#### **CLERGY:**

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

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Parish Office: Phone: 025-84062. Open 9am-

**12pm** 

# Fr. Burkeis on Sick Call this week;

**Today is World Communications Day** – we offer special prayers for all who work in the Media.

Bank Holiday: Monday is a Bank Holiday Mass at 11.00am only

First Friday Masses as per list below.

First Saturday Devotions in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: After

the 10am Mass next Saturday

## Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

**MASS TIMES:** 

**CONFESSIONS:** 

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: 8.00amROSARY:Monday – Saturday: 9.45amCONFESSIONS:Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

<u>EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:</u> Thursday evening at **8.00pm** – **9.00pm** withReflections from St. Pio, Prayers to the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Healing Blessing. Blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

**<u>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:</u>** Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 9.30 a.m.

First Friday: 7.30 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **7.00pm** 

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day:10.30 a.m.

First Friday: 6.30p.m. First Friday:6.00pm

Feast of Pentecost: Sunday next is Pentecost Sunday. This week is a special time of fast and prayer in honour of the Holy Spirit. Special Pentecost gathering on

this Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. All welcome.

World Meeting of Families 2018: A special collection is being taken up today at all Masses after Holy Communion, to help prepare for this International event.. Your support will be a greatly appreciated.

As next Sunday is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes** collection will be taken up.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**First Holy Communion:** As we come to the last weekend in May, all the boys and girls from 2<sup>nd</sup> class in all four National Schools of the Parish have received their First Holy Communion. We congratulate the boys and girls and their families. We also thank their parents and families for participating in the Parish programme throughout the year. We thank the parents groups for preparing the Masses and we thank Patricia, Úna and Catherine for co-ordinating the children's involvement. Our special thanks to the Class Teachers for their dedication in preparing the children for 1<sup>st</sup> Confession and for their reception of their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. At a time when there is a lot of negative talk about the teaching of the Catholic Faith in our schools, we are very fortunate in this Parish to have such supportive Principals and Class Teachers. The Parish is most grateful to you all. Thanks too to Pat, Mary and John, the Sacristans of the three Churches, who are always so helpful in preparing the Church Ceremonies.

The heart of our Catholic Faith is our belief in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass and the Real Presence of the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. In John's Gospel we have the solemn words of Jesus: "I am the Living Bread, come down from Heaven, anyone who eats this Bread will live forever". At the Last Supper, Jesus asked His followers to celebrate His Sacrifice in memory of Him and to receive His Body and Blood. After the Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost, this is exactly what Jesus followers did and continue to do today, every time Mass is celebrated. This is why the Eucharist is the soul of all Catholic action – "cut off from me, you can do nothing". As priests and people we must centre our lives more and more on the Eucharistic Lord. We encourage parents and grandparents to continue to cultivate in their children and grandchildren a belief and love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and to encourage them to receive Him well and often.

In conclusion these are the words of Jesus to St. Faustina: (Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1937), she had just received Holy Communion "I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object" (Diary, 1385).

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** The Procession will take place on **Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> after 11.30am Mass.** The route is up James's St., George's St., down Church St., onto Upper Cork St., and return to Town Square for Benediction.

**Mass for Exam Students:** The Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council is having Mass for all Exam Students on **Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Before the Mass students will have an opportunity to write their first name on a piece of paper, which will be placed on the Altar during Mass. Parishioners will be invited to take a name and pray for the student throughout the exam period. All are welcome including family and friends.

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St Thérése – The Little Flower" Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. This year's Faith Camp will run from Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496

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Cork and the Somme; Renowned Military Historian and Author, Gerry White, will give a public lecture on the history of The Battle of the Somme, one of bloodiest battles ever. This battle, which involved over 3 million men, on both side, resulted in over 1 million casualties and deaths, defined WWI. It marked forever the survivors, and those who mourned their lost loved ones in Ireland and beyond. Viewed through the involvement of the men from Cork, Gerry's talk will cast light on this battles importance as well as the lives and stories of the Cork men who fought bravely across this front in 1916. Gerry White is a retired member of the Irish Defence Forces, he gave the oration at the Thomas Kent re-internment in Castlelyons last year, he also represented Ireland at the Somme Centenary Commemorations in France in 2016. He is Chairman of the Cork Branch of the Western Front Association. This free public talk is organised by Mitchelstown Heritage Society, held in the Town Hall, next Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm, all are welcome. Refreshments served afterwards.

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**Killacluig Choir:** New members always welcome. Meet us after 10.30am Mass any Sunday. There will be Choir today, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Choir Contact: Caitriona Fox 0863760487. Musicians & singers always welcome.

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Camp Creideamh Faith Camps for teenagers will take place again in Knockadoon (East Cork) over the dates 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June (Boys Camp) and 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June (Girls Camp). For those who are Post-Primary school age. Activities will include catechesis, prayer, sports, hillwalking, kayaking, swimming, music, arts and crafts and other activities. For booking go to website: <a href="www.campcreideamh.ie">www.campcreideamh.ie</a>. For more info ring Fr Eamon Roche on 086 9972539.

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"COME AND SEE" Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. For young women interested in finding out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork. Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

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**Kate's Montessori Preschool**: enrolments are now being taken for September 2018 for children from two and a half years. Free places on the E.C.C.E. Scheme for children from 3 years. Highly skilled staff trained to meet each child's individual needs. Large outdoor area and newly extended classroom.

**Summer camp** on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of July from 9.30am to 1.30pm Contact Hannah Kate Finn for all enquiries on 086-8237272.

Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes Collection in Ballygiblin N.S. Tuesday30<sup>th</sup>May from 6pm to 8pm & Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>May from 9am to 10am. *No mobile phones*. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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<u>Bus to Knock:</u> Leaving the Town Square on **Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.15am**for the **All Ireland Rosary Rally.**Fr. Thady Doyle is the Homilist (Curates Diary).Namesto Pat McEvoy, Sacristan or Patricia in the Parish Office.

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**Prospective candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Cloyne** should make initial contact with Fr Bill Bermingham, Diocesan Director, or Fr Joseph O'Mahony, Assistant Director, by 31<sup>st</sup> May. The application process must be concluded by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Contact

details: billbermingham@icloud.com or josephomahony1@eircom.net.

<u>CHURCH DOOR COLLECTORS FOR JUNE 2017:</u> We thank those who collected during May. The Collectors for June take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Denis Coleman, John Fox, Patrick Manning, Jimmy Walsh

8.30am: Neil Egan, Mike 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 "A".

Team "B" take over next weekend.

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**URENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND:** Some **TAX FORMS** still outstanding, please returns soon as possible, regardless of whether or not you want the Parish to avail of the refund. If you have any queries, please contact Patricia the Parish Secretary on 025 / 84062, *Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon.* 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. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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Come home to the love of God's Family on Lough Derg: You may begin your Three Day Pilgrimage on any day from 1<sup>st</sup> June until 13<sup>th</sup> August.No need to book. Daily boats to the Island from 10.30am until 3:00pm, 7 days per week. There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link upwith Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518. (from NI 00 35371

9861518)Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –

Margaret (Peggy) Mee (née) Bermingham, BallinwillinMichael Roche,

Clonmel Road

Who died recently.

May TheyRest In Peace