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.

Rosarv 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 **1**st **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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Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon - Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

MITCHESTOWN COMMUNITY GAMES - AREA SPORTS FRIDAY

Area sports to be held Friday May 10th at St. Fanahan's College at 7 pm. Includes Long Pucks, Sprints Hurdles, Throws, Jumps for boys and girls. Other events Basketball U11,13, Camogie U14, Boys Football U10, Girls Football U12, Hurling U11, Rounder's U13, Skittles U12,14,16, Soccer Outdoor U12, U15 Girls, Spikeball U14 @ CBS May 11th 1 pm. Futsal U13. TRAINING: ATHLETICS Wednesday 7-8 pm St. Fanahan's. Spikeball 8pm. CBS. Contact Facebook mitchelstowncommunitygames, John Casey 085.1639833, Seamus Fox 087.3589734

A Parents Prayer (Althea A. Anker)

Thank you God for the children of mine, who teach me things that blow my mind. They entertain themselves in the funniest ways. I pray that the innocence, they possess never goes away. I pray they will grow up and be smart, and I pray that they will never grow apart. I pray that they will call home whenever they are near a phone. I pray that they never feel alone. I hope they turn to you through guidance and prayer and know that you and their parents will always be there.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group

Fundraising Draw in the Clongibbon House Hotel,

THIS Sunday night, 5th May between 10.30pm & 11pm.

1st Prize €300 2nd Prize €100 3rd Prize €100 Still some tickets available from Clongibbon House Hotel. Please support this local charity cause.

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Prayer for this time:

Iesus said to the apostles stay in Jerusalem and pray for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit. We have to pray to prepare ourselves and the church for the coming feast of Pentecost. One of the great saints of our modern age, Padre Pio said that the person who prays will be saved, the person who doesn't will be lost. We then have to pray for a personal anointing for ourselves and for the church, that it will be renewed and that the Holy Spirit will give strength and peace so needed for our lives and for our world. We will then play our part in bringing about the much needed new Pentecost and bring great blessings to humanity. Fr. Greene C.C.

The Bishop of Cloyne, Most Rev William Crean, wishes to introduce the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Cloyne. The Diaconate is open to married men aged between 30 and 60 years of age and to unmarried men aged between 35 and 60 years of age.

For further information, please contact the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, Rev. William Bermingham, PP, Blarney

Tel: (021) 438 5105; (087) 656 1048; e-mail: williambermingham@eircom.net. www.catholicbishops.ie/diaconate

Rosary at the Grotto for May:

Every year, during the month of May, a group of parishioners recite the Rosary every evening at the Grotto of Our Lady on Cahir Hill. The time of the Rosary each evening is at 8.00pm, except on Thursdays, when it will be at 7.30pm. You are all invited to come any evening you can. For all Catholics the month of May is especially dedicated to Our Lady. Our Lady calls us to prayer especially through the Rosary and the meditation of the Mysteries of Our Faith: Annunciation, the Agony in the Garden, the Resurrection of Jesus. Like the flowers of May, Our Lady is God's most beautiful creation. She is the Mother who suffered with Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our Lady inspires and comforts us. Let us all turn to Her this month of May. Privately, as a family and as a community.

The Annual Diocese of Cloyne Pilgrimage to Knock Will take place on Sunday, May 12th.

A bus will leave the Square in Mitchelstown on that Sunday at 7.15am. Adults €20, Children €15. Names to Mr. Pat McEvoy, Sacristan.

FUNDRAISING DANCE IN AID OF ST. JOSEPH'S FOUNDATION & CORK MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown, Saturday, 11th May 2013.

Performing on the night:

Finbarr Dennehy, Michael Collins, Trudi Lalor, PJ Murrihy.

Door Open 8pm. Raffle will also take place on the night. Tickets €20 per person.

To purchase tickets please contact

The Firgrove Hotel (025) 24111 or call John Keating (087) 209 9036

Bunny Hop classes for children.4 Saturday mornings commencing in May. Active fun through song and dance. Meet with other children and enjoy the fun with your own child. COST €30

TIMES: Babies /Toddlers 10.30am Playgroup/preschool 11.15am Children with Additional needs 12.00pm. For more details or to book a place call/text 025 - 86799 or 086-2653839

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ROCK 'N' ROLL & COUNTRY SHOW - PINK UP NIGHT FOR CANCER:

Saturday, 18th May in the Firgrove Hotel. Deak Rivers – Buddy Holly & GI Elvis, Trina O'Reilly – Country & Modern, Route 66 – Country Mix, Dave Sharkey – 50's & 60's, South East Roll 'N' Roll Dancers. Tickets will be available at The Hotel Reception, also online at www.ticketgroup.ie, Xtravision outlets nationwide, and at the door on the night. Great Prize on the door ticket. Big Raffle with lots of great prizes – spot prizes also. So come and give us your support. Tickets include Entertainment and Finger Buffet €20. Join us for a great night of dancing – wear pink (optional). Doors open at 7pm. Charities to benefit: Breast Cancer and St. Joseph's Foundation.

