CLERGY:

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 $\textbf{N.B. - NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:} \ \underline{\textbf{mitchelstownparishofficechurch@gmail.com}}$

DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.
Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

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Also on Facebook - Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

MASSES DURING THE WEEK: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS: Thursday & Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

<u>EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:</u> Thursday evening **8.00pm** – **9.00pm**, with Special Prayers for the Country and the Election of a Government and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

<u>CLOYNE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:</u> The Annual Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on <u>Sunday May 8th</u>. A bus will leave Mitchelstown Town Square at **7.15am**. Names to be given to Pat McEvoy or Parish Office: Cost €20.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank Team "D". Team "A" take over next weekend.

<u>CHURCH DOOR COLLECTORS FOR MAY</u>: We thank those who collected during April. The Collectors for May take over next weekend. They are;

Vigil: Bridget Sherlock, Jimmy Walsh &.Martin Cahill

8.30am: John Seymour, Michael Kilkenny, Niall Egan & Con Hogan. 10.30am: Liam Roche, Mike Condon, Declan Casey & Seamus Mannix.

12 noon: William Ahern, Tom Lucey & tom O'Brien.

7.30pm: Mike Boland, Seanie Chamberlain & Brian Neville.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE: Pope Francis has asked all Parishes throughout Europe to take up a Special Collection today for the suffering and displaced people of the Ukraine, following the recent war. This collection will be taken up today after Holy Communion, any help you can give will be appreciated.

As next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of May, The Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection will be taken up at all Masses.

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Amoris Laetitae:

The above is the Latin title of the recent letter of Pope Francis, concerning the family. The meaning of these words is the "Joy of Love". The formulation of the Pope's Letter followed consultation throughout the Church and the world and two Synod of Bishops. Until we read the document, we rely on reports and commentaries of the media and other individuals who have read it. It is important that we all read it respectfully ourselves and be guided by its full message.

Let us all continue to pray for and support our families in a difficult and challenging world. May the Lord Jesus strengthen unity in our families and help us through our difficulties and problems.

Permanent Diaconate: Two weeks ago we carried some information on the role and work of Permanent Deacons. A number of men are training at present for the Permanent Diaconate for work in our Diocese of Cloyne. To explain further this role, John Taffe, a Permanent Deacon, working at present in the Diocese of Armagh will speak at a number of Masses next weekend, the **30th of April and the 1st of May.** John and his wife, Joan will stay in the Parish for the weekend. We extend a warm welcome to them and look forward to learning more about the role of Permanent Deacon in the Church today.

May – The Month of Our Lady: We encourage you all to renew the family Rosary for the month of May and to continue the tradition of the May Altar in honour of Our Lady in your homes and schools. As next Sunday is May 1st, there will be Rosary at the Grotto on Cahir Hill at 3.00pm. Throughout the month of May, Rosary at the Grotto each evening at 8.00pm, except Thursdays it will be at 7.30pm.

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady: As Catholics, images and statues are reminders to us of God's presence and love. We don't worship statues, but we hold them and place them in our homes and in other buildings, to remind us that the living God is with us. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available for visitation to the homes of the parish. If you would like to have the statue for a week, contact the Parish Office, the Sacristy or a Legion of Mary Member.

Day of Prayer and Reflection: Cloyne Diocesan Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, Mallow, Saturday, 14^{th} May. Eucharistic Adoration in the Year of Mercy. Holy Mass at 10am-St. Mary's Church, Mallow. Followed by Morning & Afternoon Talks and Discussion & Holy Hour at the Mercy Centre, Mallow, Concluding at 4.30pm. All welcome – especially those involved with Eucharistic Adoration. Suggested Offering for the day &10. (Please bring a packed lunch). For more information, please contact: Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, Macroom 085-8585308 or Fr. Pat O'Donoghue, Cobh 021-4813601

Mitchelstown Macra Promoting Mental Health Awareness through the Arts: Mitchelstown Macra are delighted to invite you to our initiative to highlight mental health in the rural community. On the 4th May in Corrin Mart Event Centre, Fermoy, a screening on the film "Pilgrim Hill' will take place. The film highlights a very raw and real perspective of rural isolation. It shows the pressures the farmer faces every day, in not alone running a farm, but also the impacts of social isolation. Mitchelstown Macra, with the support of so many others, Corrin Event Centre, Dairygold Cooperative, the IFA, Avondhu Macra and the Macra Rural Youth Committee have joined forces with two mental health charities, First Fortnight and SeeChange. The month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month and we would like to extend an invitation to everyone from all corners of our communities to come watch this film together. Refreshments on the night and key guest speakers. Everyone is welcome so feel free to invite friends and family - free entry for all doors open at 7.15pm.

