### **CLERGY:**

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## Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week; Phone Number: 087 – 2524979

N.B. - NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS: <u>mitchelstownparishofficechurch@gmail.com</u> <u>DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY</u>

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday. Parish Website: <u>www.mitchelstownparish.ie</u> E-mail address for Parish Pastoral Council is <u>mitchelstownppc@gmail.com</u> Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Throughout the Sundays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church at <u>3.00pm</u>, beginning this Sunday. This is a very important Lenten devotion and we encourage you to participate. **The Parish will lead the Stations of the Cross on Corrin Hill, Fermoy, on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>**. <u>MASSES DURING THE WEEK:</u>Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

Evening Mass during weekdays of Lent at 7.30pm

**MORNING PRAYER:** 

Monday – Friday: 8.00am

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Crean will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish Church on Wednesday next at 11.00am. Please pray for the boys and girls of Bunscoil, C.B.S. Primary & Glenahulla. Parking in the Church Grounds for special needs only. **Confessions** for Confirmation Families on **Monday Evening 6.30-7.30pm**. **EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thurs. evening **8.00pm** – **9.00pm**, with reflections on the Passion of Christ and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

**TROCAIRE BOXES:** are available today, if you have not already got one. Remember that by denying ourselves a little during Lent, we can offer life to someone in poorer countries.

## SPRING STATIONS:

Mon.	$15^{\text{th}}$	Kildrum & Garryleigh Ja	mes & Geraldine O'Brien
Mon.	$15^{\text{th}}$	Kiltrislane & Cloonlough South James & M	Aichael Dunne Parish Ch.
Tue.	$16^{\text{th}}$	New Stag Park Estate 6.30pm Stag	g Park Community Centre
Tue.	$16^{\text{th}}$	Clonmel Rd. Baldwin St. King's Sq. Bank P	. & Castle Park. Parish Ch.
Tue.	$16^{\text{th}}$	Kilshanny	David & Martha Kent
Wed.	$17^{\text{th}}$	Church Rd. Church Rd. Flats, Mulberry, M	lulberry Crest, Kali Magdan,
Brigown Cottages, Abbey Farm, Abbey View, The Meadows, Woodlawn, Stonewell &			
Sliabh Alainn. PARISH CHURCH			
Thurs.	$18^{\text{th}}$	Gurrane & Coolenave	Michael & Breda McElroy
Thurs.	$18^{\text{th}}$	Glenduff	Michael & Eileen Carey
Fri.	$19^{\text{th}}$	Ballybeg, Turbeigh & Glenatluckey8.15pm	Eugene & Helen Sheehan
Fri.	$19^{\text{th}}$	Boolakelly, Gurteenatarriff & Gortnasna.	Ciarán & Niamh Lewis
All Station Masses are at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. We encourage you all to			
participate. A reminder to return Mass times survey.			

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Lent 2016:** As we enter Lent 2016, we do so with the backdrop of a double gangland murder in Dublin City. It is a terrible thing in the eyes of God to take the life of another human being and to do so in such a vicious way. May God have mercy on those who died and on those who carried out such a terrible act. It has brought an ISIS style wickedness into our country. Let us bring to Mass this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 2016 an intention to make reparation to our Creator for such evil and wickedness. Such evil is a reminder to us that we need our Saviour Jesus Christ and we need His protection from evil.

Let us this Lent renew our faith in Jesus Christ. Let us place our homes and our families under His protection. Let us ask Him with faith to drive out evil from our communities and our country. Let us make a renewed effort this Lent to focus more on our relationship with God and in the keeping of His Commandments. Let us renew our efforts to live in harmony and peace with our families and neighbours. Without prayer we cannot live, let us decide again in the busyness of our daily lives to make time to rest with God in prayer. Let us encourage our children and teach them God alone gives true inner peace and joy.

**Confirmation:** Lent comes early this year and so too Easter and so too the celebration of Confirmation. For the last few months the boys and girls have been preparing for the celebration of Confirmation this Wednesday. We welcome Bishop Crean to the Parish and we pray that the Holy Spirit will come upon the boys and girls and their families in a very powerful way. The Church needs the enthusiasm of the boys and girls and so too the Parish. We hope they will become very active members of the Parish.

**Year of Mercy Pilgrimage:** <u>July 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2016</u>. Visit the Shrine of St. Maximin & St. Mary Magdalene in France. Visit the Holy Family Shrine in Cotignac, where Our Lady appeared with the Child Jesus on August  $10^{th}$ , 1519, and where St. Joseph appeared on June, 7<sup>th</sup> 1660. Visit Apt to venerate at the Shrine of St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Followed by a visit to Lourdes and Garabandal. Contact Nuala (087) 2313762.

Forms of Friday Penance: The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- · Abstaining from meat or some other food
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- Making the Stations of the Cross
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.

From the Statement on Friday Penance issued by the Bishop's Conference, 2011.

