CLERGY:

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

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12pm

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PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS:

mitchelstownparishofficechurch@gmail.com <u>DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY</u> Office Open: 0 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

- St. Fanahan's Well Mass: will take place at the Well on Monday week, June 25th at 7.30pm. Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. from Limerick will be the main Celebrant. All welcome.
- Feastday: Wednesday next is the Feast of the Irish Martyrs.
- Caring for our Retired Priests: The Annual Collection for Retired Priests will be taken up at all Masses next Sunday.

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 families, prayers for protection 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.

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A few months ago, the President of America and the President of North Korea weren't exactly great friends. There were threats and insults and name calling exchanged back and forth. World peace was thought to be in serious danger, as they are regarded as two unpredictable leaders. But all that changed two days ago, when the two men met in a neutral location in Singapore. They shock hands before the world, they sat down and talked and they signed an agreement to work for peace. And remember one of those men was 72 years of age and the other 36 years of age. It is hard to believe what happened in a few short months and we all hope and pray that the two leaders progress the agreement in a practical, down to earth way. It is a recent example of what Jesus is teaching us in the Gospel.

In moments of conflict and anger, our friends can be hurt and we all can hurl insults at each other and say things "in the heat of the moment" we don't really mean. On the other hand, we can give in to the bad side of us and be quite destructive and disrespectable to one another. Sometimes the hurt and harm done can be deep and profound and at other times, communication breaks down and goes on for years, over insignificant words and actions. But Jesus wants us to go the extra mile, Jesus wants us to reconcile with one another. He wants us to resist hatred and to keep the door of peace open. We pray today, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. May the Lord help to forgive past hurts and to make the effort to make peace and to keep the peace.

Annual Collection for Retired Priests will take place at all Masses next weekend, June 23rd & 24th. The retirement age for priests of this diocese is 75. When our present retirement policy for priests was brought in, the age profile meant that a commercial pension plan was not possible, so the Diocese had to provide for our retired priests. Funds to do this were raised in three ways.

•Money was invested so the interest could be used. Unfortunately, the return on this investment has declined seriously over the past year and looks likely to remain low for the foreseeable future. ●Parishes gave 5% of the door collection. Since 2001, this contribution has risen to 7.5%. ●Working priests gave an annual contribution, and continue to do so.

As the number of retired priests grew, more funds were needed to support them, so nine years ago an annual collection for retired priests was added. Last year that collection brought in around €51,361. A similar generous response to this collection this year will help the Diocese to continue to be able to care for our retired priests, many of whom have given over fifty years of service to us.

You may also help to support our Retired Priests in the following ways;

- •Make a donation directly to the fund. A donation of \in 250 or over will allow the fund to claim back the tax you have paid on the amount you give, thus increasing the amount received at no cost to yourself. If you wish to do this, please specify so when you make the donation.
- •Consider making a bequest for this purpose in your Will.

ALL WELCOME to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for their **Annual End of YearMass**, to thank God for a wonderful school year. This Mass will be celebrated in the **Parish Church on Monday**, 18th **June at 11.15am.** All at CBS Primary would like to sincerely thank the people of Mitchelstown and its environs for their continued support and co-operation.

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Come and have some good old fashion fun at BALLYGIBLIN SUMMER FETE at Ballygiblin School, Sunday June 24thfrom 1pm to 4pm. More details closer to the date. Great family fun day. All welcome. This is a Fundraising event, your support would be greatly appreciated.

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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 23rd to Thursday July 26th in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496.

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Tax Refund System: There are still a small number of people, who have not yet returned their forms which were sent out lately, we would be very grateful, if all forms could be returned to the Parish Office no later than Monday 18th June. Your reply will greatly help the Parish records and save us sending unnecessary correspondence out to you in the future. Please contact the Parish Office between 9am and 12noon, Monday to Friday on (025) 84062, if you have any questions.

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June Retreat Days at Glenstal Abbey Tuesday 26th – One Day Silent Retreat for Women. Wednesday 27th – Annual one Day Retreat for Women (not silent). Thursday 28th – Day Retreat for Men. Reflect, relax and pray in the peaceful and beautiful surrounds of the Abbey. Guided by monks of the monastery, the day will include a number of talks, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meals and Refreshment breaks are included. Cost €45. For more information; 061-621005 / events@glenstal.com

St. Joseph's Foundation will hold a meeting on **Monday next**, **June 18**th **at 6.45pm**, to give details of the outcome of the recent Spring Fair. This meeting will take place in the Board Room, St. Joseph's Foundation. All welcome.

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LIAMS LIFTS – TRANSPORT FOR CANCER CARE: Volunteer Drivers needed in the Mitchelstown Area, to drive people to and from their cancer treatments in Cork Hospitals. If you have time and would like to join our pool of existing drivers, who provide this service, we would be delighted to hear from you. For more information contact Pat Walsh $087 - 215\,8874$

RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of —
Elizabeth Landy, Clonmel Road / The Glen, Cork
Who died recently. May SheRest In Peace

ALBANY COLOUR RUN Mitchelstown – 5K Walk/Run/Jog In aid of Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Fund. Friday, 6th July. Registration at 6.30pm at Roche's Spar – Starting at 8pm. Registration Fee €10. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

The Cork Association for Autism (CAA) Golf Classic will take place on Thursday June 21^{st} at Mahon Golf Course. The charity that provides a range of support services to over 350 adults with autism are looking for golf lovers of all levels to enter a team. A team of three is epsilon 150. If you would like to enter a team or sponsor a tee box call Carol in the Fundraising Office on 021 453 3642.

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Diocese of Cloyne Family Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Gobnait, in Ballyvourney Sunday 24th June. Celebrant Most Rev. William Crean, D.D. Bishop of Cloyne (With Concelebrants) Open Air Mass begins at 3.30pm Followed by Anointing of the Sick. In Preparation for the World Meeting of Families. Please come early for ease of access.

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Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 11th – 18th September 2018: Cost 899euro – 7 nights full board. Flight from Cork to Faro return. Insurance 29euro extra for those who wish to avail of it. Single room supplement is 30euro a night. Contact Pilgrimage Abroad 01 6359300 or for further information Fr. Patrick Winkle 024 92270, Fr. John McCarthy 021 4815619 or Nora 087 2509184.

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What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores the basic truths of the Christian Faith in a fun, friendly, and informal environment. Topics include "Who is Jesus?" "Why Did Jesus Die?" "Does God Still Heal Today?" Who is Alpha For? Alpha is for anyone who would like to engage in conversations about faith, life and God. It's a chance to revisit what you learned about God as a child, but never really understood. Or for those who have given up on Church or have never been and are a bit curious to explore what it's all about! No question is too big or too small And no laugh is too loud! What Happens at Alpha? Each session involves a short talk, nice food and small group discussion. There is no charge for Alpha.

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold the Alpha Sessions in the Town Hall, beginning on Wednesday September 19th. There will be eleven sessions. If you are interested, give your name in the Parish Office. It is a very enriching experience.

Pioneer Magazine is published monthly and is full of interesting and informative articles and features. If you would like to get a copy each month, please contact any council member. Price per copy $\in 1.55$.

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NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

Caoimhe Power

Alannah Fox