CLERGY:

V. Rev. Canon Fitzgerald P.P., V.F. Phone: 025-84090.

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

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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 & 7.30pm.

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 the Country 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.

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**

EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE COLLECTION: The Annual collection for the Episcopal Conference will be taken up next Sunday at all Masses. This important collection helps the Church support Pastoral Care, Helplines, Teaching and others, your support would be appreciated.

<u>CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:</u> The Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 18**th. The route is up James's St., George's St., down Church St., onto Upper Cork St., and return to Town Square for Benediction.

<u>Bus to Knock:</u> Leaving the Town Square on **Saturday June 3rd at 7.15am.** Namesto Pat McEvoy, Sacristan or Patricia in the Parish Office.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Darkness give way to Light: On Saturday morning May 6th, a massive crowd gathered at the Leisure Centre, Mitchelstown at 4.00am for the Pieta House fundraiser 5k Walk. Pieta House is a free counselling service for anyone who is suicidal, self-harming or bereaved because of suicide. Mitchelstown was one of a number of centres to hold the walk throughout the Country and the World. Michelle and her great team of helpers and the Gardaí, did an excellent job. As well as being a fundraiser, it was a great social event with music, reflections and refreshments. The breaking of dawn from darkness into daylight symbolises the relief of suffering and pain into peace and joy. Through its services Pieta House reaches out to those in pain and seeks to bring relief and comfort to those suffering depression, inferiority and grief. The massive response to the event reveals the enormous heartfelt goodness in people and their willingness to do their part to support people in their darkness and help bring them to the light of happiness and hope. Darkness is part of the cycle of life, sometimes we all need a helping hand through it and that is what Pieta House offers.

Welcome to the recently Baptised and their families: Throughout the past year the Parish has been striving to support families of newly baptised children. Through the members of the Baptismal Team, the priests of the Parish have received great help in reaching out to the families of the newly baptised and supporting them on their faith journey. This Sunday's 11.30am Mass we have invited families and their newly baptised babies and a special prayer of blessing will be given to them all. Following each baptism now every family receives a special prayer card to support them on their faith journey and to assure them of the support of the Parish Community. We welcome you all today.

Prayer in the Dáil: As Catholics we respect those who do not share our beliefs, all we ask is that they respect ours. The vast majority of Dáil members have agreed to begin proceedings with a short prayer and a short time of silence. That should be respected. We live in a democracy and as long as the majority want public prayer, that should be respected. As Catholics we can no longer be shy or silent about our beliefs. We believe in our need of God's Blessing for ourselves and our Country.

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. 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.

CBS PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL are holding a <u>CAKE SALE</u> <u>FUNDRAISER</u> in the **School Hallfrom 12noon to 3pm, next Friday, 19th May**. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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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.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group - 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. From Wednesday27th September to Monday, 2nd October 2017.

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Mystery Tour Thursday, 13^{th} July. Bus leaving The Mart Gate at 8.30am. Tour Costs \in 70.00, deposit of \in 20 required. Bring flat shoes. Contact Mary 087-9337753 or Diane 087-1478030. Bring a friend. Book early.

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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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St Thérése – The Little Flower" Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. This year's Faith Camp will run from Monday July 17th to Thursday July 20th in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes Collection 30th& 31stMay. *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 - 90th 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 23rd 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.

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Mitchelstown Defibrillator Committee AGM will take place on Monday 22nd May at 8pm in Forrest Hall. All are welcome.

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Killacluig Choir:New members always welcome. Meet us after 10.30am Mass any Sunday. There will be choir today, Sunday 14th May and next Sunday 21st May. Choir Contact: Caitriona Fox 0863760487. Musicians & singers welcome.

Prayer for Priests, Seminarians and Priestly Vocations: You are warmly invited to St Mary's Church in Mallow on **THIS Sunday afternoon, 14**th **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.

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Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 16th of May from 7.30pm to 9.30pm 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 15th May or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 19thApril:

1st Prize:€1200J. Dorrian, Letterkenny, Co. DonegalCard No: 64 Line: 12nd Prize:€400M A Steward, Ballinfoyle, Co. Galway, Card No: 57 Line: 63rd Prize:€200Fr. T. Burke, West Midlands, England.Card No: 2 Line: 64th Prize:€100N. Lynch, Navan, Co. Meath.Card No: 91 Line: 4Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

M Byrne, Drogheda, Co. Louth.
G. Clarke, Longford.
V. Fegan, Burren, Co. Down.
A. Henehan, Kiltoom, Co. Roscommon.
J. Casey, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
A. Hyland, Kilmaine, Co. Mayo.

As this was the final draw for 2016-2017, 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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PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL, MITCHELSTOWN 5K FUN RUN Thursday 18th May 2017. Run starts at 7.30pm - Walkers start at 7.15pm PRIZES: 1st Female & Male home / 1st Female & Male student home Registration at the school from 6pm. ADULTS €10 / STUDENTS/CHILDREN €5

Refreshments served afterwards.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Bob Sheehan, formerly of Mitchelstown Eileen Hyland (née O'Mahony), Luí na Gréine Who died recently. May TheyRest In Peace