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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](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)**

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

**P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize:</b>	€1200	C. Flood, Granard, Co. Longford.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:</b>	€400	J. Seerey, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:</b>	€200	J & C O'Loughlin, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh.
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize:</b>	€100	C.B. Claffey, Ferbane Co. Offaly.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. Emer Howard, Fermoy, Co. Cork.
2. N. Boyle, Ballybane, Galway.
3. A. Henehan, Kiltoon, Co. Roscommon.
4. & 5. B. Browne, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal. X 2

*The next draw will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014*

The private members monthly draw which anyone may feel free to join has been held over the last number of years, proved most successful as a national fundraising event. Membership is €7 per month. Those wishing to join, can do so by contacting any member of Mitchelstown Pioneer Council or local promoter John (087) 6477897. We thank you for your financial assistance in the past and look forward to your support in the future. Best of luck to all in the draw.

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**URGENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND:** A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish secretary on 025 / 84062, Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon and she will reissue one for you. If you are not eligible for tax, or do not wish to be included in the refund scheme, please write this on the form and return, so that we can amend the system in order to avoid further correspondence being sent to you. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing of the refund. Please complete, and return forms to me, in the stamped addressed envelope sent to you, no later than Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Parents, Children and Drugs:** Our children are seriously exposed to drugs in our community. When kids begin experimenting with drugs, they can so easily become dependent and become a source of true anxiety for their parents and family. Parents who have worked their way through these difficulties can give enormous help to other afflicted parents. Parents should be encouraged to help and support one another. As a community we all need to be concerned about the availability of drugs to vulnerable young people. We have an excellent person in Mr. Mackessy, who is available to help individuals and families who are caught in these difficulties. Be aware of her telephone no. 086 – 0439702. Let us not condemn those who are struggling with these difficulties, but let us reach out to those who need our help. The scourge of drugs needs to be confronted by the whole community. Our failure to do so could bring destruction to our families, our community and our good name. This issue needs to be taken seriously by us all.

**Palm Sunday:** Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. The events celebrated during Holy Week, bring us back to the basis of our faith in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The world we live in needs the Saving Grace of Jesus like never before. We encourage you all this Holy Week to make a very special effort to participate in the Holy Week Ceremonies. As you all know, there will be a lot of distractions to the ceremonies, but let us not forget why we celebrate Easter.

**TROCAIRE & RWANDAN:** This Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April will mark the 20th anniversary of the start of one of the most horrific events in modern history. Over the course of just 100 days in 1994 around one million people were killed in the Rwandan genocide – more than a fifth of Ireland's population. Irish people donated £6m to Trócaire's emergency appeal for Rwanda. This was, at the time, the largest public donation in the history of the organisation. Trócaire continues its work in Rwanda on your behalf, helping to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people. Thank you for continuing to support Trócaire's work, particularly during this Lenten season. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**Marred Hands Settled the Issue:** The price Jesus paid for our redemption was terrible indeed. When we think of the extreme suffering He endured to purchase our freedom from sin's penalty, our hearts should overflow with love for Him. Leslie B. Flynn told a story that illustrates the truth. An orphaned boy was living with his grandmother when their house caught fire. The grandmother, trying to get upstairs to rescue the boy, perished in the flames. The boy's cries for help were finally answered by a man who climbed an iron drainpipe and came back down with the boy hanging tightly to his neck. Several weeks later, a public hearing was held to determine who would receive custody of the child. A farmer, a teacher, and the town's wealthiest citizen all gave the reasons they felt they should be chosen to give the boy a home. But as they talked, the lad's eyes remained focused on the floor. Then a stranger walked to the front and slowly took his hands from his pockets, revealing severe scars on them. As the crowd gasped, the boy cried out in recognition. This was the man who had saved his life. His hands had been burned when he climbed the hot pipe. With a leap the boy threw his arms around the man's neck and held on for dear life. The other men silently walked away, leaving the boy and his rescuer alone. Those marred hands had settled the issue. Many voices are calling for our attention. Among them is the One whose nail-pierced hands remind us that He has rescued us from sin and its deadly consequences. To Him belongs our love and devotion.

**PARISH OFFICE - Will be closed for Easter, from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April till Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.** All articles for 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April need to be in the Parish Office No later than 10am Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April

**MITCHELSTOWN TENNIS CLUB:**

- \* Tennis Camp by registration only, on 15<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> April €4.00 per day
- \* Introduction to Tennis Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> .Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May €2 a day
- \* Fun Tennis starting Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May for 6 weeks €4.00 per day
- \* 2 summer Camps dates to be allocated.

