#### **CLERGY:**

V. Rev. Canon Fitzgerald P.P., V.F. Phone: 025-84090.

V. Rev. Canon O'Leary P.E., C.C. Phone: 025-84088.

Rev. Fr. Burke C.C. Phone: 025-84077.

Parish Office – Patricia Dwane: Phone: 025-84062.*Open 9am-*

12pm

## Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week; Phone Number: 087 – 2524979 PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS:

•Rosary on the Coast Group organising prayer again on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2.30pm at Mass Rocks in Ireland for Protection of Life & Faith. A Special Eucharistic Healing Hour for the protection of life will be held in Mitchelstown Parish Church on that day, 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

- Sunday next is World Day of the Sick. Anointing of the sick will be given during the 10.00am Mass on Saturday morning. We invite all who have sickness or burdened with age to receive the Sacrament.
- Sunday next is also a day of prayer for Temperance.
- •This year's **Annual Lourdes Mass** will take place Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, in Patrick's Church, Fermoy at 7.30pm.
- •Spring Stations Delivery: Ready to be collected now in the Parish Office. Croughmore Station will be held in the home of Patrick & Catherine Casey next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm.
- •The monthly **Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection** is being taken up today after Holy Communion. As we mentioned today, the Bishop would appreciate a little extra support for this collection.

### **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

**FIRST FRIDAYS:** 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am
ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.45am
CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday Evening 8.00-9.00pm with special reflections on Our Lady of Lourdes, prayers for the sick and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

**<u>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:</u>** Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 9.30am. First Friday: 7.30pm.

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **7.00pm.** 

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day:10.30am. First Friday: 6.30pm.

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday:**6.00pm.** 

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Pope Francis on Abortion and the Right to Life**. "Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. .... Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the church cannot be expected to change her position on this question... It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life...' – *Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudiu#213-214* 

Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection: Bishop Crean has asked to highlight the importance and necessity of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Collection for the Diocesan Religious Purposes and to improve on it, if we can, due to a shortfall. Firstly, we want to thank everybody for your generous monthly contribution to this collection over the years and to thank you for your generosity to all the collections throughout the year. The Bishop has asked us to explain the work and services given by the Diocese to all the parishes throughout the year. The monthly collection finances the following; Office and administration expenses at the Diocesan Centre.Salaries and allowances for the following personnel at the Diocesan Centre:Diocesan Secretary, Administrative Secretary, Accounts Officer – part time and Designated Liaison Person for Child Safeguarding Service.Children safeguarding training programme, including the employment of aTraining co-ordinator.Contribution to Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services.Services to 122 National Schools, Board of Management Training, Diocesan Religious Advisors.

These are the main Diocesan Services, that you have been maintaining over the years, through your contributions and for this we thank you. If you can increase your contributions to this collection a little to meet the shortfall, the Bishop and the Diocese would be most grateful.

The Diocesan Accounts are audited every year by Deloitte Accountants and the accounts are available on http://www.charitiesregulatoryauthority.ie/ website for public viewing.

**Votive Candles:** It is a tremendous act of faith and devotion and a very great Catholic practice to visit the Church and light a candle in petition and thanksgiving. For many it is a consoling action in a time of trouble. For many years in Mitchelstown, Ballygiblin, and Killacluig Churches we have been using electrical lights. The Parish Pastoral Council have requested that we return to the practice of the lighted candle. This coming week, we have asked St. Killian's Cahir on a <u>trial basis</u> to bring us their shrines for the Parish Church. For the present Killacluig and Ballygiblin Churches will continue with the electrical candles. With this experiment in mind, we would like very much to have the feedback from parishioners. If it is more popular we will retain them.

Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltdis looking for two people to work in:

•Cahir Hill Resource Centre 19.5 hours per week. •Town Hall Caretaking Position 19.5 hours per week on the Awbeg Community Employment Scheme.Garda Vetting required. Must be in receipt of Social Welfare Payment. Contact Aileen on 025-86956

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018 - Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 - Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2018. Bookings available from Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick St, Cork. 021 4277959.Details of the Special Sick/Assisted Section available from: TheParish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow (022 20276).

The **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** is on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

This year's **Annual Lourdes Mass** will take place Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, in St. Patrick's Church, Fermoy at 7.30pm.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima** 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Contact Pilgrimages Abroad Lauri Duffy Travel, Dublin 01-6359300.

