CLERGY:

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

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12pm

Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week;

• Novena to St. Fanahan concludes: Rosary at the Well today at 3.00pm.

• First Sunday of Advent: Next Sunday is 1st Sunday of Advent and the beginning of preparation for Christmas.

- •St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection: This collection will be taken up at all Masses thisweekend. Due to the present demands on the Association your support would be greatly appreciated. We thank all the Volunteers for their incredible work during the year and for the continuous support of you, the general public.
- First Saturday Devotions: Next Saturday after 10.00am Mass in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.
- \bullet Next Sunday is the $1^{\rm st}$ Sunday and the Diocesan Religious Purposes collection will be taken up.

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
Saturday morning: 10.00am only

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 **8.00pm to 9.00pm** with prayers for the Holy Souls and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: 6.00pm.

Confessions after Mass on the First Saturday of the Month

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day:10.00am.

Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

Mitchelstown Concern Branchheld their 21^{st} 12 hour Annual Fast on Friday. Sincere thanks to all who contributed and to the many collectors who helped at the various points. A total of $\mathfrak{S}3,262$ was raised.

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Red Wednesday November 28th

The Aid to the Church in Need carried a staggering advertisement in a recent edition of the Irish Catholic (November 1st), giving the worldwide statistics on the persecution of Christians throughout the world. Here is the list given:

- Christians suffer the most discrimination, persecution and violence of all groups in the world, very often at the hands of State authorities.
- 80% of all acts of religious discrimination worldwide are inflicted on Christians, even though Christians only make up 33% of the global population.
- 100,000 Christians per year are martyred because of their faith, including thousands of babies and young children.
- 200 million Christians around the world live under extreme persecution, where receiving the Sacraments, attending Mass or wearing a crucifix is a crime punishable by death.

The Aid to the Church in Need is asking all of us to make a stand for faith and freedom on next **Wednesday**, **November 28**th, which they have deemed "**Red Wednesday**", encouraging all of us to Wear Red – Light Red. The purpose of this promotion is to awaken all of us to the persecution inflicted upon us, but most especially, to remember those who give their blood for Christ and suffer torture for Him every day.

We encourage you to remember this day by wearing red or show a symbol of Red in your homes or businesses.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: after the 11.30am Mass this Sunday in the Parish Church, concluding with prayers to Christ the King and Benediction at 7.15pm before the Evening Mass. We encourage you and your family, to come and make a special visit to the Church today. Perpetual Adoration will resume after the Evening Devotions.

Christmas Mission 2018 - "I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy!": Join the Parish as we prepare our hearts this Advent for the coming of Jesus! Upcoming Event: A Special Vigil and Holy Hour in Honour of Our Blessed Mother in the Main Church, 7th December from 8:15pm-9:15pm. Music, prayers and reflection led by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother.

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes& Shoes Collection in Ballygiblin N.S. Tuesday, 4th& Wednesday, 5th December. *No mobile phones*. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Hail Holy Queen Conference: brought to you by Totus Tuus Magazine on **Saturday**, **December 8**th **from 9.30am-3.30pm in the Town Hall, Mitchelstown**. Mass and Confession on the day. Speakers: Fr. Eamonn McCarthy (Radio Maria), Fr. John Mockler, Dr. Gill Doherty, Fr. John Walsh and Canon Michael Fitzgerald. Donation only event.

GET UP AND GO CLUBA.R.A. Thomas Street, Mitchelstown. Meeting every **Tuesday, in the Town Hall from 2pm to 4pm.Thursday, 6th December:** Sale – Coffee/Tea/Bring & Buy morning in Town Hall at 10.30am, a fundraiser for the Club. Bring a friend and chat. **A.G.M. on Tuesday, 4th December from 2pm – 4pm.**For more details contact Diane 087-1478030 or Mai 087-6283266.

Demonstrator on the night is Eileen O'Brien. Everybody welcome.

