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Phone Number: 087 – 2524979 PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS: <u>mitchelstownparishofficechurch@gmail.com</u> <u>DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY</u> Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday. Parish Website: <u>www.mitchelstownparish.ie</u> E-mail address for Parish Pastoral Council is <u>mitchelstownppc@gmail.com</u> Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

•First Holy Communion: The girls from Bunscoil na Toirbhirte will receive their 1st Holy Communion at **11.30am Mass next Sunday**. We ask you to support the girls and their families and to pray for them.

•Feast of Pentecost: Sunday next is Pentecost Sunday. This week is a special time of fast and prayer in honour of the Holy Spirit. Special Pentecost gathering on thisWednesday Evening at 8.00pm in Marion Hall. All welcome.

•Bus to Knock: will leave the Town Square Saturday, June 2^{nd} at 7.15am. Adults $\in 20$, Children $\in 10$. Names to Sacristy and Parish Office.

•<u>CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION</u>: The Procession will take place on Sunday, June 3rd.

•The Episcopal Conference Collection will be taken up next weekend. This collection supports the following: Catholic Education and Formation, Pastoral Care, Planning, Communications and resources, Worship, Pastoral Renewal and Faith Development. Your support is greatly needed.

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: 8.00am **ROSARY:** Monday - Saturday: 9.45am **CONFESSIONS:** 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. EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at 8.00pm – 9.00pm with Special Prayers for the Protection of Life in our Country 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.

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Bishop Crean's Pastoral Letter on the 8th Amendment:This week Bishop Crean directs in the process of discerning in making our decision. The following is a section from his letter:

In the middle of this vigorous debate, it is easy to be confused. Often people sow seeds of confusion, by way of inviting the confused to trust them because "they know best". We must not be naïve about what is at issue in this Referendum. It is a great struggle between light and dark, between life and death. In the work of discernment, we seek the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We search for the light in the arguments being put forward. We must be alert to the dark forces that hide their true intent. While we respect those who differ from us, we also know that in our midst there are wolves masquerading as sheep. The art of spin is common practice. We need to be alert to subtleties that seek to take us down side tracks.

Corpus Christi Procession 2018: The Feast of Corpus Christi is on Sunday, June 3rd. The Procession will take place after 11.30am Mass on that Sunday. The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates, with the greatest honour, the gift of the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics we believe that the Act of Consecration in every Mass the bread and wine are changed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

The Corpus Christi Procession reaffirms that Catholic Faith in a very public way. This is why it is so important to take part in the Procession. In a very public way and faith filled way we ask the Lord Jesus to bless our Community and our Town. We ask Him to deliver our Town from evil and to protect us all. We also, in a very public way, thank the Lord, for being with us and for all His blessings. Each year, we close a section of the Town for the procession. <u>This year we have chosen the</u> following route: The Blessed Eucharist will be carried down Chapel Hill, turn right onto Main Street, down Lower Cork Street to the Traffic Lights, left onto Baldwin Street, left onto Thomas Street and finishing at the Town Hall grounds with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

As you know the Town Hall was once the Parish Church of St. Fanahan. We will conclude the Procession this year in the grounds of the Town Hall, remembering all the great people gone before us. The Carmelite Lourdes Group will take charge of the Canopy and Guard of Honour, but we invite volunteers to carry the Canopy at various intervals. Names of those who would like this honour, to be given in the Parish Office.

The Procession includes the whole Parish of Mitchelstown, Killacluig & Ballygiblin. We invite all the First Holy Communion children from the Parish to make a special effort to participate and all our Servers. We invite various groups in the Parish to also show their respect to Christ. We also invite and encourage the homes and businesses along the route to be suitably decorated to honour the <u>Presence of the Lord.</u> The next preparatory meeting will be held in the Parish Church Sacristy on Tuesday, May 29th at 7.30pm. Volunteers needed for stewarding.

Best Wishes to Ballygiblin Second Class Children today, on making their First Holy Communion, From all at Ballygiblin N.S.

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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, 21^{st} May. Please join us from 7 – 8pm. All are welcome.

