

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.

1st Friday: 7.30p.m. - Weekday: 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Morning Prayer 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.

1st Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

NEW: After Saturday Evening Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month.

BALLYGIBLIN: 1st 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

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

Pharmacy Rota:

Fitzgibbon's Pharmacy open this Sunday, 24th March 11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

PARISH OFFICE - Will be closed for Easter, from Wednesday 27th March till Monday 8th April. All articles for 30th March & 6th April need to be in the Parish Office No later than 12 noon Monday, 25th March

Are you caring for someone in your family with **Alzheimer Disease /Dementia?** **St. Francis Day Centre, Fermoy** provides dementia -specific care and support in a stimulating & friendly environment. The service runs once a week, on Tuesdays. Please contact (022) 43322 or (086) 0218504

Clogheen Parish Fundraisers: An Inspirational Concert in St. Mary's Church, Clogheen on Spy Wednesday Evening, 27th March. Featuring Trudi Lalor, Paddy O'Brien, John Hogan. Starts 8pm Admission: €15. Wheelchair Access. Tickets are available at various outlets and also from both Sacristans in Clogheen & Burncourt. Contact 052-7465889 for more info.

Thank you from Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Abstinence Association:

The above association would like to thank the following people and management for allowing us to collect outside their premises on the occasion of our Flag Day held recently. Aldi Store (Ireland Ltd), Mitchelstown Credit Union Ltd, Farrell's Centra, Mitchelstown Post Office, Reidy's Supervalu and Tesco (Ireland) Ltd. Thanks also to our many collectors, subscribers and all those who helped in any way. "Go Raibh Mile Maith Agaibh Go Léir".

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR: In one of his first homilies, Pope Francis spoke of the forgiveness and mercy of God. He said that God never tires of forgiving us, but it is we who tire of asking for His forgiveness. Pope Francis encouraged everybody to keep coming back to Confession. The Church obliges each of us Catholics to receive Confession at least once a year. But the Church has always encouraged the faithful to receive Confession monthly or regularly throughout the year. In every Confession we seek the forgiveness of God and the Grace of God to help us conquer our faults. Through the Cross of Jesus we have the possibility of being forgiven for everything. This Sacrament helps us to experience the great love of God and helps us to love ourselves and to forgive ourselves, and so to be better able to love others.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:

This week is the great week of the Church's year, because we recall with devotion and faith the gift of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Celebrations bring us through the sacrifice and suffering and death of Jesus Christ to the wonder of His Resurrection from the dead. The words "Do This In Memory Of Me" challenge us to respond with gratitude and faith.

The Novena of Mercy was requested by Jesus through a series of visions to St. Faustina (1925-1938). He requested the Novena to begin on Good Friday and to conclude with a Feast of Mercy on the 1st Sunday after Easter. Central to the Novena and Feast is the mercy and forgiveness of God. Leaflets will be available in the Church.

Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday, 7th April in the Parish Church from 2pm to 5pm. Confessions with a number of Priests Hearing, Guest Speaker Mr. John Delaney, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet of Mercy, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. All Welcome.

If you received a **PAYE CHY2 form**, please complete, and return to me, in the stamped addressed envelope provided, before **Monday, 8th April**. **It is vital we receive this form back from you.**

Apostolate of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock celebrating the Year of Faith on 20th April 2013. See notice board for details. Bus going from the Diocese. Contact Catherine on 087 - 7727496.

MARYMOUNT HOSPICE FUNDRAISER: There will be a **Coffee/Tea Day on Easter Monday, April 1st**, organised by Paddy Ryan and family at their home in Garryleigh Mitchelstown. It will run from 10am to 5pm. Proceeds towards Marymount Hospice Cork. Your support would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome.
Paddy Ryan.

MITCHELSTOWN LAWN TENNIS CLUB - JUNIORS EASTER CAMP
Monday 25th to Thursday 28th March. U6 & U7 12pm-1pm, U8 1pm-2pm
U9 & U10 2pm-3pm, U11 & U12 3pm-4pm. Teens 4pm-5pm.
Cost-€4 per day. For more information contact 087- 9447387.

Easter Camps at Bright Sparks: Arts & Crafts.....Movie Day.....Dress Up Day.....Make & Do... Baking & Making..... Easter Bunny Hunt...Bikes and Trikes....and lots more. €10 per day or €50 per week....10am to 1 pm. Week 1; 25th March. Week 2; 2nd April. Enquiries/bookings to 025-86799 or 086-2653839

Cork County Macra News update: The Cork County Macra round of the drama competition will take place this weekend in St. Mary's Theatre, Rossmore, Co. Cork. The event will start on Saturday March 23rd with the final acts taking to the stage on Sunday March 24th. There are seven productions. The event will be hosted by Carbery Macra. For more information go to www.facebook.com/corkmacra or call Cairtriona Fox (Cork PRO) on 086-3760487. All welcome to attend. Please support. For information on what Macra is all about see www.macra.ie or don't hesitate to contact the number above.