Family Tracing Exhibition - Mitchelstown Library starts on December 1st. How to start your trace family tree, Forensic location of lost ancestors and living cousins, homesteads, graveyards, wills, heirs, citizenship, DNA tests, civil & church records, stories / past times. "Who do you think you are" via Irish Family Search 087.3589734

Camp Creideamh will run a 1 day Catechism Study Session for Teenagers (age 12 to 18) on Saturday 1st December, 10am to 5.30pm, in Edmund Rice Centre, Midleton. Topics covered will include the Catholic understanding of human sexuality. God's design for relationships and marriage. Body-image and self-image. Navigating the world of dating and relationships. How to be a strong and secure Catholic teenager in a mixed-up world. Mass and Confession included. Hot meal provided. Fee €5. This is a continuation of the summertime series, but newcomers especially welcome. More information: www.campcreideamh.ie/studyday. Please contact Fr. Eamon Roche to book a place 086-9972539.

Christmas Carol Concert will be performed on Sunday 2nd December at 6.30pm at St Michael's Church Blackrock, Cork to raise funds for the Down Syndrome Centre Cork.

Sue Ryder Foundation Shop, Mitchelstown - Volunteers Wanted: Providing secure independent living for the elderly, we are currently seeking new volunteers to join our team. All help is very much welcome and contact 085 856 8996 for more details. In addition, if you are in receipt of job-seekers allowance, you may be eligible to participate in a work activation scheme (contact David: 087 685 9686). Alternatively, if you are actively farming one hectare of land with an active herd and are receiving a qualifying social welfare payment, you may instead be eligible to engage in a Rural Social Scheme (contact Eugene O'Donnell: 061 387044, eodonnell@ballyhoura.org). Both schemes consist of a 19.5hr work week and an increase in your weekly DEASP payment.

DECEMBER 2018: We thank those who collected during November. The Collectors

for December take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Denis Coleman, John Fox, Patrick Manning, 8.30am: Neil Egan, Michael Boland, Con Hogan

11.30am: Seamus Mannix, Tom O'Brien, Seamus Carey, Tom Lucey

7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald, Bridget Sherlock, Brian Neville

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank Team "C".

Team "D" take over next weekend.

Cork Association for Autism will hold our annual Carols by Candlelight event on Friday 7th of December at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church, Lower Glanmire Road, Cork City. Tickets are €15 each. The Cork Association for Autism provide support services to over 300 individuals in Cork affected by Autism. These services include residential, respite, day service, home supports and an Asperger Support Service. Tickets can be purchased through www.corkautism.ie or by email d.murphy@corkautism.ie or by calling 021 453 3642.

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Ballyhoura are offering a new programme for young people between the age of 16-29 who have a disability and would like support around further training and employment. The course will run 2 sessions a week in Mitchelstown from now until July and includes confidence building, driver theory, HACCP, manual handling, work placement, work preparation training and more. This programme is free and will not affect your disability payment or illness benefit. Tel Sadie- Ballyhoura tel:025-85213

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY – The tradition, called Bambinelli Sunday, was begun by Pope John Paul II, to take place on the third Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete Sunday. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Holy Father blesses all the statues and figurines of Baby Jesus held up by the children in the crowd under the Holy Father's window, which the children then take back to their homes to be placed under their Christmas Trees, waiting for Christmas Eve, when the Bambinelli can be placed in the Manger to mark the birth of the Baby Jesus. We invite the children of the Parish to bring their Baby Jesus to Mass on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, 16th December. After Mass we suggest that the Baby Jesus is wrapped up and placed under the Christmas Tree and on Christmas Day the youngest member of the Family places the Baby in the Crib.

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Fermoy Community Health Worker Jacinta McCormack continues to host **FREE Monthly Health & Well-Being Information Talks** on a wide and varied range of topics. Next**Thursday 29th November** the talk will be given by Conor Gately, Fermoy Community Garda. This talk will take place from 11am – 12noon in the HSE Saint Francis Day Centre which is located on Rathealy Road. These monthly talks are FREE and are open to everyone and the focus is on informing and supporting people. For further information contact Jacinta on 085 8742320.

Sat 1st Dec: "A Ray of Hope" for people who for various reasons find celebrating Christmas a challenge. 10am — 12.30pm incl. tea/coffee. Booking required. Nano Nagle Birthplace 022 26411 www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie Sat 8th Dec: "What's all the Fuss about Anyway?": Advent afternoon of prayer and reflection in an atmosphere of silence as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child. A mixture of guided prayer and time for your own reflection. 2pm— 5pm €20 incl. tea/coffee. Booking Required. Nano Nagle Birthplace 022 26411 www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie