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Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.
Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

E-mail address for Parish Pastoral Council is

Today is world Day of Peace

Monday is a Bank Holiday, Mass at 11.00am only

MASSES FOR REMAINDER OF WEEK: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

<u>The Epiphany of the Lord:</u> Friday is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a HolyDay of obligation. <u>Vigil Mass:</u> Thursday Evening 7.30pm

Masses on Friday the Feast day, the same as Sunday in all three Churches, including Evening Mass in the Parish Church on Friday. It is also the 1st Friday.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: After 10.00am Mass next Saturday.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

<u>A Word of Thanks:</u> The Priests of the Parish wish to thank everybody for the Christmas Offerings received. We are grateful for your support throughout the year.

Envelope System: We thank everybody who used the envelope system of offering this year. As the Tax refund is of great benefit to the Parish, we encourage you to continue to use the system again the coming year. **Anyone who would like to join the system should contact the Parish Office.** Every contribution is appreciated, no matter how it is given.

THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

As today is 1^{st} Sunday, the Diocesan Religious Purpose Collection will be taken up after Holy Communion.

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Welcome Year 2017:

We are entering today the year that marks the centenary of the astounding prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima one hundred year ago. It's been a hundred years of violent turmoil for the world and stormy upheaval for the Church. We all long for the prophetic peace promised by Our Lady at Fatima on July 13th, 1917. She asked us then and she asks us now: "Pray the Rosary Every Day". Today we celebrate the Divine Motherhood of Our Lady. At Fatima, Our Lady revealed that Divine Motherhood in an extraordinary way, through three small children, Lucia, Francesco & Jacinta. As a mother, she warned us to stop offending God, to pray and to make sacrifice. This was her recipe for peace in the world and the means of preventing the loss of many souls in Hell.

On this New Year's Day of 2017, let us consecrate ourselves and our families to the Compassionate Heart of our Divine Mother Mary. In that Heart we shall find comfort and protection. In His last dying breath, our beloved Saviour Jesus gave us the gift of His own Mother, through St. John the Apostle. Like St. John, let us take Her to our homes today.

1916-2016:

As we leave 2016, we remember the men, women and children, who suffered and died for our freedom. Let us never forget our ancestors were true to the Faith and died for it. As we leave the Centenary celebrations behind us, let us go forward with Jesus and Mary, they are the true source of our freedom and our future hope and security.

Confronting the Devil's Power:

The following is a quotation from the address of Pope Paul VI, to a general audience on November 15th, 1972: The Pope began his address with a simple question: "What are the Church's greatest needs at this present time?" Few would have anticipated what the Pope was to say next. "Don't be surprised at our answer and don't write it off as simplistic or even superstitious: One of the Church's greatest needs is to be defended against the evil we call the devil." Pope Paul VI went on to examine the evil in the world and to discuss something of the nature of evil, which led him to make a point about the devil, a point clear, unambiguous and unequivocal. He said, "Evil is not merely an absence of something, but an active force, a living spiritual being, that is perverted and that perverts others. It is a terrible reality, mysterious and frightening He is a malign, clever seducer, who knows how to make his way into us through the senses, the imagination and the libido, through Utopian logic, or through disordered social contact in the give and take of our activities, so that he can bring about in us deviations that are all the more harmful, because they seem to conform to our physical and mental make-up or to our profound and instinctive aspirations."

St. Joseph's Young Priests SocietyMeeting this Monday, 9thJanuary, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. New Members always welcome

The Parish Office is closed for the Christmas Holidays until Monday, 9th January 2017. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our Newsletter during 2016 and look forward to dealing with you in 2017.

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Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre will be closed for the Christmas holidays, until Thursday, 5th January.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION:

Father, I come to You, through Your Son Jesus.

I believe He is the son of God, died on the Cross for all my sins, rose from the dead, and I now confess, Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

I truly believe this, and when I die, I will go straight to Heaven to be with you forever. Jesus you said "You will hear about wars and stories of wars that are coming, about famines and earthquakes in different parts of the world, that there will be increased evil in the world."

But you saidnot to worry about it, that you would protect those that would trust in you. You, Lord, are my protection. I have made you God most high, my place of safety. Nothing bad will happen to me, no disaster will come near me or my home, you will put Your Angels in charge of me to watch over me, wherever I go.

Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work
I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my eyes to see as you do.

I give you my tongue to speak your words.

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all,

I give you my heart that you may love in me, your Father, and all mankind.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me.

Amen.

New Year's Camp at **Bright Sparks** Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th January, lots of fun, arts & crafts, spa day, baking, bike day New Year's resolutions, 9am-12pm €15....full day €35 ring 025/86799 for more details.

HELP AND SUPPORT IN THE MITCHELSTOWN AREA:

Your GP is an excellent place to start if you have a worry and can work with you or refer you to other health professionals.

SOUTH DOC Out of hours 1850 33 59 99

Living Health Clinic: 025-52000 Gardaí, Mitchelstown 025 84833 St. Vincent de Paul 025-84733

MITCHELSTOWN CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE for all your

information needs. Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am to 1 pm

Monday & Thursday 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

No appointment necessary. Tel: 0761 07 8030.

E-mail: mitchelstown@citinfo.ieWebsite: www.citizensinformation.ie

FÁS Office open 1st& 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Ozanam Centre from 9.30am.

Social Welfare Office, Fermoy Tel.025-49010

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30-12.00 & 2.00-4.00

Community Welfare Officer, Mitchelstown. Tel. 025-84238

Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) 0761 07 2440

The Aware Support Line: Tel 1890 303 302

 $\textbf{1 Life - 24-hour Suicide Prevention Helpline:}\ 1800\ 247100$

Mitchelstown Community Drugs Worker: Frank Horgan,

Mob: 086 0439702Email: frank@cdys.ie

North Cork Alzheimer's Society (022) 43322 Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

Seniors Helpline (10am-1pm &7-10pm) 1850 440 444

North Cork Domestic Violence: 022-53915

Child line (24hr) 1800 666 666

Alcoholics Anonymous: Meetings held in Marian Hall, Convent Hill,

Mitchelstown every Tuesday night at 8.45pm & every Sunday morning

11.30am to 12.30pm.

Gamblers Anonymous (**GA**) meeting in Mitchelstown every Monday night at 8pm. Please contact GA on 087 2859552 for further details.

Aware: 1890 303 302

Pieta House: 021-434 1400 www.pieta.ie