communicated to us in the Sacraments, so that we might live more perfectly Christ’s truth and virtues, such as love, justice, mercy and compassion.

Every Mass ends with the mission to go forth and serve the Lord. This sending means that the love of God and neighbour and the moral implications of the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments should be witnessed by the participants in everyday life. People of faith know that their liturgical experience provides a unique spiritual vision and strength for making this a better world.

The lives of the Saints provide ample evidence of this truth. Saints of every age have improved healthcare and education and fostered the human dignity of the poor, the oppressed and the society at large. Saints attribute their remarkable energies to the power that comes from prayer and above all from the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

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The Importance Of Singing: The Christian faithful who gather together as one to await the Lord’s coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart’s joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St Augustine says rightly, ‘Singing is for one who loves’. There is also the ancient proverb: ‘One who sings well prays twice.’

Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of the people and abilities of each liturgical assembly. Although it is not always necessary (e.g., in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are of themselves meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people is not absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on holy days of obligation.

In the choosing of the parts actually to be sung, however, preference should be given to those that are of greater importance and especially to those to be sung by the priest or the deacon or the lector, with the people responding, or by the priest and people together.

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 22nd to Thursday July 25th 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.

Just For A Minute

I remember when I was only four, Mother would bring me 'round to the store,
and just outside of the Church she'd stand, And "Come in", she'd say,
Reaching down for my hand. "Just for a minute"
And then when I started going to school,
She'd bring me down every day as a rule,
but first the steps to the Church we'd climb, and she'd say:
We'll go in, you've always got time, "Just for a minute"
Then I got real big, I mean seven years old, And I went by myself, but was
always told: When you're passing the Church, don't forget to call,
And tell Our Lord about lessons and all, "Just for a minute"
And now it's sort of a habit I've got, In the evening, coming from Casey's lot,
Though it takes me out of my way a bit,
To slip into Church with my hat and my mitt, "Just for a minute"
But sometimes I see the other fellow, standing around and I just go yellow.
I pass by the door, but a Voice from within, Seems to say, real sad:
"So you wouldn't come in" "Just for a minute"
There are things inside of me, bad and good,
That nobody knows and nobody could
Excepting Our Lord, and I like Him to know,
And He helps, when in for a visit I go,
"Just for a minute"
I know what happens when people die, But I won't be scared, and I'll tell you why,
When Our Lord is judging my soul, I feel,
He'll remember the times I went in to kneel, "Just for a minute"
Extract from 'Just For A Minute' – Fr. Patrick O'Connor

NEWLY BAPTISED:

We welcome into our Catholic Community,
through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Beauden O'Grady

Sum of Money Found on Church Grounds last Sunday, 14th July.

Contact the Parish Office.

Monthly Day of Recollection guided by the writings of Servant of God Mother Marie Adele Garnier. St. Benedict's Priory. Saturday 27th July. The theme is "The Mystery of Christian Martyrdom". First talk 11.00. Mass at 9am at the Priory or 10am at the Cathedral. Lunch provided. Cost: Donation Ends with tea at 3.30pm

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 31st 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 10th October, 7 nights ex Dublin.** Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 0860572216.

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

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 or our Facebook page.

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) **Ireland Public Collection Days** in:
FERMOY: The Mart Car Park, Fermoy, Saturday 20th July, 10am - 4pm
MITCHELSTOWN: Tesco Car Park, Mitchelstown, Saturday, 10th August, 10am – 4pm

The Board of Management CBS Primary wishes to thank everyone who helped, in any way, with the fundraising efforts towards the purchase of "O'Callaghan's Field". After just two years, thanks to the tremendous generosity shown by the whole community, this marvellous asset is now fully paid for. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.