**CLERGY:** 

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY** 

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

**Today is WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**; Your prayers are asked for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and the Permanent Diaconate

### 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: 8.00amROSARY:Monday – Saturday: 9.45amCONFESSIONS:Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

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

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening at 8.00pm - 9.00pm

Withspecial prayers for Vocations and Eucharistic Healing Blessing. **DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:** Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 9.30 a.m.

First Friday: 7.30 p.m. First Friday: 7.00pm

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** 

Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP toinfo@anamcara.ie before Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Today is the 1<sup>st</sup>Sunday, the Diocesan Religious Purposes collection will be taken up after Holy Communion.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

Volume: 8 Issue: 45Date: Sunday 7th May 2017

**Your Diocese Needs You:** As today is a special day of prayer for vocations, let us remind ourselves, we have only <u>one student</u> in the Seminary at present. He is Deacon John Magner, who will be ordained for the Diocese in June. The Diocese needs to have someone begin their studies in September, to guarantee a supply of priests into the future. So, let us all pray hard this weekend, that the Lord will call a couple of candidates to begin their formation in September. If you have ever thought of becoming a priest, now is the time to act, your Diocese urgently needs you and many souls are waiting for you to help them.

A Catholic Hospital: Is a place blessed by Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world? As Catholics we have something to offer the sick and expectant mothers, greater than ourselves. A Catholic hospital offers the healing blessing of Jesus Christ. A Catholic hospital offers to the terminally ill, a hope of future happiness, in a world beyond our present life. Our Doctors and Nurses do wonderful work, but we must never forget, that without the Divine Physician, Jesus Christ, we are limited. A hospital that excludes Him, limits its services enormously. May all our hospitals be built on rock and not on sand. We thank the Sisters of Charity and all the Nuns for the great work done caring for the sick over many generations in our country. We thank the Lord for inspiring us to love and care for the sick and suffering. May the sick and suffering always have a special place in our hearts and know the comfort of the gentle Saviour, Jesus Christ. May Our Lady protect and guide the Church at this time in our country. May our decisions keep faithful to Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Heart of the world, we must not betray Him anew.

Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council presents a 'Night in Fatima', on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Bunscoil na ToirbhirteSchool Hall. Guest speakers Fr John McCarthy and Fr Patrick Winkle will give a presentation on the 3 Shepherd Children, the relevance of the Fatima message today and the 3 secrets. After a short break for light refreshments, we will go live to Fatima to join with Pope Francis for the recitation of the Rosary. May 13<sup>th</sup> is the Anniversary of the first apparition in 1917 and 2 of the shepherd children Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta will be declared Saints by Pope Francis on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Special Mass on Saturday Evening May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Parish Church, followed by Candlelight Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome to come to these very special events.

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, for our troubled world. Let us all renew our love for Our Lady during the month of May and pray especially to her. We encourage all families and schools to make a special Altar to Our Lady, during the month of May. Throughout the month, the Rosary will also be recited at the Grotto on Cahir Hill each evening at 8.00pm (except on Thursdays, due to the Holy Hour, it will be on at 7.30pm).

Pray for us dear Mother, now and at the hour of our death.

**Mitchelstown Community Pre-School:** Enrolments are now being taken for August/September 2017. Operating E.C.C.E. Scheme *(free school year)*. Experienced and Fully Trained Staff. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Mary at 086-883 2533 or home 025-24697, or Tina at 086-8454870.

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**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE** ex Cork: 24<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May €669 - Contact Ann Horgan 085-1201971. 30<sup>th</sup> Aug to 6<sup>th</sup> Sept €709 - Contact Angela Gowing 087-6140076. We are part of the Medjugorje Prayer Group that meets in Holy Trinity Church, Fr Matthew Quay, Cork, every Wednesday at 8pm and have been going for nearly 30 years.

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Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance: Paddy O'Brien & His 5 Piece Band. Firgrove Hotel, <u>THIS</u>Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm-6pm. Admission €10. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Our Annual Draw will take place at the Dance, tickets still on sale from any of the 'Blue Tie Members' Anyone interested in travelling to Lourdes, please contact Paddy Seery 083-8098286. We will be staying at the Eliseo Hotel, Lourdes, 200 meters from St. Joseph's Gate, it's the nearest hotel to the Grotto, where the Group is staying. From Wednesday27<sup>th</sup> September to Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

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**The Evening Education Department of Mallow College** are offering a selection of courses commencing on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. All details are available from the college on 022-43030 or online at: evening.mallowcollege.ie

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Active Retirement Club, Thomas Street: Mystery Tour Thursday,  $13^{th}$  July. Bus leaving The Mart Gate at 8.30am. Tour Costs  $\epsilon$ 70.00, deposit of  $\epsilon$ 20 required. Bring flat shoes. Contact Mary 087-9337753. Bring a friend. Book early.

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

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Mitchelstown Faith Camp: This year's Faith Camp will run from Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496

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**St Fanahan's Parent's Council** wish to thank everyone who supported their recent FundraisingBag pack in Supervalu.

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Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. Bus leaving the Square, Mitchelstown at 7.15am. €20 Adults & €10 Children. Names to be given to Pat McEvoy, Sacristan or to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, limited places available.

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St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. New Members always welcome

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes Collection 30<sup>th</sup>& 31<sup>st</sup>May. *No mobile phones*. More details closer to the date. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Mitchelstown P.T.A.A - 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Mass and Presentations: Mitchelstown PTAA celebrates 90 years since its foundation in 1927 this year. A special Mass with presentation of Ten year, Golden and Silver Jubilarian badges, Fr. Cullen medal, 10 year certificate, 40 year, 60 year and 70 year diploma's will take place in the Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm to mark this anniversary. The main celebrant at the Mass will be Bishop William Crean. It will also be the annual Cloyne Diocesan PTAA Mass. If you are eligible to receive any of the above, please contact Catherine Hanley (Secretary) 087 7727496 or any member of the local Pioneer Council as soon as possible to arrange. Details on the notice board. All welcome.

**Prayer for Priests, Seminarians and Priestly Vocations:** You are warmly invited to St Mary's Church in Mallow on **Sunday afternoon, 14**<sup>th</sup> **May at 3pm** for a Holy Hour of Prayer and Reflection on the Lord's Call to Priesthood. Fr Damien Lynch (Parish of Youghal) is the Assistant Vocation Director in the Diocese. He will preach at the Prayer Service and will also be available for a chat with anyone considering a call to the priesthood at this time. Fr Lynch can be contacted at (024) 92456 if you wish to chat to him about a vocation to the priesthood.

EWTN Catholic TV Guide(Sky channel 589) www.ewtn.ie FATIMA – 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY'S FIRST APPARITION LIVE – OUR LADY OF FATIMA: International Rosary and Candlelight

**Procession** Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30pm

## LIVE - HOLY MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00pm

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of —

Eugene (Owen) Buckley, *Kilglass*Who died recently.

May HeRest In Peace

#### **NEWLY BAPTISED:**

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

Isaac Kearney-Pereira. Kate Fox. Evie Walsh