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•<u>Stations of the Cross</u>: Throughout the Sundays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**. This is a very important Lenten devotion and we encourage you to participate.

•**Bus for Rally for Life** will leave the Square next Saturday at 9.30am, names to the Parish Office.

•The 1st Collection today after the Homily is the offertory Parish Collection, please help the collectors.

•**Pro-Life Speakers** postposed this weekend, due to bad weather, rescheduled for the weekend of $17^{\text{th}}/18^{\text{th}}$ March.

Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

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Bank Holidays:	11am	
MORNING PRAYER:	Monday – Frida	y: 8.00am
ROSARY:	Monday – Saturday: 9.45am	
<u>CONFESSIONS:</u> 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		
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Please note, that due to bad weather this week, the following Station date had to be changed.

Thurs. 8thKing St. James St. & Tearmann Ui Chaoimh. TEARMANN UI CHAOIMH

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Jesus always prepares us for the trials we face, Pope Francis says:

Vatican City, Feb 25, 2018 / 11:05 am.- On Sunday Pope Francis said Jesus never leaves his followers alone, but always prepares them for the trials they will face, just as he during his transfiguration, which helped his disciples to understand and cope with his Passion and death."In the transfiguration, Jesus makes himself seen as he is in heaven, glorious, luminous, triumphant," the Pope said Feb. 25. Jesus did this, he said, "to prepare for the scandal of the cross, because the disciples couldn't understand that Jesus could die as a criminal."At the time, Jesus' disciples thought of him as an earthly authority who always triumphs, however, the faith Jesus is different: "he triumphs in the humiliation of the cross.""Jesus makes seen what will come after the cross, what awaits all of us," he said, explaining that Jesus always prepares each person for the trials they will face, and gives them the strength "to go forward in trials and overcome them with his strength."After arriving around 4p.m., Francis met with children and young people, families, elderly and parishioners who are sick, as well as those who work in the parish's Caritas program. After meeting with each group, the Pope met privately with two youth from Gambia, ages 18 and 25, who are housed by the parish. He then heard the confessions of several parishioners before starting Mass.In his brief, off-the-cuff homily, the Pope said that in the day's Gospel reading from Mark, which recounts the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain, God sends a clear message when he says "this is my beloved Son, listen to him.""There is no moment of life which cannot be lived fully listening to Jesus," he said, and urged parishioners to continue Lent remembering "the glory of Jesus, who is present to give us strength," and listening to Jesus, "who always speaks to us.""In daily life when we have problems, let us ask ourselves: what does Jesus want of me today?" he said, noting that at the wedding feast in Cana, Mary also gave a very specific piece of advice: "do what he tells you. This is the sure way. Listen and do what Jesus says."

Before Mass, when he first arrived to the parish, Pope Francis stopped to greet the parishioners waiting outside in the rain. Jesting about the weather, he said, "when did you arrive? You got wet, eh?"He thanked them for having the patience to endure the bad weather, and told them that life is often like the weather: "sometimes there is sun, other times there is rain...know that in life there are good times and bad."A Christian, he said, must always move forward with courage. "There will be storms, (but) go forward, Jesus guides us," he said, adding that"tis is what a Christian must do, go forward in good times and in bad."In his meeting with elderly parishioners, Pope Francis thanked them for everything they do for both the Church and the world, saying their witness of faith and love "is like keeping the fire (going): you are the embers of the world.""You are the embers of the Church," he said, and urged them to talk and listen young people. Thought it's not always easy, "they need your experience."

C.B.S. Primary Parent Council Fashion Show Rescheduled to Thursday, 22nd March at the Firgrove Hotel at 8pm. In the interest of the Health & Safety of all our Patrons, and taking into consideration the current weather forecast, C.B.S. Primary Parent Council have taken the decision to reschedule its Fashion Show, which was to be held this Friday. The Show will now be held at the Firgrove Hotel on Thursday, 22nd March at 8pm. All tickets already purchased will be honoured. Further tickets available at the school, Centra, Hyland's and at the door on the night. Please do come out and lend your support to the longest running Fashion Show in the area, now in its 32nd year! A wonderful evening's entertainment assured.

