

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, 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 1st 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. Parish Office: 025-84062

E-MAIL: mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net **DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAY**

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Priest on Sick call this week is: Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Pharmacy Rota:

Murphy's Pharmacy open this Sunday, 10th March 11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

MITCHESTOWN COMMUNITY GAMES

Handwriting under 10 (100-150 words) entries will be accepted by Mar 14 at Ballyhoura Ltd, Baldwin St. 1 boy/ 1 girl will be picked to represent area in Handwriting County Final in Belgooly on March 18th at 11 am.

TALENT COMPETITION

U/14 Group Dance Modern & Disco. Panel –min of 2, max of 6. Competitors may perform one dance not exceeding 4 mins.

U/14 Group Dance (Irish or Contemporary)

Panel –min of 2, max of 6. Competitors may perform one dance not exceeding 4 mins.

U/14 Group Singing, Panel: 2-6. Competitors may sing to a maximum of two songs, not exceeding 5 mins.

U/14 Group – Drama or Comedy, Panel: 2-6. U/14 Group Music,

Solo Music under 13, Solo Recitation under 12, Choir u13/16

CYCLING under 12/14 at Fermoy March 23 at 12 noon

DUATHLON u15 (1400m run, 8k cycle, 1400m run) Fermoy March 23 at 12 noon
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ATHLETICS Wednesday 7-8 pm CBS Spikeball 7.45pm. CBS

Contact Facebook [mitchelstowncommunitygames](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelstowncommunitygames), John Casey 085-1639833

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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The Conclave: As the 2013 Conclave (with key) begins, we all look forward to the election of a new successor to St. Peter. The first Pope (St. Peter) was a man of great faith and courage, who grew in humility through his failures and struggles. When St. Peter recovered faith after the Resurrection of Jesus, he went on to lead the infant Church proclaiming the Risen Saviour and His message of hope for the world. In the end, like his master, St. Peter died a martyr's death and was crucified upside down. The Church and the world now await the one chosen by the Lord, to take the place of St. Peter. Let us all pray for the Cardinal Electors, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

St. Patrick's Day: The Feast of our National Patron Saint, St. Patrick falls on Sunday next. God gave us this humble Saint to lead our nation in the birth of the Catholic faith in our country. We continue to cling to that faith in Jesus Christ and to His chosen vicar the successor of St. Peter. Let us on this year of faith and on this Feastday of our Patron, renew our faith and our commitment to our Saviour Jesus Christ and to His Holy Catholic Church. **Collection for all our emigrants on St. Patrick's Day.**

Youth 2000 – Retreat: Friday night 22nd March to Sunday, March 24th. All young people between the ages of 16 and 35 are invited to the youth retreat in the Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, Cork. It is a great opportunity to explore and develop your faith and its struggles with other young people. If anyone is interested, just go along to the weekend or part of it. For more details contact John on 086 – 3301766, the Parish Office or Fr. Fitzgerald or check out www.youth2000.ie

Prayer for Lent: Lord Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit upon your people through the Lenten season, that we might faithfully take up our cross each day and follow You. Help us to die to all that is false in our lives, all that is worthless, all that is sinful. Confident in your abundant mercy, may we face the truth about ourselves without fear. Freed from all that keeps us from joyfully living our baptismal promises, may we joyfully live with all Christians in the Easter celebration of Your resurrection. Amen.

Bible Class Tuesday mornings in the Marian Hall at 10.30am. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross
THIS Sunday, March 10th, on Corrin Hill, Fermoy, at 3.00pm.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY meeting this Monday,
11th March, At 7 p.m. In Marian Hall, Convent Hill.
New Members always welcome.

**ST. FANAHAN'S COLLEGE PARENT COUNCIL ARE HAVING A FUNDRAISING
CLOTHING COLLECTION.**

Bag 2 School

Everyone is welcome to get involved. We take items in any type of bag.

We collect: Clothes, Shoes, Handbags, Belts, Soft Toys.

We don't collect: End of Life Clothing, Bedding, Curtains etc.

Bags can be dropped to Reception at St. Fanahan's College from now up to and including the 18th April, during school hours.

