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<u>DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY</u>

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

- •First Holy Communion in Ballygiblin:Next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Mass will be at the later time of 10.30am. We ask you all to support the boys and girls and their families and to pray for the.
- •Bus to Knock: On Sunday NEXT, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Names to the Sacristy.
- ●Next Sunday is the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** and is **World Communications Day.**
- <u>CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION</u>: The Procession will take place on **Sunday**, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. A meeting to organise the Procession will be held on **Tuesday**, **May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the Parish Church Sacristy**. Anyone who would like to help, are more that welcome to attend.

#### 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: 8.00amROSARY:Monday – Saturday: 9.45amCONFESSIONS: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

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:** Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

 $\underline{EUCHARISTIC\ HEALING\ HOUR:} \ Thursday\ evening\ at\ \textbf{8.00pm}-\textbf{9.00pm}$ 

with Special Prayers for the Protection of Life and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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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Bishop Crean &Abortion Debate:In less than three weeks' time (May 25<sup>th</sup>), the Irish people face a crucial decision, on whether to retain or repeal the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment of our Constitution. The Amendment declares: "The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right".

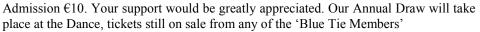
The Supreme Court recently declared that the above is the only legal protection that the unborn now have in our Country. To vote 'Yes' to repeal that Amendment, will take away all legal protection from the unborn and thus lead to the legalisation of abortion in our Country, in our hospitals and through the establishment of abortion clinics. By voting 'No', we will continue as a Country to protect mothers and their unborn children.

Bishop Crean has issued a Pastoral Letter on this very important matter this weekend and to be presented at Masses over the next three weekends. He had divided the letter into three sections: Debate, Discernment & Decision. In the 1<sup>st</sup> section on debate, he refers to politicians changing their minds on the grounds of compassion. The Bishop states that compassion is a noble and desirable virtue that all true Christians seek in the face of distress. The question it raises in this context: "Is it right and just to extend compassion to one at the cost of life to another? Compassion that injures another's life to the point of death is flawed, if well intentioned compassion. Is it just? Is it fair to do so?" In the 1<sup>st</sup> section of his letter on "Debate", the Bishop states "The decision we face is one of conscience. This entails taking time and effort to ensure that our conscience is properly informed. In the absence of this process, we risk arriving at a decision that is superficial and poorly grounded. For example, there are many people of faith and practice, who feel that while they personally are pro-life, they do not wish to stand in the way of those who believe that abortion is morally acceptable. On what grounds can one justify collusion with actions that you find morally repugnant? On what basis can you justify facilitating actions that in conscience you believe to be wrong?

Copies of the Bishop's letter are available today. On Thursday next May 10<sup>th</sup> we begin 40<sup>th</sup> Hours Solemn Eucharistic Adoration. It will begin with Mass at 7.30pm, the Main Celebrant will be Fr. Marius O'Reilly, and continue through Thursday night, Friday, Friday night and Saturday and conclude with Saturday evening Mass at 7.30pm. Each Station Area has been allotted an hour. Please take home a leaflet today and pass the time of your area to your neighbours and friends.

May the Lord protect and guide the Irish people at this critical hour. May lives of our future generations are at risk.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance: Joe Cooke Band & Jimmy O'Donoghue and his Band. Firgrove Hotel, THISSunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm-6pm.



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For the Protection of Human Life from Conception to Natural Death: Legion of Mary Holy Hour in Parish Church, every Monday for 4 weeks, up to Monday, 21st May. Please join us from 7 - 8pm. All are welcome.

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Forty Hours' Adoration for Life, in Mitchelstown Parish Church, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Beginning with 7.30pm Mass on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, with Fr. Marius O'Reilly from Cork Diocese. Concluding with 7.30pm Mass Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May.

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Presentation Secondary School will hold their annual 5K Fun Run on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Registration begins at 6pm. Walkers start at 7:15pm; Runners start at 7:30pm Your support would be greatly appreciated.

