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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Mitchelstown Community Games - Age after 31.7. 2014

County Table Quiz U14, Chess U12 and Debating U16 in Mitchelstown Town Hall May 10th. Quiz Team of 4. Soccer U12 boys May 17th / U15 girls May 22nd Castlevew, Cork
One Wall Handball - U13 @ Mallow , Girls Gaelic Football - U12 Cobh,
Boys Football - U10 Cobh. Tennis - U13 @ Ballinlough May 18th 11am
Basketball U11/13 May 24th Gurranabraher, Hurling - U11 @ Douglas May 24th.
Contact Seamus [087.3589734](tel:087.3589734) Check activities /rules on www.communitygames.ie ./ www.corkcommunitygames.com. Facebook: Mitchelstown community games.

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ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE - DEVELOPING PARISH SEMINAR 2014

Saturday 10th May

Theme - Young Adult Faith Formation

In recent times Irish society has had to take a close look at itself and has had to answer many difficult questions. These questions relate to who we imagine ourselves to be, what values we would like to see enshrined in our society and, perhaps most challenging of all, what is our responsibility as members of this community.

You are invited to join us on Saturday, May 10th to participate in our one day Developing Parish Seminar where we will explore the issues that face us today and to address fundamental questions such as: What role, if any, does Faith have for young people as we attempt to answer these challenging questions and re-imagine who we want to be?

The seminar will be a one day event. Delivery will consist of talks by guest speakers Gerard Gallagher and Ger Brennan. There will also be a series of workshops led by people who have practical experience in presenting the materials at the local level.

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Month of May – Month of Mary:

Rosary at Grotto: Throughout the month of May, a group will lead the recitation of the Rosary **every evening** at the Grotto of Our Lady, Cahir Hill, at **8.00pm**, except on **Thursdays**, when it will be at the earlier time of **7.00pm**. We consecrated the Parish to Our Lady on October 13th, 2008 and one of Our Lady's requests is to pray the Rosary every day. It is a simple request, difficult at times to fulfil and yet so very powerful. During times of persecution in Ireland, Cromwell burned down our churches, killed our people and our priests, but he concluded "I wave my muskets and bayonets in their faces, but I can't get those Rosary beads out of their hands". Irish people have a deep and profound devotion to Our Lady and that love and devotion sustained the faith of the Nation during its greatest trials. Let us renew this Month of May, priests and people, our love for Our Lady and pray the Rosary every day, asking Our Lady to save our children, our families and our country.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: The Annual Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock will take place on **Sunday week, May 11th**. A bus will leave the **Town Square at 7.15am. Bookings to Pat McEvoy, Sacristan, as soon as possible. Adults €20 and Children €15.** Our Lady appeared with the Lamb of God, St. Joseph and St. John at Knock in 1879. The apparitions lasted two hours and never spoke. It was seen by at least fifteen witnesses, between the ages of 6 and 75. We encourage you to bring the children and grandchildren to Knock, it is a special place for Irish people and for the world.

New Springtime Community: Summer School 2014 – Pope Francis on the New Evangelisation (A Study Of Evangelii Gaudium) Marianella, Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6. Friday 23rd May to Sunday 25th May 2014. Friday 7.45pm to 10pm Saturday & Sunday 9.45am to 5pm. Speakers: Fr. Pat Collins CM & Members of New Springtime Community. The cost will be €15 for the weekend. Please bring a packed lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Tea & Coffee will be served. For more details see www.newspringtime.ie or contact Michael 01-2821548, Helen 01- 2852066.

Irish Church Music Association - 45th Annual Summer School: Thursday 3rd July to Sunday, 6th July 2014. St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 'The Joy of the Gospel' Guest Director: David Saint (Birmingham) If any choir or individual is interested, please contact the Parish Office for more details. Also see www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Fund – Helping Bring the Sick to Lourdes

Fundraising Draw in Jackie O'Brien's, Mitchelstown,

THIS Sunday night, 4th May

Please support this local charity cause.

Last few tickets available from any of the Blue Tie Helpers

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Committee. Pilgrims who would like to travel with us, please forward your name to

Paddy Seery (087) 9488359 or Denis Murphy (087) 2778364

NOTICE ALTAR FLOWERS The Altar Society would welcome new volunteers to help with flowers for the Altar. No flower arranging experience is required. Please contact either of the following numbers: 086 6077595 or 087 6364845.

