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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

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

BALLYHOURA WALKING TOUR FESTIVAL

The Ballyhoura Walking Festival Saturday May 3rd.

Mitchelstown Tour starts at 11am from Clongibbon House Hotel with interesting visit sites on 1.5 hour long route sharing interesting anecdotes.

A **Sensory Tour** will be conducted in the **Galtee Mountains** on **Sunday May 4th**.

Genealogy Family History workshop at **Mitchelstown Library** on **Saturday April 26th at 10 am.**

Please attend **Ballyhoura Ltd public meetings** on Future Development changes in **Doneraile Hall** on **Saturday April 11th at 8pm**

Please support Ballyhoura development by signing the petition.

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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, 16th April.

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MITCHELSTOWN CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE for all your information needs. Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am to 1 pm

Monday & Thursday 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

No appointment necessary. Tel: 0761 07 8030.

E-mail: mitchelstown@citinfo.ie Website: www.citizensinformation.ie

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Jesus Weeps:

Shortly before His death Jesus was descending the Mount of Olives and looking across at the great city of Jerusalem, He wept tears of sorrow for He had a vision of the future destruction of the City. He was heard to express sorrow that the city had failed to appreciate God's visitation in the coming of Jesus Himself. He was heard to say "How I longed to gather you, as a hen gathered her chicks, but you refused the call", He was referring to His call to repentance and conversion. This is a week of Grace for us all. Let us avail of the opportunity of Confession and participate in the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday ceremonies. God is also given us opportunities, it is important that we avail of them.

Kellie Lewis – The Voice of Ireland: We wish Kellie every success in the closing stages of the National Competition. Her local Church Choir in Kilbehenny organising a **Cake Sale after 11.00am Mass in Kilbehenny this Sunday**, to give as much support as possible to her from the local community. All welcome.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES & THE EASTER TRIDUUM:

PARISH CHURCH:

THIS MONDAY 14th APRIL: Penitential Rite. 7.30pm.

A Redemptorist Priest will lead the Celebration and a number of Priests will be hearing confession.

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 14th 15th & 16th:

Masses in Parish Church: 8.15am 10am & 7.30pm Morning Prayer at 8am.

(No evening Mass on Monday 14th at 7.30 p.m. due to Penitential Rite)

WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL: Chrism Mass in Cobh at 7.30pm.

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to be present at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to renew their commitment. They are asked to line up at the sanctuary steps during the Prayers of the Faithful.

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 16th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.

Thursday: 17th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.

Friday: 18th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.

Saturday: 19th April 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

For Full Details of Easter Week Ceremonies please take a copy of the Easter Leaflet, this has also been delivered to your homes..

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

MITCHELSTOWN TENNIS CLUB:

- * Tennis Camp by registration only, on 15th, 16th, and 17th April €4.00 per day
- * Introduction to Tennis Thursday 24th. Thursday 1st May. Thursday 8th May. Thursday 15th May €2 a day
- * Fun Tennis starting Wednesday 21st 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 2nd Sunday of Easter. (April 27th 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 3rd 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 **29th of April 2014** at 8pm in the **Town Hall**. All welcome.

Vacancies on the Community Employment Scheme for two Caretakers. Anyone who is interested please contact the Awbeg Office at 025-86956.

Thank You – The Tennis Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Mitchelstown Lawn Tennis Club Church Gate Collection held last week. This collection will help towards club development.

On Easter Monday **Special Friends Mitchelstown** will be holding their **Easter Fundraiser** at T O Park on Easter Monday 21st April from 1 to 5 pm Mystery Magic Show Begins at 2pm other activities include Face Painting, Nail Art, Egg Hunt, Balloons, Monster Raffle ,Tea and Buns . €5 per child / €15 per family. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

THE SACRED HEART MESSENGER:

Local promoter is; ANNA MARIA RUSSELL, (025) 84151 Copies are also available in the Porch of the Parish Church

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Meeting this Monday, 14th April, at 7 p.m. In Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

New Members always welcome.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Fund – Helping Bring the Sick to Lourdes

Fundraising Draw in Jackie O'Brien's, Mitchelstown, **Sunday night, 4th 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 svpmitchelstown@gmail.com

Course:	Date:	Time:	Classes:	Price:
Beginners Typing:	Mon Morning 28 th April	10am-12.30pm	8	€90
E-Banking	Tues Night 13 th May	7pm – 9pm	1	€12
Skype	Tues Night 20 th May	7pm – 9pm	1	€12
Beginners Computers	Wed Morning 21 st May	10am-12.30pm	6	€95
E-Bay & Pay Pal	Tues Night 27 th May	7pm – 9.30pm	1	€15
Twitter	Tues Night 3 rd June	7pm – 9.30pm	1	€15
Facebook	Tues Night 10 th 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, 17th April at 9pm

In T.O. Park Community Centre, Labbamologga.

Refreshments served at interval. Bumper Prizes for Raffle.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Bright Sparks - Two weeks of action packed fun and egg citing stuff!!

From Monday 14th April 9 to 12pm €12 per day or €50 per week...

Week 1... Easter Egg making, Easter Arts & Crafts, Easter Bunny Hunt, Show & Tell

Week 2... Bike Day, Movie Day, Spa Day, Dress Up/Board Games....

Bookings on 025-86799 or text 086-2653839

NOTICE ALTAR FLOWERS The Altar Society would welcome new volunteers to help with flowers for the Altar.

No flower arranging experience is required.

Please contact either of the following numbers: 086 6077595 or 087 6364845.