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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

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

Iarnród Éireann Offers Free Travel to Community & Voluntary Groups

Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail has today launched the 2014 programme for **The Journey's on Us**, an initiative to support organisations and groups in the voluntary, community, sporting and charity sector. **"The Journey's On Us"**, will provide 100 groups with a free group travel return journey for up to 50 people per group during 2014, meaning 5,000 free journeys are on offer across the company's services. The travel facilities will be ideal in particular for organisations bringing a group to a special event, or as part of a specific support to the members of the group which requires travel.

Iarnród Éireann Chief Executive David Franks said "Voluntary organisations are the life blood of communities across the country. However, like everyone, their budgets have been cut. We know there are youth, sports, music, voluntary, charity and other groups in the community who would benefit greatly from being able to undertake initiatives which involve a travel cost, but have had to scale back. We in Iarnród Éireann, through **The Journey's On Us**, want to do what we can to help such groups achieve their goals, and say thank you to the organisations which play such a vital role in the daily lives of communities. The initiative is now in its third year with the interest and amount of groups applying has grown significantly each year, which we are absolutely delighted with." The company has today invited all community, voluntary, sporting and charity groups to apply for the 100 group travel trips available.

Entry forms are available at all Iarnród Éireann stations or online at www.irishrail.ie/journeys. Entry forms can be filled out online, emailed to journeys@irishrail.ie or by post to Corporate Communications, Iarnród Éireann, Connolly Station, Dublin 1.

The closing date for receipt of entries is Monday 14 July, at 16.30hrs.

SPECIAL FRIENDS MITCHELSTOWN would like to thank the local communities and Abbey Farm for their support over the last 5 years for their Annual Cycle. The committee have decided to focus on other areas of fundraising and therefore the cycle will not go ahead this year.

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Football – Signs of Faith:

Many soccer players during the World Cup Competition unashamedly make the sign of the Cross before the watching world. In this act they proclaim publicly their faith in God, their gratitude to Him and their plea for His help. This is very encouraging to believers at a time when many are trying to take all signs of Christian Faith out of the public domain. The presentation of the World Cup Competition and the dedication of the players is inspiring to see. Only one team can win the trophy, but all participants can be assured of the reward of knowing they gave their all and inspired many throughout the world and did their country proud.

Cemetery Mass:

A large crowd attended the Cemetery Mass in Brigown last Tuesday evening, it was a beautiful summers evening and sincere prayers were offered for the faithful departed. Thanks to the Community Council and to everyone who organised the Mass.

On this Monday night, July 7th, the Annual Mass will be held in Marshalstown Cemetery at 7.30pm. All welcome.

End of the School Year:

All our schools have completed another year of hard and dedicated work. We are truly blessed in the Parish with wonderful schools, both Primary and Secondary. May everybody have a good holiday and a little time to recharge the batteries. We give thanks to the Lord for the good weather we have enjoyed so far this summer and we ask the Lord to keep everybody safe during the holidays.

Reminder:

A reminder to all the boys and girls and their families who received First Holy Communion on May 31st last to keep coming to Jesus at least every Sunday, and to welcome Him in Holy Communion. Jesus, would be very sad if we do not keep Him in a special place in our week for Him. A reminder too, to the boys and girls who were confirmed on April 10th last. Remember boys and girls that you promised to witness to Jesus. One of the principal ways we give witness is by going to Mass every Sunday, to be guided to follow Jesus and to be nourished by the Eucharist and by God's word.

Ballyhoura Macra will be hosting a BBQ Weekend for Know Your Neighbour Weekend. The first BBQ will take place at the Village Inn, Ballyorgan on Saturday 12th July at 9pm. The second BBQ will take place at the Corner House, Shanballymore on Sunday 13th July at 6pm. Both events will have tasty food and entertaining music on the night. Everyone welcome!

Kilbehenny Cycling Club - Club Notes 30th June 2014

Killarney Calling! The 'Ring of Kerry' charity cycle takes place this Saturday July 5th from Killarney, Co. Kerry. It takes in approx. 180km of some of the most breathtaking scenery in the country. We have many members participating in this event so the club cycle last week took in just about 60km in South Tipperary, as a wind down exercise – attached photo of when we met with our neighbouring club in Clogheen on Sunday.

