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•<u>Stations of the Cross</u>: Throughout the Sundays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**, beginning this Sunday. This is a very important Lenten devotion and we encourage you to participate. The Parish will lead the Stations of the Cross on Corrin Hill, Fermoy, on Sunday next, February 25th at 3.00pm.

•<u>Trócaire Boxes:</u> Are available today, if you have not already got one. Remember that by denying ourselves a little during Lent, we can offer life to someone in poorer countries.

•<u>A Special Collection is being taken up next Sunday throughout the Country</u> for the World Meeting Of Families, your support is greatly needed:

•When there is a 2^{nd} collection at Mass, beginning next Sunday, the 1^{st} one will be taken up after the Homily and the 2^{nd} after the Prayers of the Faithful and during the announcements.

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	v: 8.00am
ROSARY: Monday – Saturd	lay: 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	
EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday Evening 8.00-9.00pm with	
reflections on the Passion of Christ 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.
<u>CONFESSIONS:</u> First Friday: 7.00pm.	
St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig	
MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day:10.30am.	First Friday: 6.30pm.
<u>CONFESSIONS:</u> First Friday:6.00pm.	

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Lent 2018: At the time of Noah, according to the 1st Book of the Bible, Genesis, the people of the earth had become very corrupt. They greatly offended God by their selfishness. But Noah and his family greatly pleased God. God sent a great flood to cleanse humanity and make a new beginning with Noah and his family. As we reflect on these ancient events during Lent 2018, let us take seriously the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to turn anew to God, reflect on our lives, correct what is offensive to God in our lives and give our hearts anew to Him. We can do this by three means: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. The worship of the living God and the keeping of His Commandments must come first. We need to cut back on the pleasure of food and other pleasures and so resist the temptation of Satan. Through almsgiving let us reach out to help those around us who are poor, lonely and troubled. Let us through the Trócaire collection, reach out to help poorer Nations. To help us do these exercises, let us listen carefully to the Word of God at Mass and read daily the Scriptures in our homes. May the Holy Spirit help us individually and as a Community this Lent to find genuine renewal in God, so that we can participate in the celebration of Easter. The people who laughed at Noah, lost life and the happiness of God. Through Lent 2018 may the Lord be merciful to us and our world.

Nun's recovery recognised as 70th Lourdes miracle: A French Bishop declared Sunday, that the recovery of a long-debilitated Nun made after she visited the Shrine in Lourdes was a miracle, the 70th event to be recognised as an act of Divine Intervention at the world-famous Pilgrimage site.Bishop Jacques Benoit-Gonin of Beauvais proclaimed the miracle nearly a decade after Bernadette Moriau attended a blessing of the sick ceremony at the Lourdes Sanctuary in southern France. The Bishop of Lourdes, Nicolas Brouwet announced the declaration during Mass at the Shrine's Basilica.Moriau's experience underwent extensive studies and tests by the International Medical Committee of Lourdes. The Bishop has the last word on whether to approve a reported cure as a miracle. Moriau had four operations on her spinal column between 1968 and 1975 and was declared fully disabled in 1980. One foot was permanently twisted, requiring her to wear a brace and use a wheelchair. She took what she said were significant doses of morphine for pain."I never asked for a miracle," the nun, now 79, recounted of her July 2008 pilgrimage to Lourdes. After returning to her home Convent near Beauvais and praying in the Chapel, "I felt a (surge of) well-being throughout my body, a relaxation, warmth....I returned to my room and, there, a voice told me to 'take off your braces," she said in a video posted on the Beauvais diocese web site. "Surprise. I could move." Moriau said she immediately did away with all her aids, from braces to morphine — and took a 5 kilometre hike a few days later. The Bishop said the Nun's "sudden, instantaneous, complete and durable change" alerted him to a possible miracle. The Lourdes medical committee said the changes were unexplainable "in the current state of our scientific knowledge," he added.A miracle at Lourdes last was declared in 2013. It involved an Italian woman who visited Lourdes in 1989, suffering severe high blood pressure and other problems.