Free Home Insulation Service: IRD Duhallow's Warmer Homes Scheme provides a **free insulation** service for your home. To qualify, you must be in receipt of one of the following payments: ● Fuel Allowance ● Family Income Supplement

● Job Seekers Allowance for more than 6 months with a child under 7

You must be the owner of the house and it must have been built before 2006.

The Warmer Homes Scheme provides **free attic and cavity wall insulation** which will help your house to retain heat. To apply or for further information, please contact the Warmer Homes Scheme in IRD Duhallow on **029-60633**

THANK YOU: On behalf of The Irish Blood Transfusion Service, we would like to thank all who contributed to the running of this Clinic. **267** Donors attended our **MITCHELSTOWN** Blood Donor Clinic. The generosity and commitment of our Donors is very much appreciated. This precious gift brings life and hope to hospital patients and their families and friends.

Ballyhoura Macra hosted a Coffee Morning on Easter Sunday after Mass in aid of the Eoin Fenton Sky Dive. The members were delighted at the turn out on the day. We would like to extend many thanks for all those who supported the event and all the members that helped organise the event.

THANK YOU: A recent Bingo held at T O Park, Labbamologga Community Centre for the Cope Sensory Garden Project was a great success and raised €609. A big "Thank You" to all the people who made it such a success. To Tom O'Flynn, "T O" and his many helpers who made it a very enjoyable night. To all the people who came and supported the event on the night. A big "Thank You" to all the wonderful people who so kindly donated lovely gifts for the raffle.

The garden is nearing completion and an open day is anticipated at the end of July.

THE SACRED HEART MESSENGER

Is still here, better than ever and looking for subscribers and promoters.

One of our local promoters is; ANNA MARIA RUSSELL, (025) 84151

Copies are on sale in the Porch of the Parish Church or direct from Messenger

Publications, 37 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2. Phone (01) 6767491

T.O. Park – Day Trip to Knock, Sunday 11th May

Bus, Break, Dinner – Price approx €50 depending on numbers travelling.

Contact TO on 086-8272761 or Declan on 086-4005727

Young Adult Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago – Sarria to Santiago.

3rd to 10th June. For people between the ages of 18 and 35. Find yourself on the way. For more details contact Fr. Alan on 086 – 7857955 or e-mail

fralan@mscttheway.com

Enrich Your Faith: Come to a Day of Prayer, Knock Shrine, **31st May** Feast of the Visitation. Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyers of Charity. Theme Called to be a Light to the Nations. 10am to 5pm. For Information and Buses contact 087-1198594 or 086-1678027. www.foyerofcharity.ie

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 17th April 2014:

1st Prize: €1200 Paddy Mulryan, Glinsk, Galway.

2nd Prize: €400 Mary O'Mahony, Castleisland, Co. Kerry.

3rd Prize: €200 Catherine Moroney, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

4th Prize: €100 Carrickmacross Pioneer Centre, C/o Jim Halligan, Carrickmacross.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. Noel Boyle, Mervue, Galway.

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3. Anne Henahan, Kiltoun, Athlone, Co. Roscommon. 4. Seán O'Kane, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.

5. Martin McCarthy, Sutton, Dublin 13.

6. Laurence Magee, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh.

As this was the final draw, the finance and fundraising committee of the P.T.A.A. Central Council are very grateful to the many subscribers who gave so generously in support of this draw. Thank you all most sincerely for making it such a great success. The Board of Management have decided to run the private members draw again in November 2014.

Cork County Macra Mock Wedding: There is love in the air in Cork with the upcoming Cork County Macra Mock Wedding. Cork County Macra's night out and fundraiser Mock Wedding will take place on Friday 23rd May in Ballincollig Rugby Club, Cork. We are looking for all the club's in Cork to get involved, the more the merrier! We would love singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, solo artists, groups to get involved on the night and we ask anyone who is interested in it to let the committee know by as soon as possible.

All clubs are welcome from far and wide. It will be a night packed full of entertainment, great music and good food. For more information, please check out www.facebook.com/corkmacra or contact Caitríona on 086-3760487.

To join any Macra club in Cork, please contact Caitríona Fox, Cork County Macra PRO on 086-3760487 for more information.

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.

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