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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](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)**

***Fr. Greene is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979***

**BALLYHOURA WALKING TOUR FESTIVAL:** The Ballyhoura Walking Festival **Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Mitchelstown Tour starts at 11am from Clongibbon House Hotel with interesting visit sites on 1.5 hour long route sharing interesting anecdotes. A **Sensory Tour** will be conducted in the **Galtee Mountains** on **Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>**. **Genealogy Family History workshop** at Mitchelstown Library on **Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.**

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**The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in The Firgrove Hotel, MITCHELSTOWN on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 from 4.30pm - 8.30pm each day**

Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives  
Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie) or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

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**Ballyhoura Macra:** Congratulations to the Ballyhoura Macra Senior Debating team who have reached the National All Ireland Final on 10th May in Kilkenny. This is an outstanding achievement for the club. The team consists of Caitríona Fox, Maria Roche, Abina McCarthy and Aisling O'Driscoll with Aidan Gleeson (Kilmallock Macra All Ireland Debating Winner) as their coach.

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**Enrich Your Faith:** Come to a Day of Prayer, Knock Shrine, **31<sup>st</sup> May** Feast of the Visitation. Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyers of Charity. Theme Called to be a Light to the Nations. 10am to 5pm.  
For Information and Buses contact 087-1198594 or 086- 1678027.  
[www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### **Jesus Triumphs:**

Easter 2014 has arrived. We celebrate in faith the Resurrection of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. At His death failure gripped the world and all seemed lost. But when Jesus appeared alive on that first Easter morning and the burial tomb was empty, sorrow and regret gave way to unbounded joy. The Resurrection of Jesus changes everything. Despair gives way to hope, sorrow to joy and death has been conquered.

We live in a world wounded and broken. We struggle everyday and many times wonder: "What is it all for?" For all who believe in Jesus, it is for a greater and happier future in His Kingdom. The repentant thief who was crucified with Jesus is a inspiration for us. In his death agony, he turned in faith and humility towards Jesus and he heard the word: "This day you will be with Me in Paradise". On this Easter Day let us turn to Jesus anew and begin a new life.

### **Mercy Sunday and The Two Popes:**

It is reliably told, that when Pope John XXIII took office in the late 1950's that he was given a large bundle of documents to be signed off. One of these documents was at the bottom of the pile and it was in regard to the Divine Mercy Revelation to the Polish Nun, St. Faustina. These revelations were to be discarded. But it is told that Pope John XXIII, turned the pile of documents upside down and he began at the bottom. On looking at the documents in relation to the Divine Mercy Revelations, he ordered that they be re-examined. Almost twenty years passed and after a lot of examination, a cardinal by the name of Karol Wojtyla presented the positive findings to Pope Paul VI in April 1978. The ban on the Divine Mercy devotion was lifted and Cardinal Wojtyla was elected Pope later that year. The new Pope John Paul II was to beatify and canonise St. Faustina and he died on the Vigil of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Both men will now be Canonised next Sunday, the Feast of Divine Mercy. What a special day in God's wonderful providence!

### **Divine Mercy Devotions:**

**Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, is Divine Mercy Sunday.** Devotions in the Parish Church at 2pm to 5pm. A number of priests will be hearing Confessions. Pat Carroll will be the guest speaker. A Relic of Pope John Paul II will be venerated.

**PARISH OFFICE - Will be closed for Easter, until Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

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**Mitchelstown Junior tennis:**

\* Starting Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April for 4 consecutive weeks introduction to Tennis for kids

\* Munster Coach Sinead Dunne or 6 consecutive weeks on a Wednesday starting May 21<sup>st</sup>

\* French Coach introduces a month of fun tennis

\* Summer Camps in August

Strictly by Registration only to Catherine on 086 2487454

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**Vigil for Life:** A National Vigil for Life will take place on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Merrion Square, Dublin, from 3 – 4pm. Let us keep a special place in our prayers for all who are in a crisis pregnancy. May mother and child always be safe and may they both feel loved and protected.

