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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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Fr. Greene is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Results of Pioneer Association's Members Raffle 2014 held recently:

1st Prize €2,500: Ms. Sinéad McGarry, Newcastle, Co. Dublin.
2nd Prize €500: Mr. John Duffy, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan.
3rd Prize €250: Mrs. M. Carroll, Beaumont, Dublin 9.

Sellers as winners.

Congratulation to our winners.

Thank you to everybody who supported our draw by selling raffle tickets and for purchasing them. This Annual Draw is a major fundraiser for the Pioneer Association each year and your assistance in taking the time to sell the tickets on our behalf, not to mention the financial support is greatly appreciated.

Mitchelstown Heritage Society Church Gate Collection: On behalf of Mitchelstown Heritage Society, we wish to thank the people of Mitchelstown, Killacluig & Ballygiblin who generously supported our recently held church gate collection. The Society would also like to thank the members & friends of Mitchelstown Heritage Society who stood at the gates, making the collection possible. The Society & its work could not be sustained without the support & participation of the entire community. The funds raised will go towards the many projects in the area that the society is initiating, such as; a Heritage Tourist Guidebook, a schools heritage booklet, maintenance of our monuments & sites of historic interest, folklore collection etc. The Society will advertise its programme of events for Heritage Week & the upcoming Autumn lecture series shortly. Wishing you all a happy, safe summer, Andrew Dineen, Chairman, Mitchelstown Heritage Society.

Ballyporeen Community Council presents Social Dancing in the Ballyporeen Parochial Hall **this Sunday the 13th of July from 9.30pm.** Admission €7. Music is by Jimmy Donohue. Tickets on the door, Complementary Light refreshments Teas/Coffees served. Also Digital Bingo takes place on Friday the 18th of July starting at 8.30pm. All proceeds to the Parochial Hall Development Fund.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Child Safeguarding: You may have noticed the new colourful Diocesan Poster Child Safeguarding, which is now displayed in the special notice boards at our Church entrances. At a recent meeting of the Parish Safeguarding Committee, we did a recheck of our compliance with our Diocesan Policy. We are very grateful for all the co-operation given by our volunteers to implement the policy. **On Monday night next 14th July in the Town Hall** we have another **Information Night** presented by the Diocesan Committee members at **7.30pm.** If, as a Parish Volunteer, you haven't attended one of these presentations, we strongly encourage you to avail of this opportunity. The policy now requires that all Parish Volunteers be re-vetted after a five year period. We again encourage all of you to help us in this process. Children are very vulnerable and we must do our utmost to protect them at all times. If you have any concerns, please contact our Parish Delegates: Martin Kelly or Martha Kent.

Farm Safety: Parishes throughout the country are being encouraged to highlight farm safety, as there has been a huge increase in fatal farm accidents this year. So far this year there has been 13 fatal accidents, compared with a total of 16 in the whole of last year. We ask the Lord and His Guardian Angels to watch over us and protect us at all times and especially during the summer period.

Enrolling in the Brown Scapular: The Brown Scapular has its origins in the Apparition of Our Lady to an English man St. Simon Stock on July 16th, 1251. In the apparition Our Lady gave St. Simon, the Carmelite Priest, a double piece of cloth to be worn on the shoulders. Our Lady promised her protection to all who wear the scapular in her honour. Many extraordinary stories are recorded in relation to the Scapular. If you and your family would like to be enrolled, you are very welcome to the **Eucharist Healing Hour next Thursday night, 17th July, 8-9pm.**

St Thérèse - The Little Flower Summer Faith Camp:

The fourth hugely successful Faith Camp for Kids will take place in the Town Hall from Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th of July. With a capacity attendance of over 90 smiling children from the locality and 40 selfless young leaders, it is shaping up to be another great event leading both leaders and children into a deeper understanding of their fascinating Catholic Faith through art, drama, sports lessons and friendship. We thank all of those who have supported us over the years to make this fantastic week possible and we would kindly ask you to keep us in your prayers.

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

Kilbehenny Cycling Club - Club Notes 7th July 2014

A Thank You: We would like to thank all those who helped us out with our recent 'Tour of The Galtees' which raised in excess of € 3,000 for our chosen charity: - the All Ireland Co-Operative Oncology Research Group (ICORG). –

The 'Ring of Kerry' charity cycle took place on Saturday last, July 5th. We had 23 members participating this year and the weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This scenic cycle has grown into a massive event at this stage, having in excess of 9,000 cyclists this year from throughout the country and raises funds for a number of well deserving charities in the Kerry region. Congrats to all members involved and congrats to the organisers in Killarney for a very well run event.

Club Cycles: The club meets for cycles at 7pm on Wednesdays and from 9am on Sundays from Kilbehenny Community Centre. We cater for all ages and abilities, with three groups on offer: - A Group, B Group and Leisure Group.

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

Web: - <http://www.kilbehennycycling.com/> **Facebook:** - Kilbehenny Cycling Club

FANAHAN McSWEENEY CARNIVAL SPORTS: Club Sports at Araglin Carnival on Friday July 18th at 7 pm. U6: 50 m , U8: 80 m, U9: 80m, 300m, U10: 80 m, Ball Throw, Mixed Relay, U11: 100m, 300m, High Jump U12: 100m, Shot Putt, Mixed Relay U13: 100m, 600m, Poc Fada U14 High Jump, Mixed Relay. U16: 100m, 600m Poc Fada U19 Shot Putt, Mixed Relay Senior: 1500m, Poc Fada, Welly Throwing Mama's & Papa's: 100m

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA – Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to East Africa in Sept 2014. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. In addition, the Group will visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn during the mission. Contact Denis – 086 8520271.

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 August** 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