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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).**

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● **Feast Day:** Monday is the Feast Day of St. Pio (Padre Pio). Friday is the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.

● **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.

**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**.  
Confessions after 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Mass

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**To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often. (Blessed John Henry Newman)**

A year ago, when Bishop William Crean came to our Parish, he began his Homily with the above quote, emphasising the constant change in our society and the need for ongoing renewal and the fostering of new grass shoots in our Church. Little then did anyone know that our Parish would change so much in just a year. Change is very much part of life, even still for Blessed John Henry Newman, who will be Canonised a Saint in the next month. We are now in a period of change in our Parish, moving from the time of the dedicated leadership and trojan pastoral work of Canon Michael Fitzgerald to a new chapter in our Parish life. We thank Canon Michael Fitzgerald for his years of service here, which will live on for many years, in the grateful memories of the many he ministered to. As we begin this new chapter, it is an opportunity for us, to not just see change as disruption, but also to see it as an opportunity for new growth. We are all called to play a part in realisation of the perfect plan God has for our Parish and its success relies not just on the leadership of a few, but also on the contribution and participation of the many. To reflect on own part in this plan, we can listen again to Blessed (soon to be Saint) John Henry Newman who wrote: “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.” This is true for all of us, as we continue together in this new chapter in the life of our Parish.

*Fr. Pat O'Donoghue*

**Diocesan Safeguarding Conference 5<sup>th</sup> October:** The Diocese of Cloyne is committed to best practice in Safeguarding children and Vulnerable Persons. This work is overseen by the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee. As part of the three year Safeguarding Plan, a **Conference on Safeguarding** will take place on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October in Blarney Golf Conference complex.** The meeting will be from **1.30 to 5pm (Registration at 1.30pm commencing at 1.45pm)** with updates from Safeguarding in the Church. Presentations from TUSLA and the Gardaí will also be given. Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Parish Safeguarding Committees, Clergy, and people working with children and vulnerable persons are invited to attend. If you wish to attend please email [safeguardingchildrenoffice@cloynediocese.ie](mailto:safeguardingchildrenoffice@cloynediocese.ie). This conference will also be part of one's requirement for ongoing training.

**Station Masses:** The Autumn Station Masses will commence on **Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>.** Again we ask your help for the distribution of the Station envelopes. The Autumn distributors can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, we would greatly appreciate the help.

#### **AUTUMN STATIONS 2019**

**Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> Croughmore **8.15pm John & Siobhán Reidy**  
Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> Kiltrislane & Cloonlough South **8.15pm Seamus & Elizabeth Curran**  
Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Church St. Mitchelscourt, Kildorrery Rd., Ashfield Manor, Stagpark, Deerpark,  
Clonkilla, Carriganleigh, Cloonlough & Árd Na Gréine. PARISH CHURCH

We encourage all families to participate in the Autumn Station Masses.

**Men for Christ II:** A Catholic Conference for Men on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am Brú Columbanus, Wilton, Cork. Limited spaces, registration is necessary. Go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://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.

#### **COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AND PERMANENT DEACONS:**

This collection will be taken up today after Holy Communion. The Diocese of Cloyne has two students studying for priesthood this year and a Priest undertaking a sabbatical programme. The cost of educating a student for one year is €25,000. The promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life must always be a priority for the whole Church. We must ensure that no man who is called to the Diocesan priesthood is prevented from going forward due to lack of funds. We ask you to be as generous as you can to this collection and to continue to pray for more vocations.

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration** - Can you commit to one hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration. We are looking for people for the following hour: Saturday morning 1-2am. Please contact Nora on 025 24149, Catherine on 087 7727496 or any one of the Priests.

**Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club:** Returning after lovely summer for gardening to a” Fashion Evening”. We have been cordially invited to “**Carma” Boutique, Fermoy on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> @7.30 pm.** Autumn New Arrivals modelled on the night. Members & Non-members very welcome.

**Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Kingston College Chapel, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.** Preacher Rev. Ann Skuce. *Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. Let all creation sing His praise.* Chapel open on Saturday 2pm – 4.30pm for viewing. Songs of Praise on Sunday Morning at 11.30am. All welcome. Refreshments in Club room.

**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 Dympna Howard 086 0218504. **Family Information Sessions:** Places still available. Date: **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.** Time: 7pm – 9pm. 6 week course. Venue: Tearmann Uí Chaoimh, James Street, Mitchelstown. Contact: Amy Murphy, Dementia Advisor 086 7812217 or 087 0927878. The Day Care Centre are hoping to provide a support group within the next 2 weeks.

**Mitchelstown Badminton Club** is now open for the new season of 2019/2020. The venue is the Mitchelstown Leisure Centre. The Club is open two nights; Tuesday from 8.00pm to 10.00pm & Thursday from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Subscriptions are as follows; Adult €35, Student (under 18 years) €24.50. All new members are welcome. So, come along and enjoy this wonderful indoor activity.

**MITCHELSTOWN SENIORS TONE UP - OVER 60 CLASSES @ TESCO WEDNESDAY 7 -8 pm.** GENTLE EXERCISES FOR FLEXIBILITY & STRENGTH. Mitchelstown Walking Group start at Leisure Centre each Tuesday & Thursday @ 7 pm for 50 minutes

**Autumn Family History** currently conducted at Aimerslei de Bhosc Mitchelstown. Enquires to Seamus at 087.3589734 [www.irishfamilysearch.com](http://www.irishfamilysearch.com)

#### **NEWLY BAPTISED:**

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism **Pádraig Hanrahan.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –

Kathleen Kilmartin (née Chamberlain), O’Neill Crowley Terrace  
who died recently.  
May She Rest In Peace