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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 & 7.30.pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.45am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm** – **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.

<u>OUR LADY OF LOURDES:</u> Friday, 10th February, is the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and world day of the Sick. Anointing of the sick during the 10.00am Mass.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 9.30 a.m. First Friday: 7.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **7.00pm**

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day:10.30 a.m. First Friday: 6.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday:**6.00pm**

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The Pain of Recession: Eight years have passed since the great financial collapse, it was a shocking time. But let us not forget in our prayers, the thousands of families who are still burdened with huge mortgage repayments and those thousands of families who are in arrears and in danger of their family home being repossessed. We can rightly ask the question, have we done enough to support these stretched families? While a lot of bad decisions were made during the "Celtic Tiger" the general society needs to be sympathetic to all those who find themselves in difficulty. This is a major source of difficulty, which needs Divine intervention and inspiration. It is a problem we must keep in our prayers and we must pray for the young families affected. We must also pray for the Courts, the public authorities and the Banks, that they will deal mercifully with those caught in these difficult circumstances. While these families are suffering, we are still in recession. As a Church we cannot ignore the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Sometimes we lament some of our brothers and sisters not practicing their faith. Maybe we do not appreciate enough, the pain and suffering and confusion brought upon us, by the "Celtic Tiger", "The Recession" and the "Clerical Scandals", in recent years. These events have tested the faith of all of us, priests and people. Our Country and our people need a lot of healing, let us ask the Lord to heal these hurts and restore our faith again. We need to support one another and highlight the need for compassion for those still burdened by an eight year recession. Future peace in our country and in the world depends on not abandoning or leaving behind suffering sections of the population. Ensuring the Compassion of Jesus for those in difficulty rebuilds true hope and faith again in the hearts of broken people. Lord, send relief to all mortgage burdened families.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes: On February, 11th, 1858, Our Lady began appearing to St. Bernadette in the small town of Lourdes in Southern France. Our Lady revealed to Bernadette, that she was the Immaculate Conception. She appeared 18 times to her. The last apparition occurred on July 16th, 1858. She came to Bernadette with a call to all of us to pray and do penance for our sins. Our lady brought comfort, hope and motherly healing. She appeared with the Rosary Beads. Bernadette was in poor health and her family had lost their home and business and were struggling. Our Lady of Lourdes still calls and comforts us.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1st – 6th June 2017, 5 nights Full Board. Under the Patronage of Most Rev. William Crean D.D., Bishop of Cloyne. Pilgrimage Directory: V. Rev. Tobias Bluitt P.P.Booking with Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, Cork, Telephone: (021) 4277979. Sick/Assisted Pilgrim application forms available from The Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Tel: (022) 20276.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - C.B.S. PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

BINGO - CBS Primary Parent Council are hosting **Bingo** at the Town Hall on Next **Sunday**, 12th **February at 2.30pm**. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA, At the Firgrove Hotel On Friday, 3rd March at 8.00 p.m.

All proceeds to C.B.S. Primary School. A great night assured.

Upcoming Event: **The 26th Divine Mercy Conference** will take place in the RDS, Dublin on from **Friday 24th to Sunday 26thFebruary**. The theme of the conference this year is "Have Mercy on Us.... And on the Whole World". Guest speakers; Fr.Bernard Guckian ST, Fr. Michael Maher SM, Robert Stackpole (USA, Author, Educator), Canon Michael Fitzgerald (Mitchelstown), Frances Hogan (Author, EWTN), Denise Kelly (Pro Life Testimony). A bus will travel to the conference on Saturday 25th February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage to New York: A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from 8th – 14th May 2017. Flying directly from Ireland West Airport to JFK with Aer Lingus Private Charter, the pilgrimage offers the chance to be a part of a memorable and historic trip. The full itinerary includes a special Requiem Mass on Saturday 13th at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral for the re-internment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock witnesses, which will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. If you would like to find out more or make an enquiry, please contact the tour operators Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 241 0800 or e-mail bronwyn.clinton@joewalshtours.ie

Poor Clares: **Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m.** "Come and See" **Saturday 18th February:** *For women discerning a religious vocation:* Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd. Cork. Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook.

Annual Coffee Morning in aid of St Joseph's Foundation, Charleville who provide much care and support to many in our community, will be held in the Hunters Rest on next Saturday 11th February 10am to 12. We had a phenomenal response last year and we are hoping for the same support this year from you all here in the community, in any way you might be able. Many of you did baking for us or provided a spot prize for our raffle or came along on the morning and joined us for a cuppa. We would be very grateful for any support given. Catherine and Colm (086) 2487454. Many thanks.

Public Lecture on **Dementia** in **Ballindangan Hall** on **Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30pm.** Admission is Free. Come Early.

By Prof Sabina Brennan, Trinity College, Dublin.

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

Tyler Russell

Cork Scripture Group is pleased to announce a course on The God of Revelation presented by Mons Ned Goold. It is open to anyone with an interest in Scripture. It will be held on Mondays 13th, 20th, 27th February and 6th March 2017 from 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Scala Centre, Blackrock (opposite Blackrock Castle)

Night 1 & 2: The God of Israel - exploring the nature of the God who revealed Himself in the Old Testament and in the struggles of that faith with differing cultures.

Nights 3 &4: The God who revealed himself in Jesus – exploring "The Word" who "became flesh" and who "is lifted up from the earth to draw all to Himself'.

Saturday workshop on 4thMarch from 10.00am – 1.00pm in the Sacred Heart Hall Western Road. Well known Scripture scholar, Fr Michael Mullins from Waterford, who has written many commentaries on the Bible, will present the morning on **The Beatitudes: A key to Unlocking Matthew's Gospel.**

Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop]. To book a place or find out moreplease *email* corkscripturegroup@gmail.com or *call* 021-

4295144 *before* 3rd February

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2017: 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. Under the Direction of Bishop Crean, Bishop of Cloyne. September 7th 2017 - September 14th 2017. Contact Pilgrimages Abroad/Lauri Duffy Travel Dublin. (01) 635 9300. <u>info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie</u>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday, 14th May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

Annual Lourdes MassFriday, 10th February in St. Mary's Church, Mallow at 8pm.

Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the recent collection for Fr Cahill. Our thanksto those who organised the Mass and those who participated in it. Thanks also to the following - the committee of Forrest Hall, all those who provided refreshments, Noelle Mullins who made the beautiful cake, members of the Faith Camp committee and Youth 2000. We would also like to thank our Parish Clergy, Canon O'Leary, Canon Fitzgerald and Fr Burke. The gathering was a wonderful celebration of thanksgiving for all the work and time Fr Cahill gave to this parish and we wish himwell in Glencomeragh House.

** P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 18th January 2017:

1st Prize:€1200 M. Heneghan & S. Conroy, Hollymount, Co. Mayo

2nd Prize: €400 S. McGovern, Garrison, Co. Fermanagh.

3rd Prize: €200 J. Linehan, Stamullen, Co. Meath

<u>4th Prize:</u>€100 M. Tinney, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. S. Duffy, Galway 2. L. Magee, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh

3. R. Shannon, Bantry, Co. Cork. 4. E. McGarrigle, Garrison, Co. Fermanagh

5. R. Clarke, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 6. A. Yates, Birr, Co. Offaly

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 15th February 2017.

A meeting to discuss **St. Joseph's Foundation's Annual Spring Fair**will take place on **This Monday, 6th February at 7.00pm, in St. Joseph's Campus, Baker's Road, Charleville.** The Annual Spring Fair will take place on Sunday, April 9th. Your help with this event would be greatly appreciated. We would be delighted if you could attend the meeting.