

MASS TIMES:

CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, MITCHELSTOWN:

Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30p.m. Sunday & Holyday: 8.30am. 10.30am. 12noon & 7.30p.m.
1st Friday: 7.30p.m. - Weekday: 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in Parish Church: Mon. to Fri. at 8a.m.

Rosary in Parish Church: Mon. to Sat. at 9.45a.m. Before: 10a.m. Mass

Perpetual Adoration: Sunday 12.30p.m. & Saturday 7p.m.

Eucharistic Healing Hour of Adoration: Every Thursday night from 8p.m. to 9p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:

Sunday & Holyday: 9.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 7.30p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 8.15p.m.

CONFESSION TIMES:

MITCHELSTOWN: Saturday, Eves of Holydays: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

1st Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

NEW: After Saturday Evening Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month.

BALLYGIBLIN: 1st Friday 7p.m. **KILLACLUIG:** before 1st Friday Mass.

CLERGY:

V. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Phone: 025-84090. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F. Phone: 025-84088

Rev. Fr. Greene C.C. Phone: 025-84077.

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E-MAIL: mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net **DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAY**

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

Priest on Sick call this week is: Canon O'Leary Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Pharmacy Rota:

Fitzgibbon's Pharmacy open this Sunday, 3rd March 11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

MITCHELSTOWN P.T.A.A. FLAG DAY

A flag day will be held by

Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

On Saturday March 9th 2013 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The purpose of the collection is to raise funds to help the association in their efforts to promote temperance among young and old in our Parish and outlying areas. As we all know the excessive use of drink and drugs is causing great distress and breakdowns in Ireland today. **PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.** We would be very grateful if any of you could help with the collection. Please contact any council member. **Additional Collection in Tesco on Saturday, March 16th**
(By special arrangement with management)

To coincide with World Book Day, Tesco, Mitchelstown are having a book sale in the store on Thursday, 7th March, from 10am to 2pm. If you have books in perfect condition, that you would like to donate, please bring them on the day or drop them into the store. For further details contact Liz Downes 087 - 768 9875. All proceeds to AWARE.

Bingo in aid of Leadership for Life course being run in conjunction with Mitchelstown Youth Cafe

On Sunday March the 10th in the Town Hall at 2:30pm.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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The Future as predicted by the young Fr. Ratzinger: Benedict's radical action and sense of urgency for doing so makes more sense in the light of excerpts from what then Fr. Ratzinger stated in a series of 1969-70 radio addresses on German and Vatican radio. These were published in 2009 in the book, Faith and the Future: "The church will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning.

She will no longer be able to inhabit many of the edifices she built in prosperity. As the number of her adherents diminishes...she will lose many of her social privileges.... As a small society, [the Church] will make much bigger demands on the initiative of her individual members...."

"...But when the trial of this sifting is past, a great power will flow from a more spiritualized and simplified Church. Men in a totally planned world will find themselves unspeakably lonely. If they have completely lost sight of God, they will feel the whole horror of their poverty. Then they will discover the little flock of believers as something wholly new. They will discover it as a hope that is meant for them, an answer for which they have always been searching in secret.

And so it seems certain to me that the Church is facing very hard times. The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals. But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: not the Church of the political cult, which is dead already, but the Church of faith. She may well no longer be the dominant social power to the extent that she was until recently; but she will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as man's home, where he will find life and hope beyond death."

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A POPE:

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church, who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's edition of The Irish Catholic is dedicated to Pope Benedict XVI - a bumper souvenir issue with features on the Pope's life, his teaching and writings, along with comment and analysis of his pontificate.

Bible Class Tuesday mornings in the Marian Hall at 10.30am. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross
Next Sunday, March 10th, on Corrin Hill, Fermoy, at 3.00pm.

C.B.S. Primary Parent's Council present our 27th Annual Fashion Show.

Firgrove Hotel, **THIS Tuesday, 5th March** at 8pm. Models by Hilary Thompson & some "Familiar Faces". Local Stands on Display. Cheese & Wine Reception. Raffle on Door Ticket. Tickets €15 available from the School Office or any member of the Parent Council. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Mitchelstown Macra: Looking for something new to do this Spring, join your local award winning Macra club with award winning members. Macra is for people aged from 17-35 and looking for something fun to do. For more info see www.facebook.com or contact **John on 086-1721027**. Details of our club table quiz will be announced shortly. New members always welcome.



