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**For your information:**

- All Anniversary/Months Mind Masses and Weddings must be booked directly with one of the Priests of the Parish; they are not booked through the Parish Office.
- All Baptisms must be booked directly with Tricia in the Parish Office.
- Signed Mass Cards for all occasions are on sale in the Parish Office.

**Rosary at the Grotto.** For the month of May, Our Lady's month, there will be Rosary every evening at 7.15pm at the Grotto in Cahir Hill, Mitchelstown. All are welcome.

**AWBEG RECREATION COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME  
MITCHELSTOWN**

We are recruiting for the following Vacancies:-

- **CARETAKER TOWN HALL, MITCHELSTOWN**
- **CARETAKER MITCHELSTOWN LEISURE CENTRE**
- **CARETAKER – PARK UNITED SOCCER CLUB X 2 POSITIONS**
- **YOUTH WORKER ASSISTANT, MITCHELSTOWN CDYS PROJECT**
- **BUS DRIVER/GENERAL WORKER, DAY CARE CENTRE**
- **RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATOR – ST GEORGES ARTS & HERITAGE CENTRE**
- **CARETAKER – ST GEORGES ARTS & HERITAGE CENTRE**

Applicants must meet with Department of Social Protection Community Employment criteria. For further information please contact Kathleen Johnson on (087) 4458582 or email [kathleenjohnson@awbegfuncheonrecreationce.ie](mailto:kathleenjohnson@awbegfuncheonrecreationce.ie)

**The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023** will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th from 2pm. Speakers include Siobhán Dunnece, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins. You can follow the conference by: 1. Going online at [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie). 2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet. 3. Listen live via Facebook. 4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live 5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**Thought for the Day**

In traffic, you pay particular care to the vehicle in front. While manoeuvres taking place behind and beside you matter, ultimately it is what is before you that counts – as many rear-ending drivers have found out to their cost. In a convoy, it can be strangely comforting to have another to lead you, alerting you to as yet unseen hazards.

A little bit like the shepherds Jesus compared himself with, who slept at the gate of the sheepfold. Anyone or anything that sought after the flock, had to go through the shepherd to the sheep behind.

On the deeper kind of journey, we have a God who journeys with his people, leaning forward into the journey. God is in our tomorrows, as much as the oriental shepherd walked ahead of his sheep. And it is our tomorrows that fill people with fear. Yet God is already there:

God is in every tomorrow,  
Therefore I live for today,  
Certain of finding at sunrise,  
Guidance and strength for my way;  
Power for each moment of weakness,  
Hope for each moment of pain,  
Comfort for every sorrow,  
Sunshine and joy after rain.

**Monastic Vocations Weekend** for women discerning religious life, 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May, St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co Cork. Contact Mother Prioress: 0214811354 [cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com](mailto:cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com).

**Legion of Mary - 'Who is She?'**, a daylong Conference for Our Lady takes place May 13<sup>th</sup>. Come to the historic DCU All Hallows' campus for insightful talks, prayer, Mass, good food and great company. What can we learn from early Irish Christian's Marian devotion? And how can we love Jesus as His mother loved Him? To find out, come join us May 13, from 9.30-4.30 in DCU All Hallows, to find out. Cost €30. For more information or to book contact [mariaassumptadublin@gmail.com](mailto:mariaassumptadublin@gmail.com)

**Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage are taking a bus to Knock on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**, leaving Fermoy at 7am sharp. It will stop in Mitchelstown. If anyone is interested in going, Please contact Mary Barry at 087 6374802. Open to everyone. All are welcome.

**Trócaire Boxes** can now be brought to the Church as soon as possible. Many thanks.

**Masses during the week in the Parish Church  
1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

- Bank Holiday Monday: Mass: 11.00am *only*
- Thursday & Friday: Mass: 8.30am
- Tuesday to Saturday: Rosary: 9.30am Mass: 10am
- Thursday: Holy Hour: 8pm
- Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm
- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12.00pm to 1.00pm

**Parish Masses on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Parish Church** – Vigil 7.30pm; 8.30am and 11.30am.

**Killacluig**; – 10.00am.

**Live Streaming may not always be available for all services due to GDPR Regulations.**

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday 1<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

**Mitchelstown Summer Faith Camp will take place** Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 in the Town Hall, Mitchelstown, 10am – 3pm Daily. More details available from the Parish Office.

**Saints Feast Days for the coming Week:**

**St. Joseph the Worker – Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May:** The feast, instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955, proposes the example and intercession of St. Joseph as worker and patron of workers. On this date many countries celebrate the dignity of human labour.

**St. Athanasius - Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** was born in 297 A.D. in Alexandria and died in 373. He was the bishop of Alexandria for 45 years. St. Athanasius was considered the champion of the Council of Nicea in 325. He was a prolific opponent of the Arians who exiled him 5 times.

**St. Philip – Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** came from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was martyred in the first century by dying on the cross at Heirapolis. He is only mentioned in the Gospels with the list of the apostles. St. Philip along with St. James is the Patron Saint of Uruquay.

**St. James, – Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** who died in 62 A.D., was the son of Alphaeus and believed to be a cousin of the Lord. He was believed to be the leader of the Jerusalem Church and has an epistle ascribed to him. St. James was either beaten or stoned to death. This St. James is often referred to as *St James the Less* to distinguish him from the other apostle, St James the Greater, who was called to be an apostle before him.

**St Conleth – Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May:** was thought to be from the Wicklow area. Joined St Brigid's community in Kildare as a Priest. Was venerated as a great Saint. Cogitatus, in his Life of Brigid, refers to him as bishop and abbot of the monks of Kildare. He is buried beside Brigid in the great Church there.

**Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Bl. Edmund Ignatius Rice, 1762-1844, was from Callan, Co. Kilkenny. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to educating the poor. To advance the work he attracted like-minded men, who took religious vows and embarked upon the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patience in suffering; a true lay apostle and deeply committed religious. Edmund was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1996.

O God, we thank you for the life of Blessed Edmund Rice.

He opened his heart to Christ present in those  
who are poor and treated unfairly.

May we follow his example of faith and kindness.

Grant us the courage and care of Blessed Edmund  
as we seek to live our lives showing love and helping others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Some Light Humour** – With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person. Larry La Prise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey" died peacefully aged 83 in 2002. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in – and things just started to go downhill from there!

**The Origin of the Gospels - The Evangelists.** The Jewish memory was extremely retentive. We cannot easily forget repetitive TV adverts because the order of the words is always the same. The same was true of the early Jewish converts.

Once the apostles had grouped the miracles, teaching and parables of Jesus into a set order, their listeners would not easily forget. The words of the apostles would be firmly imprinted in their memory. This helps us to understand the part played by the gospel writers.

They did not write a book in the sense that we speak of a modern author writing a book. They put into writing that which was at first passed on by word of mouth. Their work - and this is their great gift to us - brings us into direct contact with the preaching of the apostles, the official witnesses of the life of Jesus.

**Catholic Grandparents Association** - We are delighted to announce that we have a new monthly podcast called Grandparents' Faith Café which is a companion to our Faith Café meetings. In the latest episode we hear from CGA Founder Catherine Wiley and the CGA's International Ministry Co-ordinator Marilyn Henry about the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. You can find the podcast on Anchor FM and on Spotify. We will also be making it available on Apple and Google podcast platforms. For more see the new podcast page on [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).

**Bro Stephen Buckley from the Pallottine Fathers Missions will be here at all Masses the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, May, to promote their mission work.**