Ballygiblin Parents Council

The Ballygiblin Parents Council would like to thank everyone who supported their recent fundraising Table Quiz. Your ongoing support of our School Playground Development is really appreciated. In addition, we will be holding a **used clothes collection** after Easter, on the 23rd April, so if you are planning a Spring clean out and can hold used clothes, linens and textiles until then, we would be most grateful.

Console – Eight Week Suicide Bereavement Group Programme: This free group is facilitated by Console Counsellors and is suitable for anyone who has experienced the loss of someone close to suicide. The Fermoy group will commence on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm for eight consecutive weeks in ACCORD office on Monument Hill, Fermoy. For further information or to book a place please contact Console in Cork on 021 -4274218.

SEE **PETER ROBINSON EMIGRANTS DISPLAY:** Peter Robinson emigrant ships display at Library from now until February 23rd. It depicts 1825 emigration of farmers and workers from the parish of Mitchelstown, Brigown, Templetenny to Ottawa to make a new life.

MITCHELSTOWN HEALTHY TOWN - Keep Fit Tuesday's. Ladies Keep Fit at St. Fanahan's Hall 9.30am -11am. Healthy Town 3-5k Walks at New Square 7pm. See facebook/mitchelstownhealthywalk

MITCHELSTOWN GATHERING - FAMILY CLAN TRACING WORKSHOP

Learn to trace your family tree in New Library, Saturday, March 23rd 10am -12 noon

Art Classes: 6 weeks course in Acrylic and oil painting. Commencing on Tuesday, March 19th 8pm - 10.30pm in Carrigeen, Kilbehenny. €80 Contact Deirdre Dunne 085- 7844305

Mitchelstown Macra are holding a table quiz on Friday April 19th. Tables of 4 are €20. Venue to be confirmed. For more info contact **John on 086-1721027**. All welcome, please support. Check out www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Committee Anyone interested in becoming a “**Blue Tie**” helper, please forward your name to Paddy (087) 9488359

C.B.S. Primary Parent Council would like to thank everybody who supported their 27th Spring / Summer Fashion Show 2013, at the Firgrove Hotel. Whether you displayed on the night, provided sponsorship, attended, or indeed, gave any assistance, we really appreciate your efforts. The Committee is sincerely grateful for the unstinting local support of their successive fundraising ventures. All proceeds go directly to improving facilities for the pupils of C.B.S. Primary.

Go Raibh míle míle maith agaibh go léir.

The **Irish Heart Foundation and other Charities** as well, would be delighted to have your company at our **Charity Cookery Demonstration** with Author, Broadcaster and Chef Instructor Frank Moynihan at **T.O. Park, Labbamologga, on Wednesday, 20th March.** Commencing at **8.00pm Sharp**. Admission just €10.00. Your support would be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Diane Casey (087) 1478030

Fundraiser for “Cope” Sensory Garden, Mitchelstown. St. Patrick's Weekend **DANCE, Saturday 16th March.** At Kilcoran Lodge. Music by Frankie Carroll & Oliver O'Donnell. 9pm till late. Bar, Spot Prizes and Raffle. Admission €10

Local Heat of Over 60's Talent Contest at T.O. Park, on Tuesday, March 26th. Free Entry. You are welcome to take part, but come anyway. To enter call (025) 84372 and leave your name and number.

**Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Abstinence Association
Collection in Tesco on Saturday, March 16th**

(By special arrangement with management)

The purpose of the collection is to raise funds to help the association in their efforts to promote temperance among young and old in our Parish and outlying areas. As we all know the excessive use of drink and drugs is causing great distress and breakdowns in Ireland today. **PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

Bingo in aid of Leadership for Life course being run in conjunction with Mitchelstown Youth Cafe. On **Today, Sunday March the 10th in the Town Hall at 2:30pm.**

KERDIFFSTOWN HOLIDAY CENTRE.

St. Vincent de Paul are now taking names for their upcoming holiday season. Based in Johnstown, County Kildare, we cater for elderly people in need of a break. Our holidays run from May – September each year and people come from all over the country to avail of our excellent programme of activities. There are also many locals who join us and return year after year. If you wish to avail of our holiday offer please contact Pat on 045 866337.

St. Vincent de Paul also have rooms for those who wish to hold yoga classes, prayer groups, choir practice or weekly get togethers for any group or club. School retreats? Club weekends away? We would be delighted to hear from you also.