## **CLERGY:**

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

V. Rev. Canon O'Leary P.E., C.C. Phone: 025-84088.

Rev. Fr. Burke C.C. Phone: 025-84077.

Parish Office – Patricia Dwane: Phone: 025-84062.*Open 9am-*

12pm

Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week; Phone Number: 087 -

• Today is: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Your prayers are asked for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and the Permanent Diaconate

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- ullet As and from today the **Offertory collection for the Parish** will be taken up **AFTER the Homily every Sunday**. When there is a  $2^{nd}$  **collection** it will be taken up **AFTER the Parish Notices**.
- •As next Sunday is the last Sunday of the month, the new collection for Parish Maintenance & Development will be taken up.
- •Names being taken in the Parish Office at the moment, for the Bus going to the World Meeting of Families in August Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- •These are the Parish Pastoral Council Members who are staying on the Committee: Canon Fitzgerald, Canon O'Leary, Fr. Burke, Ber White, Chris O'Sullivan, James Sherlock, Catherine Hanley, Margaret O'Doherty, Pauline Dillane & Kayren Hayes-Brennan. We wish to thank the following who are stepping down, for their service to the Parish: Pat McEvoy, Ger Colbert, J.J. Lynch, Michael Bermingham, Nora O'Brien, Martha Kent & Martin Kelly.

## **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 specials prayers for Vocationsand 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.** 

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**First Holy Communion in Killacluig:** For the first time in the Parish, First Holy Communion will be given at the 10.30am Sunday Mass in Killacluig Church <u>next Sunday.</u> The First Communicant children from Glenahulla School will be accompanied by their families and teachers. We invite the whole community in the area to support the children and their families by your encouragement, presence and prayers. The Blessed Eucharist is the heart of our Catholic faith and from the very beginning the first Christians celebrated the Eucharist every Sunday. We hope this special celebration will inspire a renewed devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist and a renewed devotion to weekly Sunday Mass.

New Parish Maintenance & Development Collection: The people of the Parish have been most faithful in their money contributions to the various collections being made at all our Sunday Masses over the years. Earlier in the year, the Parish Finance Committee felt that this new monthly Parish Collection was necessary going forward in to the future for the maintenance and development of Parish buildings. An envelope for this collection will be included in your box of envelopes next year, for the remainder of this year, the collection will be a basket collection only. The collection will be taken up on the last Sunday of every month, beginning next Saturday/Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> and will be put in a separate Parish account. On a point of information, because a number of people misunderstand the collections for the clergy, there are four collections in the year for the clergy: Easter & Christmas, Spring & Autumn Stations. The next collection for the clergy will be in six months' time, in October. All the other collections are for the running of the Parish and other purposes for the Diocese and for National and International Church services, One parishioner has suggested that we send an invitation to parishioners to contribute, who may not be regular Mass goers or who go to another parish and don't use parish envelopes. In the past also Parishioners, in making their Wills, left support for their parish after they have passed to their reward. We would like to remind parishioners such gifts greatly help large parishes, like Mitchelstown. St. Paul teaches that when we are giving to collections, we should decide in our minds what we can afford to give and give it with a good heart, the Lord loves a cheerful giver. There's a false rumour still going round, that the parish charges families to keep a coffin in the church overnight, that is totally untrue. Another malicious and false rumour that some clergy are buying their groceries on the parish account in the local supermarket, that is totally untrue. All goods bought on that account, are for the benefit of the parish only. We have a great parish because of the contributions faithfully given by people inside and outside the parish. Our accounts are strictly audited every year by the Deanery & Diocesan Accountants, Nelius O'Brien, Fermoy. Thank you all for your support and keep it up, any other comments or suggestions are most welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of Mitchelstown Community Council CLG, will be held in Forrest hall on April 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 8pm sharp. There will be guest speakers on the night and a free draw with refreshments. All are welcome.

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Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance: Joe Cooke Band & Jimmy O'Donoghue and his Band. Firgrove Hotel, Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm-6pm. Admission €10. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Our Annual Draw will take place at the Dance, tickets still on sale from any of the 'Blue Tie Members'

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Mitchelstown Flower and Garden Club will have Bernadette Scanlon on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Town Hall. Arrangement Title is "April Showers". Horticulture is 1 April Blossom and 3 Stems of Rhubarb.

All members and non-members welcome.

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KNOCK – Eucharistic Adoration Day in Knock. Bus to Knock on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>April 2018. Coach leaving: The Square in Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Stopping in Gort for Breakfast & Evening Meal. Adults €20, Children €10. Contact Anna Buckley, Ballylanders 087-7873743. Bookings BEFORE Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

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Shapers (Molan's Hair Salon), 4 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, are hosting a DRAWon ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Tickets €2.00 per strip or €5 for 3 strips. All funds raised are for Mallow Day Care Centre. Please support this great cause. TICKETS ON SALE NOW - PLEASE CALL IN ANYTIME!"

