

SUPPORTERS OF MALLOW HOSPITAL

Local G.A.A. Lotto draw on September 3rd has been set aside to raise monies for the Mallow hospital fund raising venture. This money will go towards providing much needed equipment for patients. Mallow hospital has been providing an invaluable service to the people of the area over a long number of years and with your support will continue to do so long into the future. Members of Ballygiblin / Mitchelstown G.A.A. adult and juvenile clubs will be out selling Lotto tickets leading up to the draw on Sept. 3rd, we would ask you to contribute what you can. Tickets can also be purchased in shops and bars in the areas.

THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE IN AUNTIE MAE'S AT 10 P.M. ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD, WHERE THERE WILL BE MUSIC ETC ON THE NIGHT.

Anyone who would like to help with selling tickets or who can assist in any way please contact John Courtney (087) 2070344, Ann Roche (087) 9533413 or Pat O'Sullivan (087) 2504811 or any club officers.

STUDY THEOLOGY FROM HOME! Would you like to study theology from home? The Dominicans are offering a full programme, accredited up to BTh level, designed especially for lay people who may have no previous academic experience but who wish to learn more about their faith. **Contact: The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Telephone: (01) 4048124 or (01) 4048127**
enquiries@prioryinstitute.com www.prioryinstitute.com

MITCHELSTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mitchelstown Community Council has launched a 3 monthly draw to help clear the Mitchelstown Playground Debt.

**THE NEXT DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON
TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST
IN TEARMANN CAOIMH.**

Tickets cost €20 per month or €50 for all three draws.

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

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.***

CLOGHEEN & BURN COURT PARISH

**THIS SUNDAY
22ND AUGUST**

**From
2p.m. - 6p.m.
FUN DAY FOR
ALL.....**

**IN THE GROUNDS OF
CLOGHEEN NATIONAL
SCHOOL
ON THE VEE ROAD.**

**We would welcome your
support....**

MITCHELSTOWN PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Leaving Cert Results and Faith:

Thousands of students around the country are receiving their Leaving Cert Exam Results as I write. Some will be overjoyed and some will be disappointed. Some will have no problem making their decisions and some will be very uncertain about the future direction of their lives. But as we know number of "Points" is not the sum total of who you are. Yes they certainly help, in the present limited system, to get you into your most desired career. Not reaching the required "Points" here may mean you will have to go abroad. It may mean making the choice to repeat. Whatever decisions our young people make, let us pray that they make the right one. I believe that God has a plan for each one of us. He calls us to seek that plan, but He will never impose it. God's plan is beautiful, but it can be found only by those who pray hard and with open hearts. A very important question for all of us to ask ourselves regularly is: **"What is God's will for me?"** No matter what another person does or achieves, my life and gifts has its own unique value and contribution. This is why one should never measure themselves in "points". It is an imperfect human system that can often exclude wonderful people at this stage of their journey. I repeat God has a wonderful plan, have faith in that and search for it with all your heart and may He direct you at this cross roads in your life.

Fr. Michael

Youth 2000 Festival Clonmacnois:

The festival was a great success with up to a thousand young people from all around the country involved. There was great joy among the young people and yet some very serious prayer and faith searching. The weekend was conducted by an American priest called Fr. Larry. He was very good humoured and yet he challenged the young people to follow the way of Jesus. A number of young people shared about the emptiness in their lives and it was only when they came to know Jesus they found true joy and happiness. The music was led by the band Elation, which was very touching and moving. Along with uplifting Masses the young people were led in a deep preparation for the Sacrament of Confession, from which the young people experienced great healing and the experience of God's love. A number of young people from this locality made an enormous contribution to the organisation of the event.

**Youth 2000 meeting every Sunday Night in the Marian Hall, Convent Hill.
At 8.45 p.m. Young people aged between 16 - 35.**

Fr. Michael

Newsletter printed in the: **Parish Office, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.**

E-mail: **mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net** Phone or Fax: **025 / 84062**

DEADLINE IS 12 NOON. WEDNESDAY

Open: 10 a.m. to 12 noon - Mon. to Fri.

