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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Canon O'Leary is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Laura Lynn Foundation fundraising Table Quiz.

A group of interested locals in Conjunction with the Drive to Survive Group are hosting a **Fundraising Table Quiz** for the children's hospice charity The Laura Lynn Foundation, on **Friday 24th April at 9.15pm sharp in The Hunters Rest, Mitchelstown.** The cost is €40 per team all funds raised will go towards the amazing work to ease the suffering of children with long term illnesses and those nearing the end of their journey & their families at the Laura Lynn House.

A great night is promised, John Hickey is lined up as Quizmaster which always ensures a wide variety of topics to suit all interests, a raffle & refreshments will be served after, we hope people shall come out in numbers to support such a worthy cause.

Through the keyhole; a look at the Heritage Houses of County Cork.

Mitchelstown Heritage Society is delighted to announce it is hosting U.C.C. Lecturer Dr. Maria Elena Turk, primary author of Cork County Councils latest publication; "Heritage Houses of County Cork", on **Thursday, April 23rd @ 8.15pm in Mitchelstown Town Hall.** This event is open to the public, there is no charge for this event.

Mitchelstown Macra will host **'The Big Mitchelstown Bake Off'** on **THIS Sunday the 19th of April in aid of Headstrong - The National Centre for Youth Mental Health** Registration is from 1.30 -2pm in the Town Hall Mitchelstown. The competition will be divided into 3 sections – Adult, U17 and U12 bakers. People will be expected to **BRING THEIR BAKING** on the day. Make it a family afternoon out, tea and coffee available as well as free face paints for the children. For more details on categories contact Cathy on 086-1516287

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. **Radios are available to buy, in the Parish Office.** If you know someone it might benefit, you may like to let them know.

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Excellent Response: There was an excellent response to the nomination forms, with 46 Parishioners being nominated. All nominees are invited to a specially conducted meeting in the **Town Hall next Wednesday night, April 22nd at 7.30pm.** The purpose of this meeting is to help all nominees to consider their nomination. As we enter the final stages of forming a Parish Pastoral Council, we encourage you all to pray for the process and for the nominees, to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Reminder: Our Cemeteries are Sacred places, dedicated to the memory of the great men and women gone before us, May they Rest in Peace. A reminder to use the bins provided in the adjoining cemetery and not to dispose of waste on the walls. A reminder to all young people that the cemetery is not a suitable place for socialising. Thanks to all who take care of our cemeteries.

Mass for Ireland – The Lamb Will Conquer – Knock Basilica Saturday, 25th April at 3pm. There will be a Mass for Ireland for the protection of the sanctity of marriage, family and human life and for the well-being of our Country on Saturday, 25th April at 3pm, with Stations and Rosary from 2pm. For further information contact Mary on 087-6325406 or e-mail info@anteaghlachnaofa.ie, further details on www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie. Please come and unite in prayer for our country.

Fionnbar Walsh (Donal's Dad) – will speak in St. Patrick's Church, Coachford, 7.00pm Monday, 20th April. His Legacy lives on through the Donal Walsh Live Life foundation. Hear the remarkable story of Donal Walsh – his life, his message of Hope he has for every one – especially our Young people today, told by his father Fionnbar, author of "Donal's Mountain – How One Son Inspired a Nation". Please bring your family and friends to an inspiring night. Everyone welcome.

Are all Religions the Same?

It is politically correct to say that all religions are more or less the same. They are all different paths to the same destination. They all lead us to God in the end. Imagine a man who says, "I'm married, yes, but fundamentally all women are the same: a body, two legs, two arms and a head." Would we applaud that man's openness or the way he treats all women equally? No! We would probably be shocked at his lack of love for his bride and at his blindness to her unique and irreplaceable qualities.

Our Catechism teaches us that other religions may contain elements of the truth. They may believe that there is one God or in the importance of Sacred Scripture. But as Catholics, we believe that our God created all that exists out of love for us and was willing to be tortured to death in order to make entrance into heaven possible for us. We believe that Jesus who loved us with every drop of his precious blood gave us the Church to carry on his mission. What a privilege it is to be a Catholic and to know how much we are loved by the Lord. All religions are not the same no more than all people are the same.

Mitchelstown Community Council Notes.

Mitchelstown Community Council Ltd are holding their **AGM** on the **28th April** in the **Town Hall Mitchelstown at 8pm sharp**. All are welcome to attend. **Allotments:** Spring has arrived and it is time to get out and get growing. We have 15 allotments occupied and four or five still left to be taken up. Anyone interested in an allotment should contact the Ballyhoura office Baldwin Street or phone 025/85213. **Community Council Elections** will take place in six areas over the next few months and nomination papers will be delivered to each household. April is national spring clean month so we ask you all to keep your street/road and your area clean and tidy. Thanking you all for your help and support in making Mitchelstown a nice place to live work and play.