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**Special Friends Mitchelstown** will be holding their **Easter Fundraiser** at T O Park on **Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 1 to 5 pm**. Mystery Magic Show Begins at 2pm other activities include Face Painting, Nail Art, Egg Hunt, Balloons, Monster Raffle ,Tea and Buns . €5 per child / €15 per family. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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**Marian Movement:** Regional Cenacle for the Laity in Rockwell College, Cashel on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 4pm. Speaker: Fr. Peter Hoyne. Rosary, Confession, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Please bring a packed lunch. Everybody welcome. For more details contact 086 – 23 18 622.

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**Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Fund – Helping Bring the Sick to Lourdes**  
Fundraising Draw in Jackie O'Brien's, Mitchelstown, **Sunday night, 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
Please support this local charity cause.

**Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Committee.** Pilgrims who would like to travel with us, please forward your name to  
Paddy Seery (087) 9488359 or Denis Murphy (087) 2778364

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**Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club** are having a **Bumper Gardening Night** with Michael Caplice of Pine Nurseries Burncourt on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, in the **Town Hall at 8.00pm**. Everyone welcome, we want to wish all our members old and new a Happy Easter.

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**Mitchelstown Community Council - Annual General Meeting** will be held on **29<sup>th</sup> of April 2014** at 8pm in the **Town Hall**. All welcome.

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**Vacancies on the Community Employment Scheme for two Caretakers.** Anyone who is interested please contact the Awbeg Office at 025-86956.

**St. Fanahan's College Parents Association have organised a Fundraising Event – Clothes Collection** From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We will accept unwanted clothes shoes, bags, belts & soft toys. (Unfortunately no curtains, blankets, duvet covers, duvets or pillows) Donations will be accepted in the school from 8.15am to 5pm each day, from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Monies raised will be used for IT in the school. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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**Ozanam Computer Centre Mitchelstown**

025 84733 [www.ozanamcomputers.com](http://www.ozanamcomputers.com) [svpmitchelstown@gmail.com](mailto:svpmitchelstown@gmail.com)

Revised date for Beginners Typing: Monday Morning 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

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**Ballindangan Monday Morning Club:** On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April next. You are asked to bring your bag of make-up. Helena K Mua of Make-up by H (Glanworth Hair & Beauty) will be there to advise us all, on how to make best use of the products we currently have and also give tips for future purchases. She will also be answering any questions on general skin care. This is open to anyone who'd like to attend. Ballindangan Hall at 10.30am

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**NOTICE ALTAR FLOWERS** The Altar Society would welcome new volunteers to help with flowers for the Altar. No flower arranging experience is required. Please contact either of the following numbers: 086 6077595 or 087 6364845.

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**Free Home Insulation Service: IRD Duhallow's Warmer Homes Scheme** provides a **free insulation** service for your home. To qualify, you must be in receipt of one of the following payments: ● Fuel Allowance ● Family Income Supplement

● Job Seekers Allowance for more than 6 months with a child under 7

You must be the owner of the house and it must have been built before 2006.

The Warmer Homes Scheme provides **free attic and cavity wall insulation** which will help your house to retain heat. To apply or for further information, please contact the Warmer Homes Scheme in IRD Duhallow on **029-60633**

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**Cork County Macra News:** Cork County Macra **Mock Wedding Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** in **Ballincollig Rugby Club**, Cork. Doors open at 7.30p.m. Great music, food and entertainment guaranteed. Check out [www.facebook.com/corkmacra](http://www.facebook.com/corkmacra) for more details.

All welcome. **Cork Macra says thanks to Michael Dennehy:** Cork County Macra would like to thank Michael Dennehy for judging Cork County Macra's County Drama final in the Glen Theatre, Banteer recently. It was great to have someone with such a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field and we hope to have him back again in the near future judging another event.

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**Alzheimer's Tea Day** at "Shapers" Molan's Hair Salon, 4 Lower Cork Street. **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April** from **2pm to 5pm**. Please join us for a cuppa.

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**Young Adult Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago – Sarria to Santiago.** 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June. For people between the ages of 18 and 35. Find yourself on the way.

For more details contact Fr. Alan on 086 – 7857955 or e-mail

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