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

Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week; Phone Number: 087 – 2524979

•First Friday Masses as per list below.

• First Saturday Devotions: In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary after 10.00am Mass next Saturday.

•Bus to Knock: On Sunday May 13th. Names to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

•Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday, the **Diocesan Religious Purposes collection** will be taken up

• CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: The Procession will take place on Sunday, June 3rd. A meeting to organise the Procession will be held on Tuesday week, May 8th at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Sacristy. All helpers to attend please.

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.

<u>EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:</u> Thursday evening at **8.00pm** – **9.00pm** with Special Prayers for the Country, Reflections on St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

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.**

• MAY 2018: We thank those who collected during April. The Collectors for May take over next weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock,

8.30am: Con Hogan, John Seymour, Neil Egan, Michael Boland 11.30am: Liam Roche, Declan Casey, Seamus Mannix, Tom O'Brien

7.30pm: Brian Neville, Seanie Chamberlain, Tom Lucey.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank Team

"D". Team "A" take over next weekend.

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First Holy Communion: The 2nd Class children from Glenahulla National School, will receive Jesus, <u>truly</u> present in the Eucharist, this Sunday at 10.30am Mass in Killacluig. The children have been preparing for this day since last September, supported by their parents and families, teachers and the parish community. Jesus left us the gift of Himself in Holy Communion. He said: "I am the living bread come down from Heaven, anyone who eats this bread will live forever". Through the consecration of the Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is not just holy bread or a symbol, but the true and living person of Jesus, under the appearance of bread. This is the heart of the Catholic faith and it is important that the Sacrament be received with faith and devotion. Holy Communion and Sunday Mass keep us close to Jesus and remind us of His great promise of Eternal Life. May God bless the boys and girls today and bring them one day to His glorious Kingdom.

Forty Hours of Adoration for Life:

On **Thursday week, May 10th** the Parish will hold a Solemn period of Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration, for the protection of unborn life, in our Country. **This Solemn period of Prayer, will begin with Mass at 7.30pm, on the Thursday evening and end with Mass on Saturday evening, May 12th. The Blessed Eucharist will be exposed on the Main Altar of the Parish Church and will be continuous throughout the night and the day. Each Station area will be assigned an hour and the list will be available at the weekend Masses next week. We ask you to check the list and pass the time of your area to your neighbours and friends. Our Country is facing a major and critical decision in the Referendum on May 25th. We are asking all people of faith to make a very special effort to pray for our Country at this time. The Main Celebrant of the opening Mass on the Thursday Evening will be Fr. Marius O'Reilly from Cork.**

Lough Derg 2018: Season opens for One Day Retreats on Saturday 5thMay. Retreats continue on May 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 20, 22, 26, 27 & 28.Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or e-mail: info@loughderg.orgWhy not take some time and space for yourself on Lough Derg this May? (Three Day Pilgrimage Season begins on Friday 1st June.)

The Spring Fair in aid of St. Joseph's Foundation, Charleville, takes place today, Sunday, 29th April at Baker's Road, Charleville. Commencing at 1.30pm. Great Family Day out assured. Your support would be much appreciated.

For the Protection of Human Life from Conception to Natural Death: Legion of Mary Holy Hour in Parish Church, every Monday for 4 weeks, beginning on next Monday, 30th April to Monday, 21st May. Please join us from 7 – 8pm. All are welcome.

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Living with TYPE 2 DIABETES? – Let us help. For adults diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes you can now register for our free course (one 2.5 hour session per week for 6 sessions) which will run in Mitchelstown starting on **15**th **May**. This course is run by HSE Community Dietitians". Please ring Anne Marie on 086 7871885 to book your place.

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Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance: Joe Cooke Band & Jimmy O'Donoghue and his Band. Firgrove Hotel, Sunday, 6th 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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Shapers (Molan's Hair Salon), 4 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, are hosting a **DRAW**on **ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY**, **Thursday**, 3rd 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 20th June:leaving the Mart, Mitchelstown at 9am, going touring for the day. Cost €75, incl. tea/scones, dinner. Guided tours to all venues. Deposit of €30 to be paid in full by 5th June, deposit non-refundable. Book early. **Bus Tour to Edinburgh 27th – 31st August**, leaving Mitchelstown at 8.30am to Belfast. 5 Days / 4 Nights Dinner, B & B included, cost €730, deposit €100 non-refundable to secure place. Booking now being taken, closing date 31st May. Contact Diane 087-1478030 or Mai 087-6283266.

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Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 19th - 27th December 2018. Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, Rover Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or 086-0572216, payments can be made in instalments.

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Powerful Catholic Bible Study and Healing: Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic Lay Preacher will lead a day of Bible meditation, prayer and healing through scripture in **Mitchelstown Town Hall on Saturday, 5th May from 11.00am to 6.00pm**. He will share his profound insights into the Bible, unveiling the power of the word of God. Experience the healing and freeing power of the Lord's word in your life. Please bring a Bible and notebook for taking notes. All are welcome. Contact: Catherine 087-7727496

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Forty Hours' Adoration for Life, in Mitchelstown Parish Church, Thursday 10th May to Saturday 12th May. Beginning with 7.30pm Mass on Thursday, 10th May, with Fr. Marius O'Reilly from Cork Diocese. Concluding with 7.30pm Mass Saturday, 12th May.

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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 23rd to Thursday July 26th in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496

May – The Month dedicated to Mary, the Holy Mother of Jesus: We invite you and the members of your family, to come together, to ask the help and intercession of Our Lady, the protection of all life from Conception to Natural death. Let us all renew our love for Our Lady during the month of May and pray especially to her. We encourage all families and schools to make a special Altar to Our Lady, during the month of May. Throughout the month, the Rosary will also be recited at theGrotto on Cahir Hilleach evening at 8.00pm (except on Thursdays, due to the Holy Hour, it will be on at 7.30pm).

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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 shopvolunteer@ncbi.ie. Our shop is located at: The Square, Mitchelstown. Thank you

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A Day of Reflection at Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Mallow on Wednesday 30th May from 10am – 4pm. Led by Fr. Jim Cogley, a psychotherapist and wood turner with nearly 40 years' experience of healing; *Journey of Transformation*, the past that is unacknowledged can still influence the present. Bookings to 022-26411 or e-mail: secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie

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BALLYHOURA Walking FESTIVAL invite to Mitchelstown Romantic Singles Nite Walk Saturday May 5th at Mitchelstown Leisure Centre. Register at 8 pm.

8pm IRISH CLAN SEARCH EXHIBITION

8.30pm HURLING SCHEMOZZLE HEROES

9.00pm NITE CULTURE WALK (2 hours) ~ stories of Ancient East, Refreshments at John Mandeville. Adult €10 OAP / Student €5 Children U12 Free.

Culturally Curious can attend 2 HOUR "SIMPLY TRACING" CLASSES each Monday 11am / 7pm. Book 087.3589734

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Agri Aware is holding a National Open Farm Day on the Bank Holiday Monday 7th May from 11am to 4pm on John and Ann Coughlan's farm Ballyellis, Buttevant, Eircode P51P780. This is a free family day out on a working farm,full of activities from cookery demonstrations, heritage exhibitions, nature trails and much more.

NEWLY BAPTISED:

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: Riley O'Grady, Daisy Frater

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of;

Tom Daly, Skeheen
Laurence Burke, Glenduff
Who died recently. May They Rest In Peace