

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:

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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.

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