#### 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30p.m. - Weekday: 8.30a.m. & 10a.m. Morning Praver 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m. NEW: After Saturday Evening Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month. **BALLYGIBLIN:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7p.m. KILLACLUIG: before 1st Friday Mass. CLERGY: V. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Phone: 025-84090. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F. Phone: 025-84088 Rev. Fr. Greene C.C. Phone: 025-84077. Parish Office: 025-84062 E-MAIL: mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAY Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon - Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognise his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

> Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One. Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path.

And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord! Amen

> This prayer is taken from Lumen Fidei, the recent Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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# **IRELAND IN THE HANDS OF OUR LADY:**

Cardinal Seán Brady made a national act of Consecration / Entrustment of our countr to Our Lady on Thursday last in Knock. Many people had petitioned the Bishops to make this Act in response to the messages of Our Lady at Fatima 1917. During those apparitions to three children, Lucia, Francisco & Jacinta, Our Lady said that God wished to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart in the world. Heaven wishes Marys' role as intercessor to be appreciated by the world.

Our Lady always points us to Our Saviour Jesus Christ, as she did at the wedding fear of Cana. Since her apparition at Knock in August 1879, Our Lady teaches us not to despair, but to look up to the Almighty God with hope. May this timely act of the Bishops obtain for us the protection we so desperately need.

## MASS AT THE CAHIR HILL GROTTO:

Thanks to everybody for participating in the Mass at the Grotto on Monday night last. Special thanks to Michael & Margaret Boland who had prepared the Grotto s beautifully, with an array of magnificent flowers and for their devoted and selfles care of the Grotto to Our Lady & St. Bernadette throughout the year. Thanks to or FÁS workers Dick & Verling, our sacristan Pat, Pat Tangney Firgrove Hotel, Aida O'Brien (Amplification), Séan & Michael (Seats), Paddy & Colm, Carmelite Lourde Group for all their help in organising the event. It was a beautiful celebration.

#### **Extra Readers Needed:**

Extra Readers for the **Sunday 10.30am and 12 noon Masses** in the Parish Church are needed. We encourage you to come forward and put your name on the rota for readers. It is a great privilege to serve in Church and to proclaim Gods Word. All age groups are welcome and an opportunity to train and prepare will be given. Contact Catherine at 086 – 3369377 or the Parish Office.

# **CONGRATULATION TO EXAM STUDENTS:**

It's a relief for our young students to have got their Leaving Cert exam results. Whether you are thrilled or disappointed, it is time to move on to the next stage your life. Remember God is always with you, He loves you and He has great plans in store for you.

#### Annual St. Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on

Saturday 14th September 2013. Adults €15.00 Children €7.00 The bus will leave the Mart at 7.30am. Names to Ozanam Resource Centre 025 84733 or to any member of the Conference.

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**Cyclists and Walkers wanted for Special Friends Mitchelstown.** Your annual 80/40/15k Cycle and 5k Walk will take place on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August**, register in the CBS on the morning .Cycle maps are available at www.specialfriendsmitchelstown.com. The Walk begins at Abbey Farm up to the Protestant Church, out the Kildorrery Road, around the Ring Road to the Firgrove, up through the Town and returning to Abbey Farm for a Family Fun Evening. This includes under age football tournament, barbeques, bouncy castles, face painting and much more to be revealed in the coming weeks.

Special Friends are a voluntary group of parents who set up a support group for parents of children with special needs seven years ago which has since flourished into a charity. This provides equipment, one to one support for the children; family days and much more. We now have 16 children using the services from Ballyduff, Mitchelstown, Kilbehenny, Ballylanders, Kildorrery, Glenroe, Rathcormac and Burncourt. Seven of our children received I-pads in November, which were needed for education and attend schools from Charleville to Douglas and Ballygiblin daily. We also have a bank of equipment to help motor skills that we loan to our members. We have five family fun days in the year, this gives parents a chance to enjoy a day out, as we all have children with special needs. As a lot of them find it hard to deal with new situations, if a child is having a bad day there is helpers at hand and no one watching as we are all in the same boat.

We have begun Sensory Parties which are a fun way to help children with touch and smell issues, for some children sand, flour and sticky items are there worst nightmare. Our most recent party was at the pizza house. And for the first time this year we had an outing for our older siblings, who we often forget are careers too.

We provided helpers for the children to attend mainstream Summer camps. They attended arts and crafts camps, let's go, computer camps and your U 5's attended various pre-school summer camps

Special Friends have monthly meetings as a support network for families. These are at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month.

All this would not be possible without the generosity of people from Mitchelstown and the surrounding areas. Enquiries to Heather 087-9107700

or contact us on Facebook www.facebook.com/specialfriendsmitchelstown or sfmitchelstown@hotmail.com

#### Catholic Grandparents Association:

Are holding their Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Ceremonies commence at 2.30pm

# FAITH CAMP – LOST & FOUND:

A number of items were left in the Town Hall after the Faith Camp. Any lost items can be collected from the Parish Office 9am to 12 noon.

**Barnardos** Ireland's leading children's charity is recruiting for Volunteer Coordinators and Volunteer Collectors for their National Collection Day taking place on **Friday**, 25<sup>th</sup> **October 2013** in the following Tesco Stores in Co Cork - Douglas, Mahon, Mallow, Midleton, Mitchelstown, Wilton and Paul Street, Cork City. The role of the Volunteer Coordinator is to take overall responsibility for the Flag Day collection in one of the Tesco Stores (in liaison with Barnardos Volunteer Support & Community Engagement Service). The role of the Volunteer Collector is to collect money at one of the Tesco Stores during an agreed 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hour time slot. If interested in either role please contact Suzanne on 01-7080431 or email volunteers@barnardos.ie for more information.

## MITCHELSTOWN LIBRARY:

Angelina Ballerina story time and dance show will take place in the Library on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August at 2pm. This is a free session provided by Angelina Ballerina dance school.

FAS e-learning at the library will begin a new session in September. This will be a 2hr class once a week based in the library. It lasts for 16 weeks and the student will be awarded with a FETAC minor award - level 3in computer literacy. Please contact the library for an application form.

Any further queries please feel free to contact Liz in the library on 025 41939.

**Ballygiblin gathering June 2013**: Ballygiblin gathering DVD covering all the events in June now available from Úna Fitzgerald at Flowers by Úna and Pat O'Sullivan Cycles, Mitchelstown cost €15. It's a memorable present for those at home or abroad. If you have any queries contact Noelle Luddy 087-8158902.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Lord, take me as I am, with all my defects, my sins, and make me become what you