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<u>DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY</u>
Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

MASSES FOR THE WEEK: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

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

<u>EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:</u> Thursday evening **8.00pm** – **9.00pm**, with reflections on the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

<u>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:</u> Every Friday in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

<u>Ballygiblin First Holy Communion:</u>Next Saturday, 21st May, please notetime change to 11am

<u>Bus to Knock:</u> Leaving the Town Square on **Saturday June 4**th at **7.15am.** Namesto Pat McEvoy, Sacristan or Patricia in the Parish Office.

Bishops' Conference Collection: is being taken up today after Holy Communion. The offerings from this collection greatly help many services in Pastoral Care, Teaching, Helplines and many others. Your offerings are greatly appreciated.

Ministers of the Eucharist: A meeting of all Ministers of the Eucharist will be held in the Parish Church on Monday May 23rd at 7.30pm. The meeting will include a short period of Eucharistic Adoration and will be followed by a few announcements. We ask all Ministers to attend.

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United Nations on the Wrong Track: Nothing is more sacred or precious than the gift of life. Many couples struggle to conceive the gift of life, many couples struggle to carry the gift of unborn life. Many couples would love to be able to give a loving home and adopt a child. Mothers and babies must be supported and protected. Yet the United Nations criticise our country for its restrictive abortion laws. On Wednesday Evening's main news, Germany, Slovenia and America were presented as denouncing us for protecting life. Since 1973, when America removed its protection to life, over 50,000 have been killed in gun crime in America. In the same period over 52 million children have been aborted. Now, many heroic people in America are succeeding, in various states, in turning the tide against this terrible situation. We must stand up to those who seek to undermine the protection of life in our Country. Abortion hurts parents, families and destroys the gift of a precious life with incredible potential. Abortion is destructive in every way. Would that we had someone to represent those of us who can see this destruction and tell the United Nations that they are on the wrong track? Let us love life and protect life.

Bus to Knock: A bus to Knock for the All Ireland Rosary Rally will leave Mitchelstown Town Square on **Saturday June 4**th at 7.15am. Names to be given in the Sacristy or Parish Office. Archbishop Eamonn Martin, Armagh, will be the Main Celebrant of the Mass.

Veronica Guerin: Twenty years ago the journalist Veronica Guerin was brutally murdered in her car, while stopped at a traffic lights on the Naas dual carriageway. Veronica had been writing and challenging the main drug dealers in Dublin at the time. Her courageous work cost her, her life. She was survived by her husband and young son Cathal. Cathal spoke on television during the week about the loving relationship he had had with his mother.

Veronica exposed the evil being perpetrated by the drug dealers at the time and moved the Government to take decisive action against them. But, unfortunately, twenty years later the same problem is still a challenge to the authorities. In those twenty years, 230 people have been murdered in drug land related crime. Our society and the Church must continue to fight against the causes that have led to this destruction of life. It is an evil thing to take the life of another and is one of the principal offences against God. We all need to work and pray for a safer society.

The Holy Spirit: Jesus promised His disciples to send a Helper and that Helper is the Holy Spirit. The disciples of Jesus waited in prayer before they experienced His coming. Today we celebrate that coming as a most powerful event. The Holy Spirit brought power and strength, light and guidance. As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost today, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and renounce all sin and evil in our lives. COME HOLY SPIRIT.

CBS PRIMARY PARENT COUNCILare holding a <u>CAKE SALE FUNDRAISER</u> in the **School Hallfrom 12noon to 3pm, next Friday, 20th May**. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Rosary at Grotto: Throughout the month of May, a group will lead the recitation of the Rosary **every evening** at the Grotto of Our Lady, Cahir Hill, at **8.00pm**, except on **Thursdays**, when it will be at the earlier time of **7.30pm**. All welcome

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club <u>change of venue</u> for May 26th evening outing we are off to Joan Cashman's Garden, Whites Cross we will be leaving the New Square at 6.15pm for garden viewing at 7.00pm everyone welcome

The Irish Cancer Society's Volunteer Driver Service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital & The Mercy University Hospital, Cork. We are looking for volunteers to pick local patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. <u>Driver</u> expenses are paid. Telephone Rebecca on 01 2316 642 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

*** **Afternoon ECCE Group** at **Bright Sparks** Sept 2016 - 12.30pm to 3.30pm FREE ECCE spaces available.Please ring 025/86799 for more details.