HEALTHY TOWN:

Mitchelstown Healthy Town conducts **GROUP WALKS** every Tuesday from New Square at 7 pm. Leaders conduct walks from 3 km upwards for all ages. It is hoped that walks will expand as a social, physical and emotional amenity assist. **LADIES KEEP FIT** resumes at St. Fanahan's Hall Tuesdays at 9.30am

'Bealtaine Festival is the celebration of creativity in older age.

We invite you or your group to hold an event to celebrate Bealtaine with us during the month of May. If you are interested please call Liz Fay in Mitchelstown Library on 025 41939 or email mitchelstown.library@corkcoco.ie

STARCAMP (as seen on Dragon's Den) - Calling all boys & girls aged 4-13 years to a fun-filled, non-competitive, week of singing dancing and drama where the building of self esteem in our children, is of paramount importance. Special family rates. Venue: Mitchelstown: St Fanahan's College. 15th – 19th July (9.30am-2.30pm). Booking: 021-4377900 or online www.starcamp.ie.

Ozanam Centre:

<u>Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets:</u> Monday night 27th May (5 nights). Enquiries 025-85721

Paediatric First Aid: 15th & 22nd May 2013. 7.30pm - 10pm. Enquiries to Eileen Maher 087-9270020 Annual Bus to Knock from T.O. Park Sunday, May 12th. Call T.O. on (025) 84372, leave your name and number or call Stella on (025) 24009 or Deci on (086) 4005727.

An Post RÁS

Mitchelstown has been chosen to host the finish of stage number 5 in this year's An Post Rás. The visit of the Rás to Mitchelstown will be highly beneficial to our local economy, while also raising the national and international profile of our town. It will provide a thrilling spectacle and most importantly of all, it will attract young and old to the sport of cycle racing. Over 200 Cyclists will take part and we expect that hundreds of their supporters and families will converge on the town.

On **Thursday the 23rd of May 2013**, the cyclists will arrive in Mitchelstown between the hours of **2pm-3pm**. Traffic diversions will be in place from 2pm. Disruption will be kept to a minimum as these will only be in place while the Cyclists are coming through the town to the finish line just below the Post Office.

At 11.00am on the 23rd of May the Rás Organisers will be erecting barriers on Upper Cork Street. Parking restrictions will apply. Please be mindful of this if you own a vehicle.

Parking will be available on the day at the mart on Georges Street, so anyone going about their daily business will not be disrupted.

On Friday the 24th of May at 11.00am the race will recommence traffic control measures will be in place while the Cyclists move off, these will be kept to a minimum. (Maximum time frame of twenty minutes)

The Rás coordinators in conjunction with the Gardai would ask you all, to kindly co-operate with these traffic management measures.

In 1976 the An Post Rás last visited Mitchelstown, in those 37 years so many things have changed but hopefully that does not include our pride in our town. We ask everyone to welcome the Cyclists, the Organisers, their Families and Supporters, and for all the local community to come out and enjoy the spectacle which is "An Post Rás 2013"

COFFEE/TEA DAY MARYMOUNT FUNDRAISER

The Ryan family, Garryleigh had a Coffee/Tea Day on Easter Monday in aid of Marymount Hospice Cork. The response to the fundraiser exceeded all expectations with people from far and near coming all day. The generosity of the public knew no bounds and that included many who did not attend. On Thursday night proceeds were handed over to Joan Roche, Marymount Hospice Fundraiser. A total of €7,165.00 was presented. Sincere thanks to all family members, neighbours and friends who helped out on the day. To those who donated food items and to the many contributors who made it such a worthwhile venture a sincere thank you.

FREE PRESCHOOL YEAR AT BRIGHT SPARKS: BOOKINGS now taken for SEPTEMBER 2013 intake. ECCE FUNDING for both MORNING and AFTERNOON CLASSES. If you would like to call or view our PRESCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, Please phone 025 86799 to arrange an appointment.

FUNDRAISING BINGO At TO Park, Thursday, May 9th at 8.30pm. In aid of the Orphanage Project in Belarus. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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ALZHEIMERS TEA/COFFEE DAY. There will be a Tea & Coffee Day organised by the North Cork Branch A.S.I. at the **Ozanam Centre**, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown, on **Thursday**, **May 9th from 10am – 1pm**. All proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Day Care Centre, Mallow. All Welcome.