Contact Catherine on 086 2487454 for any information

**Divine Mercy Novena** begins on Good Friday and finishes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter. (April 27<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Divine Mercy). Devotions in the Parish Church at 2pm to 5pm. A special Relic of Pope John Paul II will be venerated.

**Vigil for Life:** A National Vigil for Life will take place on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Merrion Square, Dublin, from 3 – 4pm. Let us keep a special place in our prayers for all who are in a crisis pregnancy. May mother and child always be safe and may they both feel loved and protected.

**Mitchelstown Community Council - Annual General Meeting** will be held on **29<sup>th</sup> of April 2014** at 8pm in the **Town Hall**. All welcome.

**Ballyhoura Development** is encouraging people to attend a Ballyhoura Development Showcase Rally. These rallies will highlight the impact of their work and will tell people about the changes the Government is proposing to what they do. These changes could lead to the closure of Ballyhoura Development. Commencing at 7.30pm, the two Ballyhoura Showcase Rallies are being held as follows:

- o Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Nagle Rice Secondary School, Doneraile
- o Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Cappamore Community Centre, Cappamore

**THANK YOU:** The C.B.S. Secondary Parents Council would like to thank all that came and supported our Bingo night fundraiser for the school. We would also like to thank many of our local businesses that donated prizes etc. to us. It would not have been a success without this support.

**Q Centre Woodwork Course: FETAC Level 3 Woodwork course** now being offered in the Q Centre, Mallow. This part-time course is **FREE** and covers woodwork and basic carpentry skills in a fully equipped woodwork room, on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Learners will then be offered other FETAC courses as progression as they arise. Priority is given to those without a Leaving Cert and those on a Social Welfare Payment. For further information contact the Q Centre, Mallow on 022 42322. Limited places are available.

**New & Used Clothes Collection** in aid of **Ballygiblin National School THIS Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April** morning up to 10am. All clothes taken but have to be clean and no duvets. Great Time to do a spring clean. Contact Noelle 087-8158902 if an queries.

We invite you to come and enjoy views of “**The Historical Sites & Shrines of the Holy Land**” with Pre-recorded commentary – showing where the ‘**First Easter**’ happened.

Do come along to **Glenbrohane Hall, Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm sharp.**

Tea & Hot Cross Buns at the interval.

**Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Fund – Helping Bring the Sick to Lourdes** Fundraising Draw in Jackie O’Brien’s, Mitchelstown, **Sunday night, 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Please support this local charity cause.

**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

**Ozanam Computer Centre Mitchelstown**

025 84733 [www.ozanamcomputers.com](http://www.ozanamcomputers.com) [svpmitchelstown@gmail.com](mailto:svpmitchelstown@gmail.com)

Course:	Date:	Time:	Classes:	Price:
Beginners Typing:	Mon Morning 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10am-12.30pm	8	€90
E-Banking	Tues Night 13 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm – 9pm	1	€12
Skype	Tues Night 20 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm – 9pm	1	€12
Beginners Computers	Wed Morning 21 <sup>st</sup> May	10am-12.30pm	6	€95
E-Bay & Pay Pal	Tues Night 27 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm – 9.30pm	1	€15
Twitter	Tues Night 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	7pm – 9.30pm	1	€15
Facebook	Tues Night 10 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm – 9pm	1	€12

*Please note that classes will only run if sufficient numbers enrol. A non-refundable deposit is required to secure a place on these courses.*

**MITCHELSTOWN HEALTHY TOWN - KEEP FIT FOR OVER 50'S:** Shape up class for over 50's at Tesco on Wednesdays 7-8 pm. Improved toning & flexibility. Contact 087.3589734. **FUN AEROBICS FOR PARENTS** Tuesdays at 9.30am in St. Fanahan's gym, circuits, Tums and Bums. **SAFE GUIDED WALKS** from John Mandeville New Sq. Tuesdays at 7 pm.

**MONSTER BINGO** (Proceeds to Mitchelstown Cope Sensory Garden)

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April at 9pm**

In T.O. Park Community Centre, Labbamologga.

Refreshments served at interval. Bumper Prizes for Raffle.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**MITCHELSTOWN CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE** for all your information needs. Marian Hall, Convent Hill. **Opening Hours:** Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri: 10am to 1 pm Mon. & Thurs. 1.30pm to 4.30pm. No appointment necessary. Tel: 0761 07 8030. E-mail: [mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:mitchelstown@citinfo.ie) Website: [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)