

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 21st December:

1st Prize: €1200 S. Meehan, Inver P.O., Co. Donegal
2nd Prize: €400 F. McGrath, Mervue, Galway
3rd Prize: €200 B & T Boles, Sligo.
4th Prize: €100 Jim & Patricia Skinner, Georges St., Mitchelstown, Co. Cork
Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. M. Byrne, Drogheda, Co. Louth
2. D. Gorman, Derry City
3. P. Mullhall, Bray, Co. Wicklow
4. B. Cuddy, Castlerea, Co. Galway
5. John Casey Mitchelstown, Co. Cork X 2

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 18th January 2012

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. Wishing all our friends & supporters a very Happy & Peaceful New Year.

Thank You

Irish Blood Transfusion Service would like to thank the 235 Donors who attended their recent Clinic in Mitchelstown.

Donors, together with the families, friends and neighbours that support them, make up a community that brings life and hope to hospital patients every day.

BALLYHOURA MACRA

Ballyhoura Macra would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. The club is currently organising a clothes collection for charity, a pub quiz, a school quiz, basketball training, practices for Macra National Talent Competitions (e.g. comedy sketch, ballad Group etc.) and much more. More details coming soon! To join just text 086-3760487 or Go to www.ballyhouramacra.com or check us out on Facebook.

Mitchelstown Musical Society:

Tickets are now on sale at Hyland's Education Bookshop and the Favourite Newsagents for our next Musical Production, "**Beauty and the Beast**", which **takes place in C.B.S. Auditorium, from 14th to 18th February 2012.** This has been described as "the most beautiful love story ever told". Opening night tickets are only €10, other nights €15. The show was a Broadway Smash-Hit, with music that will be familiar to most people. Directed by Bryan Flynn, currently directing "Cinderella" at the Cork Opera House, it promises to be our best ever show.

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Proposed Changes in Mass Times:

We propose the following changes in Mass Times to be introduced on the weekend of **January 22nd** :

PARISH CHURCH:

Saturday Morning:

One Mass only at 10.00a.m.

Saturday Evening:

Mass at 7.00p.m. instead of 7.30p.m.

Sunday Morning:

Masses at 9.30 a.m. & 12.00 Midday.

Sunday Evening:

Mass at 7.30p.m.

BALLYGIBLIN:

Mass on Saturday Evening at 8.00p.m. instead of 9.30a.m. Sunday Morning.

KILLACLUIG:

Will remain the same, at 10.30a.m. Sunday Morning.

Special Christmas:

For many people this Christmas must have been difficult because of sickness, financial worries or bereavement. As life progresses along, our lives change and so too does our experience of Christmas. But no matter what the circumstances of our lives, each Christmas the Infant Jesus touches us all and consoles us. His humility, His simplicity, His gentleness and His poverty, touches all no matter what is happening in our lives. I "wonder" at how Christmas has changed in my life over the years, but Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The weather this year was a great gift to us after the freeze of the last two years. It was great to welcome home our family members from abroad. There was joy in their coming and sadness in their leaving. They will always be in our prayers as we look forward to seeing them soon again and to better times at home.

Thanks to Parish Volunteers:

Thanks to the growing number of Parish Volunteers for all the wonderful work during 2011.

Would you consider giving a little time to help with the weekly Church hovering and sea dusting in the Parish Church? Please contact Fr. Michael Fitzgerald P.P. or Patricia at the Parish Office.

GARABANDAL MEETING:

The next meeting on the apparitions of Our Lady at Garabandal will take place on

This, Sunday, January 8th at 3.00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

All Welcome

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.
KILACLUIG: before 1st Friday Mass.

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, KILACLUIG:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 8.15p.m.

CLERGY:

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS

12 NOON WEDNESDAY

Office Open:

10 am to 12 noon - Monday to Friday.

Priest on Sick call this week is:

Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F.

Sick Call Contact

Phone Number:

087 - 2524979

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING

HOUR OF ADORATION:

Every Thursday night from

8 pm to 9 pm

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJOURGE:

Direct from **Cork, leaving Saturday, 25th August 2012.** €649 for 1 week. To secure your seat, a €50 deposit must be paid no later than 19th February. Spiritual Director is Fr. Michael Fitzgerald P.P.
If you are interested Eileen Hyland at (086) 3044456 and she will give you full details. Please book early as spaces are limited.

Envelope System:

Thanks to everyone who use the envelope system. The Tax Refund will be published in the stations letter with the Parish accounts. It has been very successful, please continue to use the system. *Fr. Michael Fitzgerald P.P.*

MITCHELSTOWN CHRISTMAS TREE:

Wasn't it a magnificent tree in the Square this year? What a star at the top? Those responsible have done our town proud, thank you! *Fr. Michael Fitzgerald P.P.*

Bible Class

Recommences next Tuesday, 10th January 2012

At 10.30 a.m. in Marian Hall

All Welcome

Adult Prayer Group

Change of Venue

Town Hall

At 8 p.m.

STUDY THEOLOGY FROM HOME! Would you like to study theology from home?

The Dominican Order is offering a distance learning theology programme, leading to a range possible qualifications from certificate level up to full honours degree level. People are enabled to study theology from home, while also attending occasional study days and benefiting from the on-line support of academic tutors. Contact: The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Telephone: (01) 4048124 or (01) 4048127
enquiries@prioryinstitute.com www.prioryinstitute.com

Mitchelstown Fun Community Games

Invite to participate / assist Culture & Sport activities Jan-March. Age after 31.7.12
U8-16 Art; u10-16 Model Making; u12,16 Chess; u16 Choir; u15 Culture Corner; U14 Group & Solo Music,
Group & solo Singing, Disco Group & Solo Dance, Recitation, Comedy, Quiz; u13,15 Indoor Soccer; u13,16 Table Tennis; u10 Handwriting
Projects: Under 11 - "Create your own ideal country"
Under 13 - "How can Ireland utilise its natural resources most effectively?"
Under 16 - "A Vision for Ireland 2050"
CBS Gym Wed: Athletics 7-8 pm, Volleyball @ 8pm - 087.3589734

Ancestor research at the Parish Office: There are **NO** more appointments available until the end of January 2012.



Prayers and Sympathy

We offer our Prayers and sincere Sympathy to the families of those who died in our Parish recently.

Michael Sherlock
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May he Rest in Peace.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."

"We have loved our dear departed in this life and in death we shall not forget them."
St. Ambrose,

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Meeting this

Monday, 9th January 2012

At 7 p.m.

In Marian Hall, Convent Hill.
New Members always welcome.

Pharmacy Rota:

Murphy's Pharmacy

Will be open this
Sunday, 8th January
From 11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

Killacluig Church Choir

New members always welcome!

Meet us after 10.30a.m. Mass, or call/text
Caitríona Fox on 086-3760487