### **CLERGY:**

V. Rev. Canon Fitzgerald P.P., V.F. Phone: 025-84090.

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# Canon Fitzgeraldis on Sick Call this week;

**Phone Number: 087 – 2524979** 

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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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### **Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:**

**MASS TIMES:** 

**Saturday & Eve of Holy Day:** 7.30pm

**Sunday & Holy Day:** 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.

**Weekdays:** 8.30am & 10.00am

**First Fridays:** 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30.pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am
ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.45am

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

First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

### **EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:**

Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm.**Eucharistic Healing Blessing. **DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:** Friday at **3.00pm.** All welcome.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 9.30 a.m.

First Friday: 7.30 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **7.00pm** 

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day:10.30 a.m.

First Friday: 6.30p.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday:**6.00pm** 

Annual Christian Unity Celebration: All Christians are invited to join in a walk-together through Fermoy Town on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, in aPilgrimage of prayer and unity, beginning in St Patrick's Church Fermoy at 3pm and proceeding to Presbyterian Church and Christ Church, followed by refreshments inAdair Hall.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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#### How much LOVE is in me?

We can only answer this question, when those in my home and family put me to the test. If we are honest, we all have our struggles in the family and that will always be the case. In the film 'The Field', the bull McCabe and his wife didn't speak to each other for many years and yet lived in the same house. Was John B. Keane reflecting what he knew was happening in some homes? Yet, as followers of Jesus, we must strive to imitate His sacrificial love in our families. Many loving relationships today are breaking up and going their separate ways. It may have happened to some of you reading this and only you can answer if you loved enough. It is said by many commentators that people are breaking up too easily. Where children are involved, it is an established fact, that they often suffer the most insecurity. Relationships aren't easy, but with a bit of work, conflicts can be resolved for the good of all. People are often unwilling to go to counselling and the last person they will go to, if at all, is a priest. That is a pity and a loss, we all need help sometimes and giving in to bitterness is destructive of everyone and of society. We can be too private about our relationships. We shouldn't talk about our relationships to everybody, but we should always seek help from trusted and wise sources. We must strive to imitate the Master, Jesus Christ and not the stuff we watch on the soaps!

Fr. Patrick Cahill: Fr. Patrick periodically ministered with us here for over seven years. He proved himself a devout and dedicated servant of the Master. He touched and challenged us all, by his questioning ways and teachings. He spent many hours in the schools and community, guiding and directing young people and leading them to a deeper faith in Christ. His work with the summer faith camps, has left a lasting impression on parents, youth, leaders and children. The Parish Pastoral Council felt that the contribution of Fr. Patrick to the Community should be acknowledged in some way and that the Community be given an opportunity to express this appreciation. So, the Council have invited Fr. Patrick to be the Main Celebrant at the Saturday Evening Mass on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. There will be a social event after Mass in Forrest Hall and a presentation will be made to Fr. Patrick. If you would like to make a contribution to the presentation, boxes will be left at the Church entrances next weekend. All are welcome to the social event, Fr. Patrick is now a director at the Holy Family Youth School of Catholic Faith Formation in Glencomeragh, but he will continue to visit the Presentation Secondary School. Thank you for all you have done among us, Fr. Patrick.

Experience the **CHRISTMAS STORY** in the land where it actually happened. Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the **HOLY LAND**, **June 12**<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). Contact Mícheál at 086-8337681 or e-mail <u>culturaltoursireland@gmail.com</u>

Enrolment for Evening Courses in Mallow College of Further Education will take place on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Mallow College of Further Education, Annabella, Mallow. Brochures with all details are available from local shops or at the college on 022-43030. For further information go to: evening.mallowcollege.ie

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## P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 21st December 2016:

**1**<sup>st</sup> **Prize:**€1200 Maureen Creed, Burncourt.(*Promoter John Casey*,

Mitchelstown)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: €400 P. McWilliams, Moneymore, Co. Derry.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:**€200 John Casey, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork. (*Promoter – self*)

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:**€100 M. Naughton Casey, Kiltoom, Co. Roscommon.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

- 1. J. Halligan, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.
- 2. John Casey Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
- 3. A. Campbell, Crosserlough, Co. Cavan.
- 4. A. Doherty, Derry City.
- 5. E. Harvey, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.
- 6. J. Shevlin, Glinsk, Co. Galway.

### The next draw will be held on Wednesday 18th January 2017

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 and supporters a very happy and peaceful New Year.

The Pioneer Magazine is published monthly and is full of interesting and informative articles and features. If you would like to get a copy each month, please contact any council member. Price per copy  $\in 1.55$ , Yearly  $\in 17$ .

Are you interested in supporting the work of Trócaire in the Diocese of Cloyne? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to bring social justiceissues alive at parish level. Further information from:Fr Tom McDermott (Trócaire Representative, Diocese of Cloyne)086 1615216, <a href="mailto:fathertommcd@gmail.com">fathertommcd@gmail.com</a> or Sinead Morgan<a href="mailto:sinead.morgan@trocaire.org">Sinead.morgan@trocaire.org</a> 021-4275622.An information evening will be held on January 31st 2017 @ 7pm in Midleton, Co Cork – venue to be decided. This initiative issupported by Bishop William Crean.

### **Cathedral Pipe Organ Restoration Project:**

The Massive Pipe Organ in St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh, is being renovated for the Centenary of the dedication of the Cathedral, in August 2019. The cost of the restoration is €750,000, and every parish in the Diocese is being asked to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made through the Parish not the Diocese. As a token of appreciation of any contributions made, every Parish in the Diocese will be presented with a framed copy of the Patron Saint of the Parish, which is depicted in the windows of the Cathedral. Parishioners will be invited to the Cathedral for the presentation.

## **Trócaire looking for a Volunteer:**

Trócaire are looking for a Volunteer from the Parish, to help with its work in the Diocese. The Volunteer will help the work and it will not be too demanding. We ask you to consider it and to contact the Parish Office. We need someone to represent the Parish.

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"Happiness will never come to those who don't appreciate

what they already have"

### **NEWLY BAPTISED**:

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Avery O'Flaherty

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –

Who died recently.
Elizabeth (Liz) Dunphy (neé) Lynch
Vincent Browne, Church Street.
Anna Kilkenny (neé O'Grady), 11 Clonmel Road.

May TheyRest In Peace