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

•Town Hall Caretaking Position 19.5 hours per week on the Awbeg Community Employment Scheme. Garda Vetting required. Must be in receipt of Social Welfare Payment. Contact Aileen on 025-86956

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RALLY TO SAVE THE 8th-Dublin City Centre at 2pm on 10^{th} March. Don't let 2018 be the year Abortion Clinics open in Ireland. We need YOU at the most important Rally for Life in Irish history. The Government wants to legalise abortion for any reason up to 12 weeks, and up to birth on vague health grounds. Together we can beat this push for abortion but we need YOU at the Rally to Save the 8th. In April and May we'll be winning votes at the doors and on the campaign trail, but we need you at the rally in March to take a stand against this cruel and extreme abortion proposal. Be there for this historic Rally to Save the 8th, March 10th in Dublin. Be part of it. Keep Ireland pro-life and save lives by saving the 8th! www.rallyforlife.net / www.save8th.org Facebook: @Allirelandrallyforlife FOR BUS INFO ph.: +353 (1) 8730465 (ROI)

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Mitchelstown Mystery Tour 13th June: Leaving the Mart at 9am, going touring for the day. Cost \notin 75, incl tea/scones, dinner. Guided tours to all venues. Deposit of \notin 30 to be paid in full by 5th June, deposit non-refundable. Book early. Contact Diane 087-1478030. Bus Tour to Edinburgh in August. Booking now being taken.

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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 \in 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 23^{rd} , Saturday 24^{th} , Sunday 25^{th} of February and Friday 2^{nd} , Saturday 3^{rd} and Sunday 4^{th} of March at 8pm nightly in Ballindangan Community Centre. Ticket Reservation available on 086/6079251 or 025/24753. Admission $\in 10$ per adult, $\in 5$ per child. Hope you can join us!

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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

SPRING STATIONS 2018 We encourage you all to participate in the Station Masses. Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated. <u>FEBRUARY</u>

19th Kiltrislane & Cloonlough South **Bridget** Allen Mon. PARISH CHURCH 21st Clonmel Road, Baldwin Street, King Square, Kingston College, Bank Place, Wed. Castlefarm Road, Castle Lodge, Sutton's Corner & Castle Park. PARISH CHURCH Thurs. 22ndRobert St. Thomas St. George St. Kingston Close & Edward St. TOWN HALL 23rd Church Rd. Brigown Church Rd. Mulberry Flats. Mulberry Crest. Woodlawn. Fri. Kali Magdan, Brigown Cottages, Abbey Farm, Mulberry, Abbey View, The Meadow & Stonewell PARISH CHURCH 23rd Fri. Gurrane & Coolenave Michael & Breda McElrov 23rd Fri. Kildrum & Garryleigh Michael & Susan Shinnick 23^{rd} Fri. Ballvarthur 8.15pm Alan & Margaret Luddy **~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

FREE Health and Well-Being Information Talks on a wide and varied range of topics throughout 2018. These talks will focus on informing and supporting people to protect and improve their health and well-being. Finola O'Callaghan from GROW will deliver the second session in our series of Health & Well Being Information talks on Thursday 22nd February 2018. GROW is a national community based organisation providing support and education around emotional and mental wellbeing. Their 12 Step Recovery Program provides effective peer support, motivation and empowerment to enable you to take action to change your circumstances. The meetings are free, open to all, anonymous and confidential. Finola has been working at securing a venue to recommence weekly GROW meetings in Fermoy; and she will update us on this at the February talk. These Monthly Talks are FREE OF CHARGE and are open to everyone. Our next talk will take place on Thursday 22nd February from 11am -12noon in the HSE Saint Frances Day Centre which is located on Rathealy Road. Please contact Jacinta on 085 8742320 if you require further information.

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Manual Handling Training, Friday 23^{rd} February @2pm, Mitchelstown Enterprise Centre. Call 0872083774 to book a place, $\notin 40$ / person, 3 year certification.

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DAY OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND HEALING With MARIA VADIA & FR. JOHN KEANE "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" (Jn. 10:10) Sunday, 4th March 2018 ROCHESTOWN PARK HOTEL, CORK 9.30am to 7pm Rosary, High Praise & Worship, Talks, Holy Mass, Healing Maria Vadia's worldwide ministry transforms lives and brings healing through the power of the Word of God Booking: Pat 087 2505528 Celia 087 2405568 Mary 087 2898518

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of David (Dave) Walsh, Kilshanna Who died recently. May He Rest In Peace

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: Michael O'Donoghue