Galtee Runners A.C. – BALLYGIBLIN 5K ROAD RACE: All proceeds to the completion of local walkway. **Thursday, April 23rd at 7.30pm.** Very Flat Route. All Categories Welcome. 1 Mile off Exit 12 M8. Contact 086-2759248 for information. Entry €10. Other 2015 Galtee Runner Races: Wednesday, June 17th Kilbehenny 4 mile (new), Friday, August 7th GR8km Mitchelstown.

Mitchelstown Citizen Information Centre,

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown

Tel: 0761 078030. E/Email: Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie

Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri. 10.00 - 13.00

Mon. & Thur. afternoon 13.30 - 16.30

A very sincere "**Thank You**" to all who supported the recent Raffle at TO Park Bingo, proceeds which went to our local Cope Residence to maintain the Sensory Garden. A special Thanks to Tom O' Flynn for all his kindness and to his many helpers who made it a very enjoyable night.

Saint Joseph's Church, Killacraig- Choir Notice: Can you sing or play an instrument? New choir members always welcome. Meet us after 10.30am Mass any Sunday. Please note there will be no choir on these dates: 19th April, 26th April, 10th May & 17th May.

Learn how to transform your health & lose weight with nutritious super foods & mindful eating. Grove Health Centre Shanballymore invites you to a **COMPLIMENTARY OPEN EVENING Tuesday April 21st at 7.30pm.** Grove Health Spa, in collaboration with the Dept. of Public Health U.C.C. has proven that healthier foods, mindful eating & lifestyle changes can result in sustainable **WEIGHT LOSS** & improved health. Excellent results already achieved. Hear about the next **10 week** evidence based **weight loss** programme, starting **Wednesday evening April 29th** at 7pm. Enjoy healthy eating cookery demos, nutritious recipes, delicious tastings, mindfulness & nutrition education. Now is your chance to transform your health, kitchen and mindset. Book your free place today for April 21st call Jacqueline 022 25518 or 086 8135805, www.grovehealthspa.com or email grovehealth@gmail.com

Mitchelstown Community Pre-school are holding their Annual Table Quiz on Friday, 1st May in the Tavern Bar (Jackie O'Brien's), Mitchelstown. Table of 4 €40. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 18th March 2015:

1st Prize: €1200 K. Mulvany, Beaupark, Navan, Co. Meath.

2nd Prize: €400 Muintirvara Pioneer Centre, Co. Cork.

3rd Prize: €200 A.V. O'Connor, Dublin 9.

4th Prize: €100 A. Claffey, Tyrell's Pass, Co. Westmeath.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. M. Livingstone, Omagh, Co. Tyrone.
2. R. Clarke, Rochfort Bridge, Co. Westmeath.
3. M. Power, Taughmon, Co. Westmeath.
4. N. Sweeney, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo.
5. N. Boyle, Ballybane, Galway.
6. N. Boyle, Ballybane, Galway.

The next draw was held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 results will be published soon.

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.

Can Talk Cancer Support. Have you or a family member been affected by a diagnosis of cancer? Do you feel isolated, alone scared, need to talk? CanTalk is a cancer support group held in Mallow. Supporting those fighting cancer of any type, also for their family, friends and carers. All are welcome to attend with no obligation. Attendance is free. Where? Le Cheile Family Resource Centre, Mallow Community Campus, Mallow. When? Fridays; 11am- 12.30pm Group session, followed by tea/coffee 12.30 -1pm. Groups are held alternate weeks. Just turn up on the day. Group 1. Those with cancer, every first and third Friday of each month. Group 2. For family, friends and carers, every second and fourth Friday of each month. The groups' focus is for those affected by cancer to have a safe confidential, supportive environment to talk about their fears, worries, anxieties, and even laugh - supported by facilitators. Contact Jacqueline, Eleanor or Michael 089 2390863. Email: cantalk15@gmail.com. Website: www.cantalk.info

COMPUTER CLASSES for children at Bright Sparks Computer Lab.....New Intake for computer classes, new class starting on Monday 20th April afternoons.....classes €8 for 45 mins suitable for children aged 4-8 years. We aim to bring your child to a higher level at Maths & English. Contact us on 025/86799 for more details.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 10th May, there will be a Bus going from the Parish. If you wish to travel please give your name and phone number to the Sacristan, Pat McEvoy, Adults €20, Children €10. Bus leaving the Square at 7.15am.