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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

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

Team Leaders and Collectors Required: Barnardos Children's Charity is looking for Volunteers to help collect funds during our National Collection Day "Buckets for Barnardos" taking place on Friday September 18th. Volunteers can either help with an organised bag pack, or join us on the streets shaking buckets in locations throughout Cork. All money raised on the day will help disadvantaged children and their families in communities around Ireland. Every hour of your time counts so please give what you can. To get involved please contact Gráinne on 1850 217 217 or email buckets@barnardos.ie

Autism Blue Balloon Fun Run and Walk:

Fly your balloon for Autism and take part in the 6km Blue Balloon Fun Run & Walk in Blackrock in aid of the Cork Association for Autism on **Sunday August 30th**. Blue balloons will be given to all participants and light refreshments will be served after the event. All funds raised will go towards the building of a new Day Service Centre in Mogeely which is costing €300,000 to build and will provide essential supports to adults on the autistic spectrum. Register online at www.corkautism.ie or request a sponsorship card by contacting Carol on 021-4533642 or by e-mailing fundraising@corkautism.ie

Our **Computer Classes** are starting again in **Bright Sparks** on **Tuesday 8th September**.....these classes are educational computer lessons to advance your child to a higher level in English & Maths....classes €8 per week...for ages 4 - 8 years please ring 025/86799 or 086/2653839 for more details....

Camden Fort Meagher in Crosshaven.

Military Re-enactment- Sunday 23rd of August: IMLH Group are dedicated to bringing history back to life! Their mission is to give people an impression of what life was like for the average soldier, to educate the public of a time gone by and the sacrifices made by so many. One of Camden Fort Meagher's biggest attractions.

The Garrison Model Show- Sunday 30th of August: With over 30 exhibitors from all over Ireland, this show is exclusive to Camden and has something for all model

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"Don't Blame God" Man not following the Rule of God's government is the very reason that evil exists in the world. It always has been and always will be. The source of all suffering and misery is Satan. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that Satan was first a good angel, made by God: "The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing". (391).

At a time when we are witnessing so many evil acts within the world, within the community and within the family, it is important to understand the source of it: the father of lies, Satan. But we have nothing to fear if we follow the path of the Lord, who has defeated him. This is why we should wear blessed objects, use Holy Water and realise the importance of prayer, personal prayer and community prayer.

Day of Prayer: The Wednesday night Prayer Group have organised a day of prayer for **Saturday, September 19th, 10.00am to 5.00pm**. The event will be held in the Town Hall. The Vincentian Fr. Pat Collins will lead the day of prayer. The theme of the day of prayer is: "St. Thérèse of Lisieux – a Saint for our troubled times". As you may know the parents of St. Thérèse are to be Beatified in October. Fr. Collins is a well known National and International speaker and works very much in the healing and exorcist ministry.

All attending are asked to bring a packed lunch and we are assured of an uplifting day, giving us hope for the future. Spread the word.

National Eucharistic Congress: A National Eucharistic Congress will take place at **Knock Shrine 26th – 27th September** coming. The Themes of the Congress are: Marriage and the Family, Consecrated Life and the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy. Details: www.nec2015.ie

The Eucharist is the very Heart of the Church and we are called anew to believe, love and adore Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us reflect on the beautiful, yet sad words that Jesus spoke to the Portuguese Blessed Alexandrina:

"Keep me company in the Blessed Sacrament. I remain in the tabernacle night and day, waiting to give my love and grace to all who would visit me. But so few come. I am so abandoned, so lonely, so offended.... Many...do not believe in my existence; they do not believe that I live in the tabernacle. They curse me. Others believe, but do not love me and do not visit me; they live as if I were not there... You have chosen to love me in the tabernacles where you can contemplate me, not with the eyes of the body, but those of the soul. I am truly present there as in Heaven, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity." (*Died October 12th 1955*)

Readers needed for 8.30am Mass on Sundays in the Parish Church.

