

Mitchelstown Macra

Are you in the **Mitchelstown** or surrounding areas? Come join Mitchelstown Macra. We are a friendly group of young people who revived Mitchelstown Macra in **May 2010** and are going from strength to strength ever since. We have members from all over the Mitchelstown area from counties **Cork, Limerick and Tipperary**. If you are interested in joining Mitchelstown Macra, come along to our next meeting on **Tuesday July 20th** in **The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown** at **9pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Are you in a local voluntary community group in the North Cork area? As part of Macra Na Feirme's annual Know Your Neighbour Campaign we, Mitchelstown Macra are having a **Coffee Morning in Ballygiblin Old School on Saturday July 24th at 10am**. Tea, coffee and all things nice will be served on the day free of charge. This is a great opportunity for us as a revived group in the area to welcome members of other groups, have a chat and get to know each other. Please come along on the day and support us. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like more info in relation to Mitchelstown Macra, please contact our secretary **Niamh Carey on 086-3601785** or check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra.

MUNSTER MOBILE BLOOD DONOR CLINICS:

The Firgrove Hotel, **MITCHELSTOWN**, **Monday, July 19th** 3.30pm – 7pm
The Firgrove Hotel, **MITCHELSTOWN**, **Tuesday, July 20th** 5.30pm – 9pm
The GAA Hall, **MILLSTREET**, **Wednesday, July 21st** 5.30pm – 9pm
Garryvoe Hotel, **GARRYVOE**, **Thursday, July 22nd** 5.30pm – 9pm

BALLYHOURA MACRA IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Ballyhoura Macra covers Mitchelstown, Ballyporeen, Kildorrery and surrounding areas.

The last club meeting took place on Thursday July 8th in The Hilltop Lounge Kildorrery. There was a brilliant turn out for this active local club. Freemount Macra will hold a **BBQ** with a band and D.J. on **July 24th in Kanturk**. Tickets are €10. If you are interested in a place on a bus going back please text **Gráinne on 087-7799218**. It is estimated that it will be €15 per person for the bus. **Aoife Ladd will be representing our club at the Miss Macra Festival in August**. Sincere sympathies are extended to our chairperson, Daniel O'Connell and family on the death of his grandfather, Dan O'Connell, recently. May he rest in Peace.

Ballyhoura Macra welcomes anyone 17 years or over. There are six key areas of activity: agriculture, sport, public speaking, performing arts, travel and community involvement. The club also participates in Gaisce-The President's Award. If you'd like to get involved e-mail ballyhouramacra@o2.ie or text Gráinne on 087 7799218. Check us out on Facebook.

Newsletter printed in the: **Parish Office, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.**
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MITCHELSTOWN PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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DONEGAL TRAGEDY:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families in Donegal this weekend who are suffering so much, following the horrific car crash there last Sunday night. It is tragic to think, having watched the World Cup Soccer Final, that seven young men were plunged to their death and another man coming home from his bingo outing. It is so hard to comprehend the enormity of the tragedy. May the Lord have mercy on all those who died. May the Lord comfort their parents, families and friends and the communities affected. We remember too, the young man who has survived and his family. How could you face the awfulness of what happened? May God help them all.

Many in our community know in a very deep personal way the pain of these families – having experienced loss and tragedy themselves. It's a pain you learn to live with as best you can – but nobody can fill the empty space of a young beautiful life cut short. Jesus was thirty three when he was crucified and his young mother, Mary – they share this awful pain and through their pain we believe that a greater, a more beautiful life awaits us beyond the death and suffering of life. Fr. Michael

CEMETERY MASSES:

Thanks to everybody who organised the Masses in Marshalstown and Brigown cemeteries. Thank God for a dry evening on both occasions and a wonderful attendance. It is very special and personal to have Mass among the graves of our dear ones. They appreciate the remembrance more than we will ever know. It is a comfort to us to remember and pray for them and a reminder that our turn will come. Life is short and precious, so let us continue to strive to please God and live life as well as we can. Fr. Michael.

TOGETHERNESS

Death is nothing at all – I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before – only better, infinitely happier and forever – we will all be one together with Christ.

CLERGY:

Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P.
Phone: 025-84090
Canon O'Leary
Phone: 025-84088
Fr. Greene
Phone: 025-84077
Parish Office: 025-84062

Priest on Sick call this week is:

**Fr. Greene C.C.
Sick Call Contact
Phone Number:
087 - 2524979**

"Lord, take me as I am,
with all my defects, my
sins, and make me
become what you wish."

Pope John Paul I

**EUCCHARISTIC
HEALING HOUR OF
ADORATION:**

Every
Thursday night from
8 pm to 9 pm

**Mitchelstown / Fermoy
Lourdes Invalid Fund.**

Held a Church Gate
Collection on the weekend
of 10th & 11th July
We would like to thank
everyone for their generous
support, and a special word
of thanks to all the
collectors.