Club Cycles: The club meets for cycles at 7pm on Wednesdays and from 9am on Sundays from the Community Centre. We cater for all ages and abilities, with three groups on offer: - A Group, B Group and Leisure Group. Please Note - due to the 'Ring of Kerry' cycle on Saturday, there shall be no club cycle this coming Sunday.

Contacts Mary 086 603-3239; Tom 087 268-3587; Eileen 086 318-0962

Web: - <http://www.kilbehennycycling.com/>

Facebook: - Kilbehenny Cycling Club

Get your Holiday Reading at the **Ozanam Shop**, Thomas Street. 025 84733.
Fiction €2, Non-Fiction €1, Children's Books 50c. All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

In our Diocese, there has been an ever increasing desire for more substantial catechetical formation. This is in line with what is happening all over Ireland and is very much consistent with the impassioned prayer, which is taking place for the renewal of the Church in Ireland. As one young dad said recently, "I *know* I believe, but I am not always sure *why* I believe". In line with study groups already formed in Macroom and Blarney, I would like to bring your attention to two new groups which are commencing in September. In light of this, if you feel something of this nature would be of benefit, you are warmly invited to an information meeting on

- **Monday, September 1st from 7.30pm – 9.15pm at the Nano Nagle Centre in Ballygriffin, Killavullen.**
- **Wednesday, September 3rd from 7.30pm – 9.15pm at the Midleton Park Hotel in Midleton.**

An adult studies programme in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* will commence shortly thereafter in Ballygriffin and in East Cork. For more information, please contact Fr. Seán Corkery at cloynenewevangelisation@gmail.com

The Annual Cloyne Diocesan Pioneer Mass will be held in Dromahane Church (Mallow) on Friday, 11th July at 8pm. All welcome.

"Happiness will never come to those who don't appreciate what they already have"

Launch Night of our Official Elvis Fan Club Charity Night, this is in aid of **Katie Byrne, from Cobh**, she is in need of funds to help her get an operation in the US to help her walk, her fund is Katie's Dream to Walk.... **Saturday 16th July** is the date of this event, Ramble Inn, Baldwin Street, Mitchelstown. Everyone welcome, especially if you are an Elvis Fan. Further info Ph: Claire 087-3833335

Monster Gala Day, All profits to the Irish Cancer Society.

Sunday, 17th August 2014 in T.O. Park Mitchelstown, with Open Air Healing Mass & Elvis Gospel Singer, Deak Rivers at 2-45pm, weather permitting.

10K Fun Run (Register) Saturday (12.00 to 1pm) & Sunday (11am to 12 noon) Run starts at 12.30pm sharp. Field Events open at 1.30pm. Refreshments and Food – Galty Valley Mobile Catering (Ballymaloe School of Cookery Chef) Information contact Claire. 087-3833335 for registration.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2014: What is the Youth 2000 Summer Festival?

This is a lively 4 day festival with workshops, concert, inspiring talks, great music and prayer. And plenty of time for relaxing and meeting new people! During the festival, you can get some spiritual R&R, meet other young Catholics in the same boat and give your faith a boost. It takes place in Cistercian College, Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Co Tipperary from 14th – 17th August 2014. Registration will begin at 6pm on Thursday evening.

The theme for the festival is: "I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord" Phil 4:4

What happens at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival? The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is full of variety. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. It is a packed program but there is also time for chatting, sitting, relaxing, soccer and generally chilling out. **Who can attend this?** This is a youth event, so we are encouraging those aged between 16 - 35 years to attend. If you are over 35, this festival isn't really for you although we do always need mature volunteers to help with the running the festival. If you're interested in coming along to help in some way, please contact the National Office on 01 6753690 to discuss this matter further. Any prospective volunteers will be required to be Garda vetted and referenced checked. **How do I book?** If you are over-18, please book in advance, on-line by clicking here. If you are under 18, please click here, follow the simple procedure AND download a booking form, fill in your details, get a parent/guardian to sign the form and bring it along to the registration desk at Roscrea. Please go to registration desk at Roscrea to complete your registration. Please bring I.D. /Age Card as this is required to complete registration! **How much will it cost?** This festival is donation only, so it won't break the bank. You can give as much or as little as you like, all done anonymously. **Who can I contact for further information?** The Youth 2000 Office on 01 675 3690 or email dublin@youth2000.ie