Cork Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Easter 2016 - 5 nights ex Dublin 599 euro. Hotel opposite St James Church. Price includes flights, buses, food and accommodation. Contact James Treacy 0860572216 \*\*~~

Valentines at Bright Sparks: 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February Midterm break 9am to 12pm or full day €15 / €35. Enjoy" lovely" spa treatment music and disco " love" cookies a" lovely" movie and lots more fun at " Valentines". Come along and meet new friends or bring a friend...age 4 years upwards. Bookings at 025-86799 or text 086-2653839

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Mitchelstown Musical Society celebrating 10 years presents Oklahoma in the C.B.S. Auditorium from February 16th to 20th. Tickets available from Hylands Bookshop and The Favourite. Please note seating is numbered this year. \*\*~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~\*\*

Upcoming Event: The Jubilee 25<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Conference will take place in the RDS, Dublin on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The theme of the conference this year is "..... As we forgive those who trespass against us". A bus will travel to the conference on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

Pope Francis and the Gospel of Mercy: A talk by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016. 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross, Cork. Cost: Donation only. All are welcome. Details from Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office 021 4537474 \*\*~~~~~~\*\*

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Coming to Mitchelstown - Safe Talk is an evening's training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities. The Safe Talk takes place in the on Thursday, March  $10^{th}$ , 7 – 10pm. Whilst this training is suitable for everyone over 18 years of age who wants to help prevent suicide and is prepared to become suicide alert, it is not suited to someone who may be recently bereaved by suicide. The training is provided free by the HSE. One must first submit an application form that is available from Ballyhoura Development Ltd, Baldwin Street or email sallen@ballyhoura.org or Tel: 025 85213.

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The **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** is on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

Clovne Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow. 26<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August. For young adults 18 to 35 years. Limited places still available. Price €700. Contact Fr Tom McDermott, frtom@cdys.ie 086-1615216 or Fr Pat O'Donoghue, frpat@cdys.ie 087-7857208

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Contact Pilgrimages Abroad, Lauri Duffy Travel. Dublin. 01-6359300.

Clovne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 5 nights Full Board. Under the Patronage of Most Rev. William Crean D.D., Bishop of Cloyne. Pilgrimage Directory: V. Rev. Tobias Bluitt P.P. Booking is now open with Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, Cork, Telephone: (021) 4277979. Sick/Assisted Pilgrim application forms available from The Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Tel: (022) 20276.

Notification of Upcoming AGM of your local MS Branch will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 3pm in Fermoy Education Centre, Fitzgerald Place, Fermoy. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Also we are looking for 1 pound Jam Jars (clean with lids please) for a new fundraising endeavour! Michael White has kindly offered to collect same in Mitchelstown, so please drop off to "DAY to DAY" Shop, Clonmel Road. \*\*~~~~~~~~~~~~\*\*

C.B.S. Primary Parent Council present our 30th Annual Fashion Show: Firgrove Hotel, Friday, 4th March at 8pm. Models by Ursula Stokes Model Agency & some "Familiar Faces". Local Stands on Display. Cheese & Wine Reception. Raffle on Door Ticket. Tickets €15 available from the School Office or any member of the Parent Council. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

The Cork Association for Autism (CAA) will hold their Annual Light it up Blue Gala Ball on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Maryborough Hotel & Spa, Douglas. Tickets for this wonderful evening of fine food, entertainment and dance cost €75 with tables of 10 available for group bookings. If you would like to purchase tickets or get more information about this event contact the CAA on 021 4533642 email fundraising@corkautism.ie or log onto www.corkautism.ie.

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"Eucharistic Adoration" Appeal: We invite you to come and participate in Eucharistic Adoration by taking on an Adoration hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Let the Lord give you many wonderous graces and blessings for spending time with Him. We are looking for people to share the following hours; Sunday 4pm, Monday 4pm, Friday 12 noon.. Please contact: Nora 025-24149 or Catherine 087-7727496.

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Mitchelstown Community Pre-School: Enrolments are now being taken fo August/September 2016. Operating E.C.C.E. Scheme (free school year) Experienced and Fully Trained Staff. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Mary at 086-883 2533 or home 025-24697, or Tina at 086-8454870. \*\*~~~~~~~~~~\*\*

Free invitation to Grove Wellness Centre, Shanballymore, Mallow. Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, Healthy Eating Cookery Demos for improved health & weight loss. (Week 1 of 5 week programme) Please call to book your place. March 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>. Twice Cancer Survivor Bernadette Bohan shares her wonderful programme for diet & lifestyle change which has helped thousands of people to get back to better health. Call Jacqueline Mary 086 8135805 (Free 1-1 Nutrition & health consultation.)

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Upcoming Event for Celebrating the Year of Mercy: Day of praise, worship and healing with music, talks and Eucharistic Adoration in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Guest Speaker will be Maria Vadia who has a powerful ministry in the Catholic Church of bringing the Word of God to the ends of the earth. Starts at 9.30am. Lunch at 1pm. Concelebrated Holy Mass 5pm followed by Prayer for Healing. Chief Celebrant Canon Michael Fitzgerald, Homily Fr. Pat Scanlon. Contacts: Mary 087 2898518, Pat 087 2505528 or Celia 087 2405568. \*\*~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

MITCHELSTOWN SENIORS TONE UP: Mitchelstown Seniors (60+) Tone Up classes at Tesco Training Room, 7pm, Wednesdays. 087.3589734 See Facebook.