Drop In Evening for Those Bereaved by Suicide - This new initiative commenced locally in October 2012 for people who have been bereaved by Suicide. People are invited to drop in and have a coffee and chat to others who have lost a loved one through Suicide in an informal setting. Monthly Drop-In meetings are held in the Cahill Room at Fermoy Resource Centre, McCurtain Street, Fermoy from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March 2013. For further information please contact Jacinta on 087 9974076.



Ozanam Centre Mitchelstown

025/ 84733 Email:svpmitchelstown@gmail.com

website: www.ozanamcomputers.com

Courses and Classes:

Skype: *Wed morning* 20th March €12.00

Beginners Typing: *Tuesday Mornings* 9th April €70

Beginners Computers: *Monday Nights* commencing 8th April €95.00

Web Design: *Tuesday Nights* commencing 16th April €150

Payroll: *Wednesday Nights* commencing 17th April €210

E Banking: *Thursday Morning* 18th April €12

Excel Spreadsheets: *Monday Nights* commencing 27th May €75

Pilates: *Tuesday evenings* –Eilish 086/3579081

First Aid (Refresher) Saturday 23rd March **Eileen** 087/9270020

Bereavement Programme for Teenagers: (Free) 025 84733

(Living with Grief, Loss and Change in Life) This is an **8 week** programme (**1 1/2 hours per week**) **Commencing Tuesday 26th February 2013. 4pm - 5.30pm at the Ozanam Centre, Mitchelstown.** *Small confidential groups, focusing on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision making and communications.*



ST. FANAHAN'S COLLEGE PARENT COUNCIL ARE HAVING A FUNDRAISING CLOTHING COLLECTION.

Bag 2 School

Everyone is welcome to get involved. We take items in any type of bag.

We collect: Clothes, Shoes, Handbags, Belts, Soft Toys.

We don't collect: End of Life Clothing, Bedding, Curtains etc.

Bags can be dropped to Reception at St. Fanahan's College from now up to and including the 18th April, during school hours.

Spring Stations for the coming week.

Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

MARCH:

Tue. 5 th	Kilshanny		David & Martha Kent
Fri. 8 th	Corracunna & Cooleregan	8.15pm	Elizabeth O'Brien
Fri. 8 th	Glenduff		Thomas & Mary Farrell
Fri. 8 th	Pollardstown & Killicane		Ellen Casey
Fri. 15 th	Ballyarthur	8.15pm	Marie Condon
Fri. 15 th	Ballinabrook & Ardlare		James & Olive Kenneally
Fri. 22 nd	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough		Jim & Julie Barry



MITCHELSTOWN GATHERING

FREE FLIGHT HOME: Enter a relative / friend abroad in a free draw to win a flight home up to €350 value in 2013. Entries of names~ e-mail, address, tel. number to Ballyhoura office, Baldwin St or email to mitchelstowngathering@gmail.com. Come see Peter Robinson Emigrant Ships Display at Library March 9th at 11am. See Seachtain Na Gaeilge March 9th to 15th in Library. See Mitchelstown pages at Facebook/mitchelstowngathering2013 for events / www.thegatheringireland.com / www.irelandxo.com.



P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 20th February:

- 1st Prize:** €1200 J. Dowd, Glinsk, Co. Galway.
- 2nd Prize:** €400 John Casey, Mitchelscourt, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
- 3rd Prize:** €200 J. Halligan, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan
- 4th Prize:** €100 G. O'Hagan, Derry

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

- C. Sheridan, Creeslough, Co. Donegal.
- Robert Shannon, Bantry, Co. Cork.
- John Casey Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
- D. Gorman, Derry City.
- K. Leamy, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.
- A. Yates, Birr, Co. Offaly.

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 20th March 2013



Console – Eight Week Suicide Bereavement Group Programme: This free group is facilitated by Console Counsellors and is suitable for anyone who has experienced the loss of someone close to suicide. The Fermoy group will commence on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm for eight consecutive weeks in ACCORD office on Monument Hill, Fermoy. For further information or to book a place please contact Console in Cork on 021 -4274218.



Fanahan McSweeney Athletic Club: Benny Healy competing at Munster Indoor champs at Nenagh won gold at Shot Putt under 17. TRAINING at CBS Wednesdays 7-8 pm. Spikeball at 7.45 pm *Ring 087-3589734,*



MITCHELSTOWN KEEP HEALTHY: Keep Fit Tuesday's

Parent Keep Fit at St. Fanahan's Hall 9.30am -11am.

Healthy Town 3-5k Walks at New Square 7 pm. See Facebook/mitchelstownhealthywalk



Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Committee Anyone interested in becoming a "Blue Tie" helper, please forward your name to Paddy (087) 9488359