## **CLERGY:**

V. Rev. Canon Fitzgerald P.P., V.F. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary P.E., C.C. Rev. Fr. Burke C.C. Parish Office – Patricia Dwane: **12pm**  Phone: 025-84090. Phone: 025-84088. Phone: 025-84077. Phone: 025-84062.**Open 9am-**

# Canon O'Learyis on Sick Call this week; Phone Number: 087 – 2524979

# • PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR EASTER UNTIL MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup>APRIL.

•<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u> today at 3.00pm. As we begin this special week, we invite you and your family to contemplate the sufferings of the Lord.

• <u>WORD OF THANKS</u>: To everybody who helped with Lenten Stations and for Offerings received. **Reminder:** To return Tax Refund letters as soon as possible. •<u>EASTER OFFERINGS</u>: for the priests of the parish will be taken up on Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday morning.

**GOOD FRIDAY KILLACLUIG:** Stations of the Cross at 12.00 noon. **GOOD FRIDAY BALLYGIBLIN:** Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm. This will be the only Holy Week Ceremony in Killacluig and Ballygiblin this year, Masses on Easter Sunday in both Churches, as usual.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

In Ballygiblin after 9.30amMass today, Palm Sunday In Killacluig after 10.30am Mass today, Palm 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
<u>FIRST FRIDAYS:</u>	8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.	
Bank Holidays:	11am	
MORNING PRAYER:	Monday – Friday: 8.00am	
ROSARY:	Monday – Saturday: 9.45am	
CONFESSIONS: Saturd	<b>NFESSIONS:</b> 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		
<b>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:</b> Friday at <b>3.00pm</b> . All welcome.		

#### 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, KillacluigMASS TIMES:Sunday & Holy Day:10.30am.First Friday: 6.30pm.CONFESSIONS:First Friday: 6.00pm.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**The Great Week – Holy Week:** For the first time in almost ninety years, public houses (bars) will be allowed to open on Good Friday. In 1927 when this closure was introduced, Catholic Ireland, after persecution and war, was expressing her gratitude to Jesus Christ, who gave up His life to save us. The original Good Friday closure was an expression of faith in Jesus Christ, by a Nation that had suffered much and had endured centuries of persecution rather than deny their Catholic identity. But the recent loss of that faith by many and effects of hostile secular and materialistic attitude pushes expressions of faith aside. The positive side to this antifaith attitude is that all of us who value our faith must make a new heartfelt decision to express our faith and to be clearer on our reasons for our faith. Why is Holy Week so important and so special to us? Because we want to honour the God-Man, Jesus Christ, who suffered and died to save us. If He was prepared to do that for us, we must be prepared to stop our normal activities and as a Community to come together to honour Him. WE will begin with Mass on Holy Thursday Evening. We give thanks for the gifts of the Eucharist. On Good Friday we will honour the death of the Lord and we will make the Stations of The Cross. On Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and profess our faith in eternal life.

Let's express our faith anew this coming week and rejoice in the wonderful gift that our faith is. We say to you O secular world: "We will not give up our faith to you": May Jesus Christ be praised!

**Great News: Pope Francis to visit Ireland**: Pope Francis confirmed this week that he will visit Ireland on the  $25^{th}$  &  $26^{th}$  August next, during the World Meeting of Families. Many of us remember the visit of Pope John Paul II in 1979, 39 years ago. His visit was preceded by a lot of prayer and brought the country to a standstill for three days, September  $29^{th}$  &  $30^{th}$  and October  $1^{st}$  1979. There may be less numbers attending this visit, but he will be met by a more mature and purified faith. In the last 39 years our Catholic faith has been tested life never before. We are Catholics who love Jesus Christ and forgive those who have failed in the past. The will be an extraordinary event. We expect the usual ranting and negativity from the media, but we will give the Vicar of Christ, the successor of St. Peter a welcome that he will never forget.

**CHANGE IN HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME:** We had hoped to do the Holy Week Ceremonies in all three Churches, but that will not be possible this year. **Killacluig and Ballygiblin Churches will hold the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday onlyat 12noon and 7.30pm**. The other Ceremonies will be held in the Parish Church in Mitchelstown. We exhort the whole Parish to gather in Mitchelstown for the other Ceremonies. Let's express our faith together as a Parish.