CONFESSION TIMES:

Mitchelstown: Sat, Eves of Holydays & Eves of 1st Fridays.
12 noon to 1pm & 7pm to 7.30pm
Ballygiblin: 1st Friday 7 p.m.
Killaclug: before 1st Friday Mass.

MASS TIMES:

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN,
MITCHELSTOWN:**

Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30pm
Sunday & Holyday: 8.30am 10.30am 12 noon & 7.30pm
1st Friday: 7.30pm - Weekday: 8.30 a.m. & 10 a.m.

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

Rosary in Parish Church:

Mon. to Sat. at 9.45am Before: 10am Mass

Perpetual Adoration: Sunday 12.30pm & Saturday 7.00pm

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:

Sunday & Holyday: 9.30am - 1st Friday: 7.30pm

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30am - 1st Friday: 8.15pm

PRAYER GROUPS

Youth 2000 - Every Sunday at 8.15 p.m.
In Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

Adult Prayer Group - Every Wednesday at 8 p.m.
In Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

Legion of Mary - Every Tuesday at 6.30p.m.
In Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

New Members Always Welcome.

MITCHELSTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mitchelstown Community Council has launched a 3
monthly draw to help clear the Mitchelstown
Playground Debt. **The draw will take place on the
last Friday in July, August and September. Tickets
cost €20 per month or €50 for all three draws.**

1st Prize is €1,000, 2nd & 3rd Prizes are €250 each.

All funds raised will go to pay off the debt at the
playground, it is hoped that there will be a good
number of people taking part in the draw.

Mitchelstown is blessed to have such a wonderful
playground. Tickets are on sale now and available
from any member of the playground committee.

For more information contact Michael White on
(086) 3797250

Please give your support to such a worthy cause.

**DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND
& THE COPE FOUNDATION**

**Firgrove Hotel,
Mitchelstown
presents**

**Irish Elvis Tribute Show
Featuring Ireland's Only**

**Elvis on Wheels
FRIDAY JULY 23RD**

In Aid of

**DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND
& THE COPE FOUNDATION**

Followed by

Disco with D.J. Pat
Dancing from
10 p.m. - 1.30 a.m.

Big Raffle

Including Auction for signed

Munster Jersey

Doors open 9 p.m. (tickets
also available on the night)

Admission: €10 p.p.

Show Starts at 10 p.m.

Fundraising Bingo

In Aid of

St. Joseph's Foundation

&

Kilfinane A.C.

**Venue: T.O. Park,
Knockadea**

Date: Sunday July 25th

Time: 2.30 p.m.

Bus FREE from
Mitchelstown Square,
Leaving at 1.45 p.m.
For more information
please phone
Claire (087) 6724678

FANAHAN MCSWEENEY ATHLETIC CLUB

Go to FUN sports at Araglin

ARAGLIN CARNIVAL SPORTS JULY 23

On Super **Friday July 23rd** the club sports goes on at
Araglin Carnival GAA at 7 pm.

Long Pucks, high jumps, relays, mama's and papa's
sprints, tiny tots etc.

***TRAINING EVERY MONDAY / WEDNESDAY
7pm @ St. FANAHAN'S***

**MITCHELSTOWN AREA COMMUNITY GAMES
Including Araglin, Glanworth, Kildorrery, Kilworth
DARREN STARS FOR CORK IN PRIMARY GAME**
Darren McNamara from Glenahulla played on the winning
Cork primary school hurling team over the Deise on
Munster final day. Well done.

12 in NATIONAL GAMES FINALS

The area has 9 swimmers and 3 athletes in the National
finals in Athlone. The Swimmers August 14th : Mary &
Ellen Brooks, Amy Griffin, Caoimh Clancy, **Ruth
Herlihy, Eve O'Sullivan, Karen Sheehan, Stacey
Hegarty;** August 15th : Sean Hegarty. Leo Coffey 80m
under 8, Anna Leamy 200m under 10 and Ben Healy Shot
Putt under 14 on August 21st.

Contact: J. Connolly 087.3170658, S. Joy 086.1209571,
H. Norris 086.3285634, S. Fox 025.24918

www.communitygames.ie

**Results of the Pioneer Association National Raffles
2010 Held Recently**

1st Prize: Seven night Mediterranean Cruise, full board
for two people sharing plus €400 spending money;

Winner: K. Henry, The Loup Pioneer Centre, Co. Derry.
2nd Prize: €300; C. Ward, Castlerea, Co. Galway.

3rd Prize: €200; T. Garry, Portarlinton, Co. Laois.

Sellers Prizes: €30 to the seller of each winning ticket.

1st Prize: T. O'Brien, The Loup Pioneer Centre, Co.
Derry

2nd Prize: B. Cuddy, Glinsk Pioneer Centre

3rd Prize: J. Garry, Portarlinton, Co. Laois

Many thanks to all who promoted and supported this
raffle.