Cloyne Diocese is running a Faith Camp for boys (aged 12-16) in the beautiful coastal village of Knockadoon (East Cork) from June 5th – 11th. Activities include catechesis, sports, hillwalking, music, prayer and more. To book or get more information telephone Kieran on 083-4620610 or Fr. Eamonn Roche on 086-9972539. www.cloynediocese.ie/knockadoon.

Change of Mass Times in Parish Church:

As and from Sunday May 29th the Sunday morning Mass times in the Parish Church will be changed. At present we have three Masses at 8.30am, 10.30am, & 12.00 noon. This will be reduced to **two** Masses **8.30am & 11.30am**. This change will commence on Sunday May 29th, the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Annual Eucharistic Procession will follow the 11.30am Mass.

The Saturday Evening and Sunday Evening Masses will remain the same at 7.30pm.

Mitchelstown G.I.Y. Thursday, 19th May at 8.00pm, in The Town Hall, Mitchelstown. Guest Speaker Aoife Nic Giolla Coda. She will give a talk about the story of Honey etc. Seed and Plant Swop. All Welcome.

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Bingo Night Fundraiser: In **The Ramble Inn, Mitchelstown, on Monday, 23rd May at 8.30pm.** All proceeds go towards the purchase of a wheelchair accessible car for Caragh Kiernan. Great prizes on the night. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Mitchelstown Community Pre-School: Enrolments are now being taken for 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.

"St Thérése – The Little Flower" Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. The aim of the camp is to give children the opportunity to form a personal relationship with Jesus, through activities such as Arts & Crafts, Drama, Dance and Action Songs, Music, Team Games, prayer and plenty of fun! The leaders for the week are local volunteers supported by local clergy and members of the Family of Mary Community, and also members of Youth 2000, young people who are deeply committed Catholics and all give voluntarily of their time. In accordance with Cloyne Diocesan Policy, all volunteers will be Garda Vetted. The Faith Camp runs from 10am – 3pm daily from Monday 18th – Thursday 21st July 2016.

- **COST OF CAMP:**
- €40 for first child & €25 per additional child from the same family. If paying by cheque/postal order, please make payable to "Mitchelstown Faith Camp".
- Should cost be a concern, please talk to Canon Fitzgerald.
- Please ensure that full payment is made before the first day of the camp.
- The number of places available is limited.
- This is a non-profit venture money will be used for materials, equipment and subsistence of visiting youth leaders.

Application forms available from the Parish Office. For more details please contact Catherine Hanley (087) 7727496. **Closing date 17**th **June 2016.**

Route of Corpus Christi Procession: The Procession will immediately follow the 11.30am Mass on Sunday May 29th from the Parish Church: Down Chapel Hill, left onto Upper Cork Street, onto James Street, right onto George's Street, Baldwin Street, right onto Lower Cork Street and finishing in the Town Square with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite owners of homes and premises to place some decorations, to welcome Christ the Lord, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords: As it is the Year of Mercy, we will especially ask God's Mercy on our Community and upon the World. We invite you all to make a special effort to participate.

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 20th April:

1st Prize:€1200 P O Carroll, Derry City. Card No: 43 Line: 10

2nd Prize:€400 Ned O'Keeffe, Ballylough, Mitchelstown, Card No: 86 Line: 4

3rd Prize:€200 Mullingar Region, Y O R Clarke. Card No: 21 Line: 8

4th Prize:€100 P McLernon, Magherfelt, Co. Derry. Card No: 78 Line: 3

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. D. Gorman, Derry City. Card No: 45
2. S O'Kane, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone. Card No: 77

3. M Brady, Navan, Co. Meath. Card No: 69

S Ui Laoghaire, Togher, Co. Cork. Card No: 24
 E McGarrigle, Garrison, Co. Fermanagh. Card No: 99

6. M Byrne, Drogheda, Co. Louth. *Card No. 32*

As this was the final draw for 2015-2016, the finance and Fundraising Committee of the Central Council are very grateful to the many subscribers who gave so generously in support of this draw. Thank you all most sincerely for making it such a great success.

Mitchelstown Community Councilare holding a Special Meeting next Tuesday night, 17th May at 8pm, at Mitchelstown Enterprise Centre, Dublin Road, re. Tidy Town Discussion on overall approach and winning more points. Please bring a friend. All arewelcome.