#### **CLERGY:**

V. Rev. Canon Fitzgerald P.P., V.F. 025-84090. Rev. Fr. Burke C.C. 025-84077. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary P.E., C.C. 025-84088. Parish Office – Patricia Dwane: 025-84062.

Parish Office: Open 9am-12pm

Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week; Phone Number: 087 – 2524979
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<u>DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY</u>

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

Parish Website: <a href="https://www.mitchelstownparish.ie">www.mitchelstownparish.ie</a> E-mail address for Parish Pastoral Council is <a href="mitchelstownppc@gmail.com">mitchelstownppc@gmail.com</a>

- •Today is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. Divine Mercy Devotions 2.00pm 5.00pm in the Parish Church. Priests available for Confession. Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet, Adoration and Mass. Fr. Joe Malone S.J. Limerick, will be Main Celebrant of the Mass.
- Legion of Mary Acies: Mass on Monday Evening at 7.30pm. Auxiliary members and all are welcome.
- <u>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION</u>: Bishop William Crean will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on <u>Wednesday next at 11.00am</u>. All candidates are asked to be in their places at 10.45am. Parking in Church yard for Special Needs Only. Please pray for all those receiving the Sacrament. **No 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.**
- <u>Confessions:</u> For Confirmation children and their families on Tuesday Evening 7.00pm to 8.00pm.
- Word of Thanks: We, the priests of the parish, would like to thank you for your Easter offerings and for your generosity to all Church collections, may God reward you.
- TRÓCAIRE BOXES: All remaining Trócaire offerings should be handed in as soon as possible.
- Nomination Forms to Pastoral Council: All forms to be handed in at Masses next weekend.

**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 anointing of the sick, prayers for healing and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

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.** 

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Feast of Mercy** – **A Gift For Our Time:** This weekend we celebrate the FEAST OF MERCY. Jesus revealed His will for this Feast through His humble instrument St. Faustina. This Feast was approved by St. John Paul II. On one occasion the suffering Jesus appeared to her and said: "Souls perish in spite of my bitter passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation: this is the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My Mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My Mercy, write, tell souls about this great Mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My Justice, is near". (965 Diary).

**Nomination Forms:** The three year term of the Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council is coming to an end this summer. You all received a nomination form with your Easter envelope. It is very important for the faith life of the Parish, that you nominate someone to the Council for the coming three year term. Please give this important matter prayerful consideration this week and bring your nomination form to Mass next weekend, boxes will be provided at all Church entrances.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** The Sacrament of Confirmation is received once in a lifetime. The ordinary minister of Confirmation is a Bishop. Bishop Crean will administer the Sacrament **next Wednesday in the Parish Church at 11.00am Mass.** Please pray for the Candidates and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at this important time.

## Do you know where Pope Francis gets his cheerfulness from?

In a book-interview "God is Young," the Holy Father reveals the prayer he's been reciting for 40 years to not be taken too seriously and maintain a touch of humour.

Along with Pope Francis, humour and cheerfulness have entered the Vatican walls, shaking up the habits of the Holy See, used to a little more formality. His secret: his simplicity and a good dose of humour, allowing him to live harmoniously with himself and others — all sprinkled with much kindness and heaps of smiles.

"If one doesn't have a sense of humour, it's very difficult to be happy," highlights Francis in the new book-interview *God is Young*, released March 21, 2018. In his conversations with the Italian journalist, Thomas Leoncini, he describes a sense of humour as a quality which should never be lacking in a Christian "because it's linked to the capacity to enjoy life, to be enthusiastic."

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Do you know where Pope Francis gets his cheerfulness from?

Humour, he says, is "like the water that springs sparkling naturally from the source; there is something more: one perceives life, movement," and "Life is too important to be taken seriously." So as not to risk being taken too seriously, for the last 40 years the Pope himself admits to reciting "The Prayer for Good Humour" by Saint Thomas More (1478-1535), a joyful and cheerful man, faced with the most serious of subjects.

Here is the prayer that the Pope suggests to the young at the end of the book: "Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good doesn't frighten easily at the sight of that but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I." O Lord, sense of good Grant humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others."

St. Thomas More (1478-1535).

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North Cork Local Mental Health forum meeting will be held in the Fermoy Resource Centre, 42 McCurtain Street on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 from 7 - 9pm. These forums provide a space and opportunity for people to voice their experiences and present their views to improve outcomes for all. Your local mental health forum is for all who have experienced HSE Mental health services in the forum's locality and all those friends, carers and family members who support them. The meetings are open and are held monthly.

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Singing for the Brain is an open session which provides a unique opportunity for people to come together and enjoy music and socialise with others in the community. Participants benefit greatly from the wellness aspects of singing, such as reduced stress and improved mood. No musical experience is necessary. Singing for the Brain takes place on Wednesday afternoon at the HSE Saint Francis Day Centre, Rathealy Road from 2.30 - 4pm. Contact Jacinta McCormack on 085 8742320 for further information.

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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.

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**Knock & Lough Derg**: 3 Day trip with Cormac O'Connor Coach Tours. 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May. €265 per person sharing. Single Supplement applies. For bookings or enquiries contact 023-8849196 or 087-6167835. Email cormac@oconnorbushire.com

Adult Faith Formation in our Diocese:The Catechism of the Catholic Church Adult Studies will host a Reflection and Renewal Day at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on 20<sup>th</sup>& 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 (same programme delivered each day to facilitate attendance for people's various circumstances) led by Dr Petroc Willey, Professor of Catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville. The Diocese of Cloyne has been very active in this apostolate which brings many graces and blessings with it. The Bishop of Cloyne, Bishop William Crean will be present on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> to support the mission of Adult Faith Formation in Ireland today. For more information and booking forms, see upcoming events on the Diocese of Cloyne website. www.cloynediocese.ie Booking required. Cost €25 (Students and Seminarians €15). For any further queries, contact Fr Seán Corkery on (086) 2420240 or at cloynenewevangelisation@gmail.com

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Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance: Joe Cooke Band & Jimmy O'Donoghue and his Band. Firgrove Hotel, Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup>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'

<u>APRIL 2018</u>: We thank those who collected during March. The Collectors for April took over last weekend.

Vigil 7.30pm: Pat Manning, Seamus Carey, Bridget Sherlock, Tom Lucey 8.30am: Con Hogan, Kitty Mulqueen, Neil Egan, Michael Boland Ger Brennan, Willie Ahern, Seamus Mannix, Tom O'Brien

7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald, Mary Ryall

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank Team "C". Team "D" took over last weekend.

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**Pioneer Magazine** is published monthly and is full of interesting and informative articles and features. If you would like to get a copy each month, please contact any Council Member. Price per copy  $\in 1.55$ .

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 1.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.

### NEWLY BAPTISED:

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: Aidan O'Brien

RECENTLY DECEASED: The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of Neddy Kirby, 1 Church Street

Who died recently.

May He Rest In Peace