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Fundraising Dance in aid of St. Patrick's Hospital, Fermoy in T.O. Park on Friday, 16th March, starting at 9pm. Dancing to Jimmy O'Donoghue. More details contact Kitty on 085-2740781 or Bridie on 086-6024321

The **Cork Simon Coffee Morning Campaign** is taking place again this year in the month of March. Would you consider holding a Coffee Morning in aid of Cork Simon? Holding a Cork Simon Coffee Morning is a great way to get everyone together and support the fight against homelessness. If you'd like to know more about how to host your own Coffee Morning you can call 021 4321 166, email coffeemorning@corksimon.ie or visit the Cork Simon Website www.corksimon.ie/coffeemorning/Thank you for your support

Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltdis looking for two people to fill the following positions: ● St Vincent De Paul Centre .19.5 hours.●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

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Lent at Glenstal Abbey:THE READINGS OF THE EASTER VIGIL: •Sunday 4th March 2018 Crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14:15-15:1) Francis Cousins •Sunday 11th March 2018 Discovering God in the Desert (Isaiah 54:5-15) Jessie Rogers •Sunday 18th March 2018 Discovering the Way to Mysterious Nourishment (Isaiah 55:1-11) Columba McCann OSB •Sunday 25th March 2018 From Death to Life - Water Old and New (Ezekiel 36 & Romans 6:3-11) Martin Browne OSB.• Talks take place at 4.30 pm in Glenstal Abbey Library and will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome to join the monastic community for Vespers at 6.00 pm. Suggested Donation: €5

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MITCHELSTOWN P.T.A.A. FLAG DAY: A flag day will be held by **Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Abstinence Association on Saturday March 10th 2018 from 9am to 6pm.** The purpose of the collection is to raise funds to help the association in their efforts to promote temperance among young and old in our Parish and outlying areas. As we all know the excessive use of drink and drugs is causing great distress and breakdown in many families in Ireland today. **PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**, and if any of you could help with the collection, please contact any council member.

Historic GardensTalk Rescheduled; Due to the forecast weather conditions, Mitchelstown Heritage Society postponed last week's lecture on Historic Irish Gardens & Demesne Landscapes until, **next Tuesday, 6th of March @ 8pm in The Firgrove Hotel**, Mitchelstown (please note the change of location from the Town Hall).

SPRING STATIONS 2018:

We encourage you all to participate in the Station Masses. Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated. Mon.5thDemesne 7.30pmJoe & Kathleen FitzgeraldKILLACLUIG CHURCH Mon.5thDerrynanool, Killee & Drough 7.30pmJim & Julie BarryKILLACLUIG CHURCH Mon.5thDerrylahanPARISH CHURCH Mon.5thBoolakelly, Gurteenatarriff & Gortnasna.Michael & Breda WalshPARISH CHURCH Wed.7th Knocknamuck, Ballygiblin & Parknakilla BALLYGIBLIN SCHOOL Thurs. 8thKing St. James St. & Tearmann Ui Chaoimh. TEARMANN UI CHAOIMH - Please note, that due to bad weather last week, these Stations have been changed to this week. Fri.9th Pollardstown & Killicane8.15pmEamonn & Mary O'Callaghan Fri.9th Kilshanny Seán & Bernadette Finn

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD: Readers are needed for Saturday evening Mass 7.30pm. If Interested please contact the Parish Office 025-84062 or Canon Fitzgerald. You would be most welcome.

Ballygiblin NS: Junior Entrepreneur Programme - "The Positivity Box" Showcase We, the children of Fifth and Sixth Class are currently participating in the "Junior Entrepreneur Programme 2018". The product which we have chosen to create & design is called "The Positivity Box". It is a green gift box containing 30 positive messages created & designed by us.Our showcase event for "The Positivity Box" will take place on **Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 between 10:00am - 11:00am in the school hall**. During this event, each team (design & production, sales, finance, marketing and storytelling) will showcase their work. Our sales team will also be selling our product & taking orders at this event. The cost of our product is \in 10.We would like to invite all our family, friends & local businesses that have helped us on our journey to our showcase event. Please help us share a positive thought today[©] (5th/6th Class, Ballygiblin N.S.)

"All God's Creation Is Very Good!" **Women's World Day of Prayer 2018** from Suriname. Services take place on Wednesday, 7th March at 10.30am in Kingston College Chapel. All welcome – men & women.

Mitchelstown Badminton Club: It is that time of the year again. Our Annual Badminton Club Table Quiz at the Hunters Rest on Friday, March 9th at 9.00pm sharp. Hope to see you there.

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Noel O'Brien, Ballinabrook Who died recently. May He Rest In Peace NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: Sadie Lambe