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Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2nd, 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th & 30th of May. Booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

Kilshanna Music Art and Drama Studio are holding their Annual Festival in the Firgrove Hotel on Saturday, 30th April and Sunday, 1st May from 10am to 5pm on both days. Entry Fee €5. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a wide variety of Acts on show, covering everything from Piano to singing and plenty in between. So for a musical filled day, why not come along either day or both, to enjoy our local talent.

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Pieta House, the centre for the prevention of self-harm or suicide opened its doors a decade ago. In the intervening years we have seen and helped over 20,000 people in suicidal distress or engaging in self-harm. From humble beginnings, Pieta House has grown to almost 180 therapists and administration staff, and the demand for our service hasn't let up. To that end, in 2015 alone, in excess of 5,000 people came through our doors suffering from suicidal ideation or engaging in self-harm. As it has been from day one, everything is free of charge and our staff are fully qualified and provide a professional one-to-one therapeutic service for people who are experiencing suicidal ideation, people who have attempted suicide and people who are engaging in self-harm. A doctor's referral or a psychiatric report is not required. As 90% of our income comes from fundraising events, we rely heavily on the support and encouragement of our volunteers and friends of Pieta. Our flagship fundraiser, the phenomenon that is Darkness Into Light, an event that is almost entirely organised by our amazing volunteers continues to go from strength to strength, on May 7th it will celebrate its eighth birthday. Well over a quarter of a million have woken in the small hours of the morning and taken part in Darkness Into Light to date, and this year it will touch the lives of thousands upon thousands in 100 plus venues across Ireland and internationally. We are based in Highfield Lawn, Model Farm Road, Bishopstown, Cork. Tel: 021-4341400. Website: www.pieta.ie E-mail: mary@pieta.ie

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Mitchelstown Flower and Garden Club evening Garden outing to Carmel's Garden Centre Kilworth on **Thursday 28**th of **April** leaving New Square at 6.30 sharp everyone welcome.

Invitation - Shapers (Molan's Hair Salon), 4 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, are hosting an **ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY, Monday, 2nd May, 2pm to 6pm.** Everyone most welcome. Please come and support this worthy cause.

Safe Talk – **Suicide prevention talk:** Safe Talk is an evening's training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them, will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities.

The Safe Talk takes place on **Thursday, May 5th, 7 to 10pm.** Whilst this training is suitable for everyone who wants to help prevent suicide and is prepared to become suicide alert, it is not suited to someone who may be recently bereaved by suicide. The training is provided free by the HSE. One must first submit an application form that is available from Ballyhoura Development Ltd, Baldwin Street or email <u>sallen@ballyhoura.org</u> or Tel: 025 85213.

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Galtee Runners A.C. – READY, STEADY, GO.... BALLYGIBLIN 5K ROAD RACE: Friday, April 29th at 7.30pm. Entry €10. ◆Run-Jog-Walk. ◆All Categories Welcome. ◆Out & Back Route. ◆Refreshments afterwards. See Galtee Runners Facebook page for more details. AAI Permit Granted. Registration at Ballygiblin (Old School) from 6pm on April 29th. Race starts at 7.30pm SHARP. All proceeds to the Ballygiblin GAA Grounds Walkway-Trail Fund.

Month of May – Month of Mary:

Rosary at Grotto: Throughout the month of May, a group will lead the recitation of the Rosary **every evening** at the Grotto of Our Lady, Cahir Hill, at **8.00pm**, except on **Thursdays**, when it will be at the earlier time of **7.30pm**. All welcome

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URENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND: A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish Secretary on 025 / 84062, *Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon* and she will reissue one for you. 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. Please complete, and return forms, in the stamped addressed envelope sent to you, no later than Wednesday, 11th May. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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Months Mind Mass: The Months Mind Mass for the late Patrick Coughlan, Skeheen, will take place in the Parish Church, on Thursday Evening next, at 7.30pm.

Mitchelstown Faith Camp:

This year's Faith Camp will run from Monday July 18th to Thursday July 21st in the Town Hall. Application forms are available from the Parish Office (025) 84062, office hours 9am to 12noon Monday to Friday.