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**Diane's Mystery Tour 20**<sup>th</sup>**June:**With O'Sullivan's Coaches, leaving Kildorrery at 8.30am to Mitchelstown, leaving the Mart at 9am, going touring for the day. Cost  $\[ \in \]$ 75, incl tea/scones, dinner. Guided tours to all venues. Deposit of  $\[ \in \]$ 30 to be paid in full by 5<sup>th</sup> June, deposit non-refundable. Book early. Contact Diane 087-1478030. Bus Tour to Edinburgh in August, 5 days / 4 nights. Booking now being taken.

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**Fundraising Dance in aid of St. Patrick's Hospital, Fermoy** in T.O. Park on **Friday, 27**<sup>th</sup> **April**, starting at 9pm. Dancing to Jimmy O'Donoghue. More details contact Kitty on 085-2740781 or Bridie on 086-6024321

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FREE Monthly Health and Well-Being Information Talks on a wide and varied range of topics throughout 2018. These talks focus on informing and supporting people to protect and improve their health and well-being. On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Pauline Lynch, Regional Development Officer with Diabetes Ireland will deliver the April talk. Diabetes Ireland is the national charity dedicated to helping people with diabetes. These monthly talks are FREE OF CHARGE and are open to everyone. They take place from 11am - 12noon in the HSE Saint Frances Day Centre which is located on Rathealy Road. Please contact Jacinta McCormack, Community Health Worker on 085 8742320 if you require further information.

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Mulberry Montessori Pre-school, Mulberry, MitchelstownECCE places available. Open Day Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10 to 1pm. Also taking bookings for:Summer Camp, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2018(Ages 3 to 6 years). For further information contact:Mella (025) 85823Email: mulberrymontessori@gmail.com

**St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. All Night Vigil for the protection of the unborn. Begins with a holy hour at 8.30pm. Silence interspersed with prayers until Midnight. Those wishing to keep vigil beyond midnight will be asked to remain in the Priory until 5.30am. All Welcome.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April:** Day of Recollection based on the spirituality of the Servant of God Marie Adele Garnier. Theme-The Paschal Mystery. 9.00am until 3.30pm. Lunch Provided. Admission: Donations only. Overnight accommodation available.

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**Announcing - C.B.S. Primary 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**In 1948, the corner stone for the building of the current Primary School was laid. Now in 2018 - 70 years later, a new project is set to begin, with the purchase of "O'Callaghan's Field" - adjacent to the school. This will more than double the available land and provides great opportunity.

To mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the school is hosting - An Irish Birthday Tea Party. At Mitchelstown Leisure Centre (by kind permission). On Friday, 1st June. At 8.00pm. All proceeds of the Evening to C.B.S. Primary Field Development Fund. Format of Evening - Tables of 10, each hosted by a Co-ordinator who will - •Find nine friends to join him / her to make up the table @ €25 per person, •Arrange / delegate provision of dessert for the table, •Arrange/delegate settings for table - cutlery, cups, plates, teapots, etc. If you would like to Co-ordinate a table for your friends / family, contact C.B.S. Primary (025) 24505 or text to (087) 1738311, on or before Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. Even at this stage, there is huge interest - so get your name in early, to avoid disappointment. Looks set to be a great night! Invited Guests are the group who first entered CBS Primary when the school was built. - (see photograph on the Avondhu this week). If you have contact for any of these, please let the school know, that invitations can be issued. On the same weekend there will also be a Fundraising Golf Classic, Thursday, 31st May, and Friday, 1st June, 2018. Supporters can sponsor a tee (A4 size -€50, A3 size - €100), provide a team of 3 @ €150 per team or go as an individual golfer (can be paired) €50. For further information, please contact the school on (025) 24505, text to (087) 1738311, e-mail to **r.mcmahon@cbspmitchelstown.com** or check the schools website www.cbspmitchelstown.com.

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NCBI Charity Shops nationwide help to fund services for people who are blind or vision impaired. As a not for profit organisation all monies raised in our shops goes direct to help fund these services. We rely heavily on volunteers and are urgently seeking volunteers for our Mitchelstown shop. We would welcome all help .Every hour you can volunteer is much appreciated and helps directly fund these life changing services. You can also learn new skills and meet new people. If you can spare any time please contact Pauleen on 087 7083871 or <a href="mailto:shopvolunteer@ncbi.ie">shopvolunteer@ncbi.ie</a>. Our shop is located at: The Square, Mitchelstown. Thank you

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RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of;
Kevin Barry, James Street.
Mary Roche (née Walsh), Gurteenaboul.
Sarah O'Grady, Georges Street.

Who died recently. May They Rest In Peace