May - The Month dedicated to Mary, the Holy Mother of Jesus: We invite you and the members of your family, to come together, to ask the help and intercession of Our Lady, the protection of all life from Conception to Natural death. Let us all renew our love for Our Lady during the month of May and pray especially to her. Throughout the month, the Rosary will also be recited at the Grotto on Cahir Hilleach evening at **8.00pm** (except on Thursdays, due to the Holy Hour, it will be on at 7.30pm).

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queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Agri Aware is holding a National Open Farm Day on the Bank Holiday Monday 7th May from 11am to 4pm on John and Ann Coughlan's farm Ballyellis, Buttevant, Eircode P51P780. This is a free family day out on a working farm,full of activities from cookery demonstrations, heritage exhibitions, nature trails and much more.

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COULD YOU HELP TO PROMOTE CLIMATE JUSTICE? The Society of African Missions (SMA) is seeking Volunteers to highlight the effects of climate change and the need for climate justice for the world's poorest countries. Training in delivering an awareness-raising programme will be provided to volunteers, along with all necessary resources and support. The Training will be offered at SMA House, Blackrock Road on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>2018, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. To register your interest, please send your personal details to maurice.henry@sma.ieon or before Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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Lismore Choir will be presenting a Concert at St. Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Performing John Rutter's Requiem. So please come and join us for an evening of entertainment. Tickets €10 each, for more details please contact Delia 087 0927878 or Lismore Heritage Centre 076 1102157.

Postcards from Mitchelstown- an illustrated talk by Historian, Author & Photographer; Bill Power. He will present his unique collection of old postcards & photographs of Mitchelstown. Showing iconic and rare images of the places and people from our area's past. Amassed over 30 years, it is believed to be the largest collection in single ownership, this talk presents the history behind the images, as letter & postcard writing vanishes in the digital age. This public talk follows our AGM (members only) on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May,the talk begins at 8.15pm in the Mitchelstown Town Hall. Cover charge for the talk is €5 for Society Members, €7 for the public. Refreshments served afterwards.

# P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Friday, 20th April 2018:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize:€1000 Fr. Eustace, Co. Mayo. Card: 2, Line: 6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: €400 A. Halligan/M. Doherty, Co. Mayo. Card: 89, Line: 4.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:€200 L. Mackle, Co. Louth. Card: 48, Line: 10. Card: 10, Line: 1.

4<sup>th</sup> Prize:€100 D. O'Mahony, Co. Cork. Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. S. Kennedy, Co. Kilkenny. 2. L. McGee, Co. Fermanagh. 3. F. Egan, Galway.

4. S. O'Kane, Co. Tyrone. 5. N. Sweeney, Co. Mayo. 6. J. Casey, Mitchelstown.

As this was the final draw for 2017-2018, the Finance and Fundraising Committee of the PTAA Central Council, are very grateful to the many subscribers who gave so generously in support of this draw. Thank you all most sincerely for making it such a great success.

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C.B.S. Primary is running a Golf Classic on Thursday, 31st May & Friday, 1st June. Proceeds towards our 'Field Development Fund', with a view to providing our pupils with safe access to and from the school premises. Contributions are invited towards sponsoring a Team, Individual Golfer or Tee Box. A great day is guaranteed, with great prizes up for grabs. For more details, please contact the school on 025 24505 or email: cbsmitchprimoffice@gmail.com

'Happy Mind, Happy Life - Be Active, Be Aware, Be Involved' You are invited to an evening of conversation, tea and dancing with a focus on Positive Mental Health and Well-being. This Green Ribbon event will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Anderson Room at Fermoy Youth Centre and is FREE. Prize on the night for best dressed Lady or Gent in Green. Enquires to Jacinta McCormack, Community Health Worker 085 8742320.

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TONE UP: YOUTH aged 7-16: Fanahan McSweeney Athletic Club invite budding athletes to St. Fanahan's College / Kilworth Parochial field on Tuesday / Friday @ 7 pm. Be the next Sonia / John Treacy. SENIORS over 60: Tesco Mitchelstown meeting room (quiet & temp controlled) 7-8 pm Wednesday. Be flexible, balanced, and strong. Book 087.3589734

## **NEWLY BAPTISED:**

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