CLERGY:

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<u>DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY</u> Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie E-mail address for Parish Pastoral Council is mitchelstownppc@gmail.com Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

• World Day Of The Sick: Day of Prayer for Temperance.

•Ash Wednesday: Wednesday next is a day of Fast and Abstinence (no meat), the beginning of Lent. Masses Ash Wednesday: Parish Church: 8.15am (earlier time), 10.00am & 7.30pm. Killacluig: 6.30pm. Ballygiblin: 7.30pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Rosary on the Coast Group organising prayer again on Sunday, 18th 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.

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

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

<u>EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:</u>Thursday Evening 8.00-9.00pm with special reflections and prayers for Lent and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 9.30am. 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.**

REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND: A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish Secretary on 025 / 84062, *Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon* and she will reissue one for you. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the Parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing of the refund. Please complete, and return forms, in the stamped addressed envelope sent to you, no later than Wednesday, 14th February. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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Pope Francis – **Lent 2018:** Describing a world marked by signs of "the end of time," including false prophets and cold hearts, Pope Francis on Tuesday urged Catholics to use Lent to counteract this "great tribulation" through prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

In his annual message for Lent, released by the Vatican on Tuesday, Francis quoted a line from Christ in the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold."

Those words, the pope said, come as Jesus is describing the end-times, in which "false prophets would lead people astray, and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many."

Those false prophets, Francis said, come either in the form of "snake charmers," "who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go," or "charlatans," "who offer easy and immediate solutions to sufferingthat soon prove utterly useless."

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: We encourage you today, to take home a Trócaire Box and to give any money saved during Lent, to help the poorer countries of the world. The boxes are on the seats.

Kumba's Story – Kumba was a bright happy little 7 year old, when an unexpected landslide destroyed her home and her family's livelihood. Hurt and frightened she watched many die, but thankfully her family survived. Kumba's life has changed dramatically, but she isn't giving up, and neither should we. Not until love conquers fear. Kumba and children like her need your love and support.

We in Ireland who are followers of Jesus Christ must continually try to shape our lives by his teaching. He taught us to love one another, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick. He said: "As you did it to one of the least of these brethren, you did it to me" (Matt 25:40).

We know that we cannot claim to love God if we do not love our fellow men. St. John tells us "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in, deed and truth" (John 3: 17-18).

Come and See - thinking about the priesthood? 23rd and 24th February 2018, Pallottine College, Thurles, from 6pm Friday to 3pm Saturday. An event for men discerning priesthood aged 18 to 40, to 'come and see.' Begins Friday February 23rd with dinner at 6pm, followed by informal chat, discussion and prayer. Meet others discerning priesthood and some recently ordained priests. Stay overnight, and on the Saturday morning there will be prayer, breakfast and discussion. There will also be time for Adoration, with Mass at 11.30, followed by lunch at 12.30, final discussion anddeparture at 3pm. Advance booking is required. The event is free of charge.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting Monday12th February, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. New Members always welcome

Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltdis looking for a person to work in:

• St Vincent De Paul Centre .19.5 hours.Must be in receipt of Social Welfare payment. Contact Aileen on 025-86956.

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

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

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

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 Monday and Tuesday Afternoons. 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 your Garden" It is on in "The Town Hall" Wednesday February 21st 2018 @ 8pm.(**please note change of date**) All Welcome. Members & Non Members.

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The **Ballindangan Players** present Brian Friel's 'Dancing at Lughnasa' on the following dates Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th of February and Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th 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!

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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 17th February 9.30 am 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.

BRIGHT SPARKS CHILDCARE CENTRE MITCHELSTOWN PRE SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT, MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY AT 6pm. Check out the environment, the curriculum, the ECCE Schemes, Inclusion, How Aims is applied, Options available after 12pm, view the classrooms and meet the Teachers etc. All are welcome to come along. Age 2 years and 8 months upwards. eligible for ECCE. Age 6 months upwards, eligible for Affordable Childcare.ie allowances. For details call 025 86799 OR 086 2653839

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Family History Course, Every Monday. Irish Clan Search ~ Aimerslei de Bhosc, Old Fermoy Road, Mitchelstown.2 hours per session. (Day class 10 am / Night class 7pm). Enquire / Book: 087.3589734

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SPRING STATIONS 2018

Station Masses: The Spring Station Masses commenced last Friday, February 9th and will continue throughout Lent. Some Stations will take place in the Parish Churches and others in the homes of parishioners. The Station Masses are offered for the families of the Station area to invoke God's Blessings in all we do. It is also an opportunity to make an offering towards the income of the Parish Clergy. We always invite and encourage families to consider having the Station Mass in your home for your area. You are most welcome to have the Station Mass in your home, please contact the Parish Office and let us know. Again we ask your help for the distribution of the Station envelopes. The Spring distributers can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, it would greatly help

Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated. FEBRUARY

15thChurch St. Mitchelscourt, Kildorrery Rd., Ashfield Manor, Stagpark, Thurs. Deerpark, Clonkilla, Carriganleigh, Cloonlough & Árd Na Gréine. PARISH CHURCH Fri. 16thUpper Cork St. Lower Cork St. New Square, Arch Avenue, Railway Rd., Cross of the Groves, Brigown Rd Lower, Fermoy Rd. & Carraigroe PARISH CHURCH 16th Fri. Glenduff 8.00pmSeán & Mary O'Brien 16th Marshalstown & Baunnanooneeny Claire Condon Fri. **~~~~~~**

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday, 17th January:

<u>1st Prize:</u>€1000 L. O Flathartaigh, Riverside, Galway.

2nd Prize: €400 E. Melaugh, Waterside, Derry City. 3rd Prize: €200 Fr. S. Casey, Killoe, Co. Longford.

4th Prize: €100 J. Mulqueen, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each; •J. Casey, Mitchelstown. •J. Halligan, Co. Monaghan. •R. Shannon, Co. Cork. •R. Clarke, Co. Westmeath. •F. Egan, Galway •S,

O'Kane, Co. Tyrone. *The next draw will be held on Wednesday 21st February 2018*. Local promoter John (087) 6477897.

RECENTLY DECEASED: The

sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Dan O'Shea, Ballinwillin Close Who died recently.

May He Rest In Peace

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

Lenke and Janka Kovács