An evening with John Lonergan: Ballygiblin Parents Council will host a talk by **John Lonergan**, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, in Ballygiblin National School on **Monday, 22nd April** (*Time to be confirmed*). This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a cover charge of €5 on the night. All proceeds to Ballygiblin School.

Mitchelstown Macra are holding a Table Quiz on Friday April 19th. Tables of 4 are €20. Venue to be confirmed. For more info contact **John on 086-1721027**. All welcome, please support. Check out www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra

The next meeting to discuss **St. Joseph's Foundation Spring Fair** will take place on **Monday, March 25th at 8.30pm**, in St. Joseph's Workshop, Baker's Road, Charleville. Your help with this event would be greatly appreciated. We would be delighted if you could attend the meeting.

Local Heat of Over 60's Talent Contest at T.O. Park, on Tuesday, March 26th. Free Entry. You are welcome to take part, but come anyway. To enter call (025) 84372 and leave your name and number.

Art Classes: 6 weeks course in Acrylic and oil painting. Commencing on Tuesday, March 19th 8pm - 10.30pm in Carrigeen, Kilbehenny. €80
Contact Deirdre Dunne 085- 7844305

Galtee Wheelers Cycling Club: Getting into Gear for the New Season. Interested in getting fit in a friendly social way? Get on your bike! Give it a try on one of our Sunday Morning Spins. Check out our Facebook page for more details. Contact Noel 087 / 290 2706 or Danny 087 / 873 6219.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Medjugorje: Very Special Pilgrimage as it is the ANNIVERSARY WEEK. Saturday, June 22nd – 29th out of Dublin. Contact Eileen (086) 3044456

Ballyhoura Macra - busy as ever! Ballyhoura Macra has been extremely busy. The club was well represented at the recent Avondhu Macra regional competitions. The Ballyhoura men's basketball team won the recent Avondhu regional round and will represent the club at the national finals next Sunday in Limerick. This is a huge achievement for the club. The club wishes the lads the very best of luck in the finals. JOIN BALLYHOURA TODAY!: Ballyhoura Macra na Feirme is an organisation for young people between the ages of 17 and 35 who are interested in meeting new people and getting involved in sports, travel, drama, debating, or just want to meet new people and have some fun! Join Ballyhoura today! This will open the door to new friends and new activities. Ballyhoura Macra is always looking for new members. For further information see www.facebook.com/ballyhouramacra. Call our club secretary Aoife on 086-0452472 to join Ballyhoura.

Ozanam Centre: Pilates: Eilish Fitzgerald 086/3579081. Continuing Tuesday 6pm - 9pm Pilates for **Men** only: Commencing Thursday evening, 4th April 7.30 - 8.30pm

Living with Loss - Teenagers Contact 025- 84733

First Aid - Refresher - Eileen Maher: 087-927 0020 Saturday 23rd March

Cistercian College Roscrea invites boys to participate in our **Easter Sports Camps**. The Hurling Camp is on Wednesday, 27th March for boys born in 1997. The Rugby Camp is on Wednesday, 3rd April for 1st to Transition year boys. For application forms and details visit www.ccr.ie

"I was a Boy in Belsen" Mitchelstown Heritage Society is hosting a talk by Holocaust Survivor and Dublin resident, Tomi Reichental, Tomi was taken to Bergen Belsen by the Nazi's, aged 9 from his native Slovakia. Even though he and his parents and brother survived, over 35 members of his family died. Author of the book, "I was a boy in Belsen", it took Mr. Reichental over 60 years to come to terms with what he experienced, breaking his silence he now travels Ireland educating people against intolerance and hatred. The lecture is on in **The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown, Thursday April, 4th at 8pm**. There will be a small cover charge at the door €5 for Society Members and students and €7 for non-members. All are welcome to attend.

Cork Exhibition of Icons: An Exhibition of Church Icons will be held in the Gallery of Cork County Library from Wednesday afternoon, 27th March to 26th April. The library is a new building next to County Hall on the Carrigaune Road, the entrance is opposite the Kingsley Hotel - admission and car park are free. The exhibition will feature the icon work of Cloyne Priest, Fr David O Riordan, of Ladysbridge and Ballymacoda, and the work of two Iconographers from Crete, Nicolaos Griniezakis, and Efty Ilia. This is a unique opportunity to see the work of present day Iconographers who use the ancient techniques of egg tempera paint on wood panels when writing or painting an icon. The exhibition is open to the public during library open hours Monday to Friday. To access the gallery go into the library through the main doors - the gallery is on the right. Enjoy.