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Upcoming Event: **The 27<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Conference** will take place in the RDS, Dublin on from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> toSunday 18<sup>th</sup> February. A bus will travel to the conference on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

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**Pioneer Short Term Pledge for Lent:** Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for Lent and offer this challenge as a prayer for someone suffering from problems with alcohol or other drugs. You can do likewise. Why not consider taking the short term Pioneer Pledge this Lent? Please give names to Pat McEvoy, The Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council Members.

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**Living with TYPE 2 DIABETES ?**— **Let us help.** For adults diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes please contact 1850 24 1850 or email <a href="www.hse.ie/xpert">www.hse.ie/xpert</a> to register for our free 6 week course (one 2.5 hour session per week) which will run in many North Cork locations throughout 2018, including Mitchelstown and Fermoy. This course is run by HSE Community Dietitians

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The **Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Centres** (Cork University Hospital and the Bon Secours) are currently looking for volunteers to support cancer patients and their families. Duties will include - welcoming patients and their families into the centre, talking, listening and identifying their needs. Then signposting them to appropriate sources of information and support. Training will be provided. For more information please contact: Deirdre Murphy on 01 231 0564 or email <a href="mailto:dmurphy@irishcancer.ie">dmurphy@irishcancer.ie</a>

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**The Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group**is running a bus to Kinsale on **Sunday** 11<sup>th</sup> **February**, Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes for Mass at 3pm for the anointing of the sick. Please give your name to Paddy Seery 083-8098286.

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**World Meeting of Families** suggestions for February: **Acts of Kindness Programme for Confirmation Children**. Categories: showing gratitude and joy, reconciling myself with others, using my gifts and talents to help others, making good choices, caring for the earth, our common home. Information for parents and teachers at; Amoris.ie/confirmation.

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pmin the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc. please RSVP to infor@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

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**Alzheimer Society of Ireland** every Tuesday at Mitchelstown Day Care Centre, James Street, Mitchelstown. Opening hours: 9.30am – 3.30pm. Activities, lunch etc. provided. All Welcome. For further details please contact Dympna Howard, on 086 0218504.

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**Bright Sparks Toddler Group**now open on Mondayand TuesdayAfternoons. Age 2 years upwards.Messy Play, The Great Outdoors, Music and Movement, Baking, Exercises, Great interaction for toddlers. 1.30pm to 6pm.Snack and Supper included €35. Phone 025 86799 or text 086-2653839. Places limited.

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**Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club** are delighted to have Hestor Forde from Cork, who will give us a talk on "Spring in you Garden" It is on in "The Town Hall" Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 @ 8pm.(**please note change of date**) All Welcome. Members & Non Members.

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**SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENT CANCER**, their families and friends are welcome to a SURVIVORSHIP MEETING in the Clayton Hotel Cork City at 5.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. This meeting is to discuss the health concerns and long-term follow-up of survivors. For more information contact Patricia McColgan at 086 2532819 or <a href="mailto:info@cancare4living.ie">info@cancare4living.ie</a>. <a href="www.cancare4living.ie">www.cancare4living.ie</a> or <a href="mailto:julianne-byrne">julianne Byrne at 041</a> 9836041 or <a href="mailto:admin@boyneresearch.ie">admin@boyneresearch.ie</a>. <a href="www.boyneresearch.ie">www.boyneresearch.ie</a>.

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A **PARISH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION SESSION** will be held in the Presentation Hall, Fermoy on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 8-10pm. The information session will be a brief presentation on safeguarding, its structures and how we safeguard children. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 if you would like to attend.

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The **Ballindangan Players** present Brian Friel's 'Dancing at Lughnasa' on the following dates Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of February and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of March at 8pm nightly in Ballindangan Community Centre. Under the direction of Tim Dunne, the cast includes Mary Gallahue, Ber O'Sullivan, Ursula Flynn, Siobhan O'Donnell, Linda Murphy, John O'Doherty, Micheál O'Doherty and Pat Landers. Ticket Reservation available on 086/6079251 or 025/24753.Admission €10 per adult, €5 per child. Hope you can join us!

#### **NEWLY BAPTISED:**

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