Contact any of the Priests, The Parish Office or phone 087-3369377

Annual St. Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 12th September 2015 Cost: €15 Adults €7 Children.

Bus will leave the Mart at 7.30am. Seats still available.

Places can be booked through the office at Ozanam Centre 025 /84733

DVD of Fr. Joe O'Brien's Golden Jubilee Mass is now available. If you would like a copy, please order by ringing Una on 087-2117111.

HOW TO DO FAMILY TREES: Clan Search offers a course to help to locate civil, church, census, will records etc. How to use computer to do research from the comfort of your home. 087.3589734.

NCBI SHOP MITCHELSTOWN would like to make an appeal for donations, we take ornaments, tea sets, glassware, household, ladies and men's clothes etc. The NCBI shop is situated at the top of the Square, easy parking. The shop sells a variety of goods new and pre-owned, well worth a visit. **The shop supports The National Council for the Blind of Ireland, we would appreciate your help in increasing our donations.**

Contact Isobel Tel: 087-1254900

Ancestor Research is **no longer** being carried out in the Parish office. The records for Mitchelstown Parish can be accessed through Mallow Heritage Centre, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Co. Cork. Tel: (022) 50302. Website: www.rootsireland.ie or E-mail: mallowhc@eircom.net

Kate's Montessori wishes to inform you that it is extending its Preschool Service to Ballindangan National School. We are now enrolling for September 2015 & 2016 in both locations and look forward to showing our new classroom situated in Ballindangan National School and our new outdoor facilities (mud kitchen, music wall, secret garden and much more) at Derrynanool, Mitchelstown. Contact Hannah Kate Finn on 086 823 72 72 for more details.

Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltd have vacancies for Recreation Officers and Caretakers. Contact 025-86956 if interested.

Physiotherapy-led Pilates Classes in the Ozanam Centre commencing **Wednesday 26th August for 6 weeks.** Classes include beginners at 6.30pm, intermediate at 7.30pm and men's only 45minute class at 8.30pm. Please contact Catherine on 0857076585 to pre book."

Please just talk about it with someone..... Supports available for people in emotional distress or those with thoughts of Suicide.

Are you experiencing emotional distress or worried about someone else in your life that you think needs support as they may be vulnerable and is potentially at risk of taking their own life? If so, the following supports are available to you:

- Console Free-phone 24/7 Helpline: 1800 247 247 or Text 'help' to 51444
- HSE South Free-phone 24/7 Suicide Prevention Helpline: 1800 742 745
- HSE South Free-phone 24/7 Farm & Rural Stress Helpline: 1800 742 645
- Samaritans Free-phone 24/7 helpline 116123 or E-mail: jo@samaritans.org or by texting 087 2609090
- South Doc Out of Hours GP service: 1850 335 999 Website: www.southdoc.ie.
- Contact your nearest Emergency Department (A&E)
- Talk to Someone You Trust! *How?* Just start by saying, *"I need to talk...."*

www.yourmentalhealth.ie

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA: Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Tanzania on 1st Dec 2015. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Supervision provided. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope.

Contact Denis, Humanitarian Volunteers, 086 - 8520271.

CIORCAL NA GAELIGE: The next fortnightly meeting will take place on **Friday, August 28th** in Mitchelstown Library from 4.00pm to 5.20pm. Our meetings are held in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. Please join us if you are interested in using or just listening to Irish. Beidh céad míle fáilte romhat.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in

The Firgrove Hotel, MITCHELSTOWN

Wednesday 26th August from 5pm - 8.30pm

& Thursday 27th August from 3pm - 5pm & 7pm - 9pm

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 or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island, Wexford on Sunday, August 30th. Details from Fr. Michael Campbell Tel: 022-48169 or 086-1066998

Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre, Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown

Tel: **0761 07 8030** E-mail: Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon & Thurs: 1.30pm to 4.30pm