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Mass for Exam Students: You are all invited to a Special Mass, both, parishioners and students, their families and friends, for all our exam students on **Monday evening, June** 4^{th} at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. The Mass is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council, in order to pray and support all exam students in our locality. Before the Mass students will have an opportunity to write their first name on a piece of paper, which will be placed on the Altar during Mass. Parishioners, will be invited to take a name and pray for the student throughout the exam period. We pray for all our young people involved in exams this year, including third level students, who have completed their exams. Our young people are very important to us and we want them to know that we understand the strains and challenges that face them. While we ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to success in their exams, we also pray for their happiness and protection in all their decisions and undertakings. So, you are all invited to come along to the Mass and to actively support and pray for God's Blessing on our young people at this important time in their lives.

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Slí Nano – International Pilgrimage Walk on 19th May 2018, celebrating 300 years since the birth of Nano Nagle. 10.30am Assembly Nano Nagle Birthplace. 11.00am Mountain Walk: 8km; 11.15am River Walk: 4.4km. Refreshment in Killavullen Community Centre. All Welcome; Further information on Facebook and our Website; To let us know you are coming you can register

at: https://www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie/pilgrimage-walk/

'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 15th 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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Friday 18th April at St. Benedict's Priory- All Night Prayer Vigil to pray for the protection of the unborn. Begins at 8.30pm with a Holy Hour. Silence interspersed with prayers until 12.00. Those wishing to stay beyond midnight are asked to remain until 5.30am. Please come, and encourage others to join us.

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URENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND: SomeTAX FORMSstill outstanding, please returnas soon as possible, regardless of whether or not you want the Parish to avail of the refund. If you have any queries, please contact Patricia the Parish Secretary on 025 / 84062, <u>Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon</u>. 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. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this Monday, 14th May, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. New Members always welcome

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It's now all systems go for **C.B.S. Primary 70th Birthday Party**, which will be held at Mitchelstown Leisure Centre on **Friday**, 1st **June at 8.00pm**. With the help of Miko O'Grady, Michael Treacy, Seánie Chamberlain and Liam Cusack, C.B.S. Primary has made every effort to forward invitations to the first group of boys who were educated in the 1948 building. If you are, or know of someone, who appeared in the photos recently published in the Avondhu, and who did not receive an invitation to the 70th Birthday Tea Party, please let the school office know directly, 025 - 24505 or e-mail: <u>cbsmitchprimoffice@gmail.com</u>.

For all others, if you would like to attend with 1, 2 or more, of your friends, please do get in contact. Principal, Mary O'Callaghan and all at the school would be delighted, if you could join them. With food, drink, good company and entertainment (\notin 25 per person), it looks set to be a great night. No need to worry if there's not a full group of ten people for the table, the organisers will sort it out for you.

Thanks to everybody who is helping, in any way, with this fundraising effort. All monies raised will go towards repayment of the loan to purchase the adjacent field to the school (formerly O'Callaghan's). This acquisition will benefit all who will use the school for decades to come.

If any Parishionershave old photographs of the school, could you please loan to us, so that we can scan them.

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THANK YOU: The Ladies at - Shapers (Molan's Hair Salon), 4 Lower Cork Street, wish to thank most sincerely, everyone who supported their Raffle held last week in Aid of the Local Alzheimer's Society, we are indeed truly grateful. On everyone's behalf we are very proud to have lodged \notin 1,975.00 into the bank Account of the local Alzheimer's Society.

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People of Mitchelstown! **Foróige** is recruiting volunteers for new clubs and programmes for young people in your Community now! Start the conversation on how you can make a difference to the lives of young people by contacting Emma on 086-4134777

Annual Mass and Healing Service in aid of All-Ireland Rosary Rally, Leahy's Open Farm, Dungourney on **Friday 8th June**, commencing at 7.00pm with Rosary. Chief Celebrant: Canon Michael Fitzgerald, Guest Speaker: Eddie Stones, from Emmanuel House of Prayer, Clonfert. All Welcome. Contact Eileen (086) 8057631

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of William O'Doherty, Croughevoe Who died recently.*May He Rest In Peace*

NEWLY BAPTISED:

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