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:

Canon O'Leary
Sick Call Contact
Phone Number:
087 - 2524979

***Prayers and
Sympathy:***

We offer our Prayers
and sincere sympathy
to the families of
those who died in our
Parish recently.

Rodger O'Farrell,
Glenduff

Peggy Hanley,
Robert Street.

Ena Noonan,
Fanahan's Court

Richard Walsh,
Ballybeg
May they Rest in Peace.

**EUCCHARISTIC
HEALING HOUR OF
ADORATION:**

Every
Thursday night from
8 pm to 9 pm

**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.
Killacluig: 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

MITCHELSTOWN MACRA

Mitchelstown Macra in conjunction with
 Mitchelstown Lions Club are hosting a
**SOAPBOX RACE ON SATURDAY AUGUST
 28TH FROM 2PM IN NEW SQUARE,
 MITCHELSTOWN.** Entrants must be over 17 and
 comply with the rules and regulations of the race.
**Entries are still being taken at a fee of €15,
 with all proceeds going to Mitchelstown Lions
 Club.** If you would like to enter, please contact
Aisling on 087-1327121 or any committee
 member. For more information or to download the
 rules & regulations see www.avondhumacra.ie or
www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra. We look
 forward to seeing you there.

If you are interested in joining Mitchelstown
 Macra, why not come along to our **next meeting on
 Friday September 3rd at 9pm.** Or contact
Niamh on 086-3601785. We look forward to
 welcoming you.

MITCHELSTOWN LIONS CLUB - FAMILY FUN DAY

**IN NEW SQUARE, MITCHELSTOWN. ON NEXT SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH
 FROM 2 P.M. - 5.30 P.M.**

Barbeque, music, drama, karate and boxing exhibition and much more

SPECIAL FRIENDS:

Special Friends are a voluntary group working within the community. Special Friends
 supports families who have children with additional needs within the family. All
 children are able to avail of appropriate therapies. These include speech therapy, swim
 club and summer camps. Children can benefit from support care within the school
 environment.

Parents meet Tuesday mornings for coffee and a chat and support each other. Monthly
 meetings are held in Bright Sparks. We welcome new children. Special Friends are
 families helping other families with similar needs and situations.

Special Friends need fundraising events to give the service to children.

ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 2 P.M.

A FUN DAY IS ORGANISED AT ABBEY FARM.

The event kicks off with the 15km cycle and 5km walk. On return everyone is welcome
 to join in the fun, these include BBQ, Face Painting, Teas and Cakes, Monster Raffle,
 Juvenile Football Tournaments, Bouncy Castles and lots more...

Sponsor cards for the event are available from:

- ❖ Any of the Special Friends Committee
- ❖ Jim Roche Bicycle Shop
- ❖ Bright Sparks Childcare Centre
- ❖ Abbey Farm Residents Association

Please spread the word and help support local families.

We can't form our children on our own concepts;

We must take them and love them as God gives them to us.

BALLYHOURA MACRA NA FEIRME

As part of Macra Na Feirme's annual Know Your Neighbour Campaign. We, Ballyhoura
 Macra are having a **TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SESSION AND**

**BARBEQUE IN THE VILLAGE INN (NUALA MEE'S), BALLYORGAN
 ON FRIDAY AUGUST 27TH.** If you can sing, dance, tell a story, play an instrument or

if you just like the 'craic agus ceol' please come along. This is a great opportunity for the
 community to come alive. It is in conjunction with Mitchelstown Comhaltas. To get involved
 with Ballyhoura Macra e-mail ballyhouramacra@o2.ie.

www.facebook.com/BallyhouraMacra

or www.avondhumacra.ie or text Gráinne on 087-7799218.