

MASS TIMES:

CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, MITCHELSTOWN:

Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30p.m. Sunday & Holyday: 8.30am. 10.30am. 12noon & 7.30p.m.

1st Friday: 7.30p.m. - Weekday: 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in Parish Church: Mon. to Fri. at 8a.m.

Rosary in Parish Church: Mon. to Sat. at 9.45a.m. Before: 10a.m. Mass

Perpetual Adoration: Sunday 12.30p.m. & Saturday 7p.m.

Eucharistic Healing Hour of Adoration: Every Thursday night from 8p.m. to 9p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:

Sunday & Holyday: 9.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 7.30p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 8.15p.m.

CONFESSION TIMES:

MITCHELSTOWN: Saturday, Eves of Holydays: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

1st Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

NEW: After Saturday Evening Mass on the **1st Saturday of the month.**

BALLYGIBLIN: 1st Friday 7p.m. **KILLACLUIG:** before 1st Friday Mass.

CLERGY:

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Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

CHOOSE LIFE 2013

Church Teaching: From the moment of conception, every human life is beautiful, every human life is precious and every human life is sacred. When we say that human life is sacred we are recognizing something that is sensed not only by religious people but by everyone who appreciates the wonder of human life. As human beings we depend on one another and so others have the right to expect something from us - it is the right to be recognized and respected and never to be treated as less than he or she is. That is true at every moment of life - from its first beginning to its natural end. (Bishops' *Day for Life* Message 2012)

Abortion Legislation: It has been reported that there is no change to the law on abortion in Ireland. This is untrue. If there was no change this legislation would not have been published. The proposed legislation gives practical effect to the X Case decision which permits abortion up to birth where suicide is threatened. Ireland is about to cross a fundamental moral rubicon - the direct and intentional killing of the innocent.

Quotes for the Week: "The child in the womb is not a 'potential' life, but a human life with potential." - Bishops' *Day for Life* message 2012. "Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing. So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it." - Pope Francis 2005.

Choose Life Website: For more information, please visit the Choose Life website www.chooselife2013.ie which includes an educational and discussion video featuring personal testimonies. It also includes news, links and prayers including the *Prayer for the Child in the Womb*.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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St. Fanahan's Well Mass:

The Annual Mass at the Well will take place on Monday night, 17th June, at 7.30pm. Eugene Baker will be the main celebrant. Fr. Eugene is a native of Ballindangan and present, is the Administrator of the Parish of Newtownshandrum. Fr. Eugene has been a regular visitor to the Well over the years and we are delighted that he can lead us in the celebration this year.

For generations St. Fanahan has been honoured as the Patron of our Parish, going back to the seventh century, when he founded a Monastery here. The Holy Well revered in his honour, is a place of quiet retreat for many. Many find the walk to the Well refreshing and an opportunity to unwind and relish the beauty of the world we live in.

We welcome you all to join in the celebration of Mass on **Monday night at 7.30pm.** May St. Fanahan pray for us and our locality.

Prayers for Healing:

Life can be filled with burdens and wounds of various kinds. An evening of prayers for healing will take place in the **Town Hall next Wednesday night, 19th June at 7.30pm to 10.00pm.** The evening and the prayers will be led by John & Jackie O'Brien and friends from Mayfield in Cork. John & Jackie have worked in the prayer ministry for many years. They have acquired many insights into the wounds of life through the ministry over the years. Through music and prayer they have helped many people come to a deeper experience of hope and faith. They welcome all to come and join them on Wednesday night in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

St. Anthony:

One of the most popular Saints in the Church must be St. Anthony. He certainly has many sincere devotees here in Mitchelstown. On Thursday night last we had a beautiful celebration of Mass in his honour. St. Anthony died in Padua, Italy on June 13th 1231. The Lord blessed him in life with many gifts of teaching and preaching the Gospel. During his life he touched many hearts and for hundreds of years since his death, he continues to inspire people to hope and faith. Thanks to everybody who look after his Shrine and to those who prepared the Mass last Thursday night. May St. Anthony continue to intercede to the Lord for us all.

MARYMOUNT HOSPICE SUNFLOWER COLLECTION:

On behalf of the Marymount Hospice, Cork, Patricia Casey, local organiser, wishes to thank all who helped, in any way with the Sunflower Collection. The amount collected was €3,545. This marvellous sum can be attributed to the generous contributors and to the dedicated and committed collectors. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

MITCHELSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES:

At a recent MCC meeting the sub committees were elected: Projects committee will be headed up by Sean Joy, Finance & Fundraising – Mary Dennehy and Elections by Marie Sheehan Condon with all other members lending a helping hand. Umbrella Group – Sean Finn. **Upcoming Elections:** MCC is conducting an Election in the following areas: Gurrane, Cooleregan, Corracunna, Coolenave & Carrigane, - this time we are breaking with tradition of going door to door with ballot papers instead we are seeking nominations for the above areas.