**BINGO Special –T.O. Park, Labbamologga, Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>at 9pm** (*to allow for Church Services*). Usual Bingo Cash Prizes. Proceeds of Raffle to the **Maintenance ofMitchelstown Cope Sensory Garden Fund.** Bumper Prizes for Raffle. Refreshments served at interval. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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**IRISH CLAN SEARCH - TO BE AN IRISH CITIZEN:** Grandchildren of an Irish born Citizens are entitled to become an Irish Citizen. Need assistance in tracing the legal documents necessary for Irish Citizenship / Irish Passport Application. 2 hour family history courses at Irish Clan Search @ Aimerslei de Bhosc Mitchelstown . Contact us at 087.3589734

Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm Mitchelstown Walking Story of Famine Sites from Clongibbon Hotel. More details contact Irish Clan Search Seanachai 087.3589734. Cost  $\notin 4/\notin 2$ 

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**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. Amy Murphy from the Alzheimer Society of Ireland will deliver the third session in the series of Health & Well Being Information talks. These Monthly Talks are FREE OF CHARGE and are open to everyone, the next talk will take place on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018** 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.

**Fundraiser for FIONN DOYLE – BINGO NIGHT** at the **Mulberry Tree** on **Saturday**, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30pm. Fab Prizes, Raffle, Live Music. All Welcome. Organised by the Staff of Bunscoil na Toirbhirte.

**C.B.S. Primary Parent Council:** Would like to THANK everybody who supported their recent Fashion Show 2018, at the Firgrove Hotel. Whether you displayed on the night, provided sponsorship, attended, or indeed, gave any other assistance, we really appreciate your efforts. The Committee is sincerely grateful for the unstinting local support of their successive fundraising ventures. All proceeds go directly to improving facilities for the pupils of C.B.S. Primary. Go Raibh míle míle maith agaibh go léir.

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The book "To Care – The Story of St. Joseph's Foundation" will be launched by Joanne O'Riordan (No Limbs, No Limits Star & Disability Rights Activist), in the **Charleville Park Hotel** on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**. **St. Joseph's Foundation** would be delighted if you would join with them in this celebration. All welcome.

### NEWLY BAPTISED:

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED**: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Tim Kent, Ballinamona & Ballyarthur Who died recently.*May He Rest In Peace* 

#### HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES & THE EASTER TRIDUUM: PARISH CHURCH:

### MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:Penitential Rite. 7.30pm.

A visiting Priest will lead the Celebration and a number of Priests will be hearing confession.

# MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:

Masses in Parish Church: 8.30am 10am & 7.30pm Morning Prayer at 8am.

(No evening Mass on Monday 26<sup>that</sup> 7.30 p.m. due to Penitential Rite)

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Chrism Mass in Cobh at 7.30pm. It is hoped that priests & people from every parish in the Diocese attend this Mass. So if you can go, you will be very welcome.

**All Eucharistic Ministers** are asked to be present at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to renew their Commitment. They are asked to line up at the Sanctuary Steps during the Prayers of the Faithful.

<u>Trócaire Boxes</u> can be handed in at the Church Door on Holy Thursday & will be presented at the Offertory of the Mass.

# PARISH CHURCH - HOLY THURSDAY- 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:

## MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE READING AT 10 a.m.

**MASS AT 5 p.m.**: This year's 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion classes will participate in this Mass.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7.30 p.m.: followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose.

ADORATION OF THE LORD at the Altar of Repose until 12 Midnight.

CONDUCTED HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER: 11pm to 12 midnight.

The Perpetual Adoration closes on Wednesday at 7pm & resumes again after the 11.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

# GOOD FRIDAY – 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:

A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE (We are to abstain from eating meat & to fast in honour of the Lord's Suffering).

Good Friday: Morning Prayer & Bible reading at 10 a.m.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION & HOLY COMMUNION:** 3 p.m. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: 7.30 p.m.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS: 9.30 p.m.

The usual collection for the *Christian Shrines in the Holy Land* will be taken up. This is a worthy cause & deserves support.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday & finishes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Special ceremonies in the Church on the day from 2pm to 5pm. (Novena leaflets available at the Churches)

# HOLY SATURDAY – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH:

**Holy Saturday Morning:** Morning Prayer & Bible reading at 10 a.m. **EASTER VIGIL MASS:** 9 p.m. (candles will be provided) **Please note that there will be <u>no</u> 7.30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday Evening.** 

#### CONFESSIONS:

12.00 – 1.00 p.m. 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & after Good Friday Ceremonies 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.