Any resident over 18 years old from these areas is eligible to stand.

Names to be submitted to Marie Sheehan Condon, c/o Doody's Pharmacy, Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown or Mitchelstown Credit Union

No later than Monday 24th June 2013. (Ballot boxes will be available in both venues)

Thank you to Star Fuels for the voucher – this was raffled at our recent AGM and won by James Keane.

SUMMER CAMPS AT BRIGHT SPARKS. Age 12 months onwards. Arts & Crafts, Water Play, Movie Days, Sand Play, Dress Up, Make & Do, Baking. **RUNNING ALL SUMMER** with both **MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS AVAILABLE** starting from €10. For more **DETAILS/BOOKINGS** CALL 025 86799

IRD Duhallows - WARMER HOMES SCHEME

If you are in receipt of one of the following payments you will now be eligible to receive insulation services **free of charge**

- Fuel Allowance
- Family Income Supports
- Job Seekers Allowance (for more than 6 months and have children under 7 years of age)

Houses must be owner occupied and constructed before 2002

Services provided include: • Attic insulation • Cavity wall insulation • Draught proofing windows and doors. • Fitting lagging jackets on cold and hot water tanks • Providing low energy light bulbs. • Energy Advice. If you or a member of your family are eligible for this service please contact **IRD Duhallow** on **029 60633**

STARCAMP (as seen on Dragon's Den) - Calling all boys & girls aged 4-13 years to a fun-filled, non-competitive, week of singing dancing and drama where the building of self esteem in our children, is of paramount importance. Special family rates. Venue: Mitchelstown: St Fanahan's College. 15th- 19th July (9.30am-2.30pm).

To book call: 021-4377900 or online at www.starcamp.ie.

PARISH RADIO: The Parish Radio has brought a great connection to the sick and the housebound of the parish and beyond with access to Masses and other ceremonies celebrated in our local Parish Church. **There are a number of Radio Receivers available to buy in the Parish Office.** If you know someone it might benefit, you may like to let them know.

Council of Marriage and Family:

A national conference, hosted by the Council of Marriage and Family, which will focus on the richness of the Church's teaching on marriage, will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, on Saturday 28th September 2013.

The Irish Episcopal Conference website is hosting a special feature to support this national conference and is using the bishop's social media platforms in order to promote it on an on-going basis.

Please contact cmfconference@iecon.ie if you have any query on the conference.

Eucharistic Adorers:

We are blessed to have so many committed Eucharistic Adorers. From 12 o'clock Mass every Sunday until 7pm Saturday evening, the Adoration Chapel is open day and night, and never without a Eucharistic Adorer. This is an incredible commitment to the Lord and a great Blessing to our Parish. During the summer holidays we greatly need substitute replacements, if you can help contact Nora Hogan 025-24149, Catherine Hanley 087-7727496 or the Parish Office 025-84062. We also encourage Adorers going on holidays to try and find a replacement for their hour, it is a great help to everybody. While many are committed to an hour in the Adoration Chapel, the Chapel is open to everybody and you can make a visit at any time for as long as you wish. Many people have received great blessings by just going to the Lord for a short visit, so please understand the Adoration Chapel is for everybody to call at any time, for as long as they wish.

GATHERING

Welly Throwing conducted at Fanahan McSweeney AC Sports proved successful.

3 Mitchelstown Area Community Games athletes qualified to represent Cork in National Finals. Ricky Carroll - Javelin, Áine Cotter - High Jump, Anna Leamy - Shot Putt.

June 16th ~ Galtee Walk

June 21st - 23rd ~ Reunion of Ballygiblin GAA & National School with photo expos, fun hurling, skills test, faction fight, dance

June 28th ~ American Tea Party ~ TO Park Barn

June 30th ~ Galtee Mountain Challenge / Walk

See Mitchelstown pages on www.thegatheringireland.com / www.irelandxo.com See

Mitchelstown sites at www.irelandxo.com or www.thegatheringireland.com to help those seeking roots and see event diary.

Messy Fingers

Sticky fingers ' tangled hair, scattered crayons, everywhere.

Fancy artwork ' on the wall ' drawn by midgets ' three feet tall.

Tell me why ' and tell me how ' that was mine ' I want it NOW!

Fix my bike. Buy me gum; If you have it, I want some.

Dirty faces, grass-stained knees, learning words ' like pretty please.

Endless hugs & goofy wet kisses, learning respect with 'Mr.' & 'Mrs.'

Scraped-up hands, from falling down. Tender tugs - - on my night gown.

Need more paper ' for Santa's letter? I wasn't so bad ' but I've been better.

Watching a movie ' again and again ' Mommy, please ' put the tape back in.

Messy fingers ' hair gone wild ' all in the life ' of a precious child!!