BALLYHOURA MACRA NA FEIRME IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Ballyhoura Macra covers Mitchelstown, Ballyporeen, Kildorrery and surrounding areas.

Aoife Ladd will be representing our club at the Miss Macra Festival in August. It is a brilliant weekend for her and a wonderful 'Macra experience'! Many Ballyhoura members will be going along for the weekend to support her. If you are interested in going please contact us. We wish her the very best of luck in the competition.

Ballyhoura Macra is in the Avondhu Macra region. The Regional A.G.M. will take place on August 4th. More details soon. The Cork County A.G.M. took place on July 15th in Cork. Caitríona Fox from Ballyhoura Macra is now on the county board as Treasurer.

Ballyhoura Macra welcomes anyone 17 years or over - If you'd like to get involved e-mail <u>ballyhouramacra@o2.ie</u> or text Gráinne on 087 7799218. Check us out on <u>www.facebook.com/BallyhouraMacra</u>

MITCHELSTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mitchelstown Community Council has launched a 3 monthly draw to help clear the Mitchelstown Playground Debt. The draw will take place on the last Friday in July, August and September. Tickets cost €20 per month or €50 for all three draws. 1st Prize is €1,000, 2nd & 3rd Prizes are €250 each.

All funds raised will go to pay off the debt at the playground, it is hoped that there will be a good number of people taking part in the draw. Mitchelstown is blessed to have such a wonderful playground. 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.*

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings held in

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT @ 8.45 P.M. & EVERY SUNDAY MORNING 11.30 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M.

Newsletter printed in the: Parish Office, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork. E-mail: <u>mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net</u> Phone or Fax: 025 / 84062 <u>Deadline is 12 noon. Wednesday</u> Open: 10 a.m. to 12 noon – Mon. to Fri.

MITCHELSTOWN PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

<u>Cleaning & Painting of the Parish Church:</u>

The cleaning and painting of the Parish Church is about to commence. The Church will be thoroughly washed, cleaned and painted inside and outside. The Church has been regularly used for thirty years and like every house in the Parish it needs to be refreshed. The work will be undertaken by O'Keeffe Painting Ltd., Mitchelstown. It is a major undertaking and I'm sure you will understand any inconvenience caused. It is hoped to continue all ceremonies in the Church during the work.

The Church is a special meeting place for all of us. It is a place of prayer, above all else. It is a place of worship to God. It is a place to hear God's Word proclaimed. It is a place to reconcile ourselves with God and confess our sins. It is the principal place to celebrate all Sacraments and Mysteries of our faith. It is a place of refuge and contemplation in a troubled world.

The late Fr. Morgan O'Brien P.P. dedicated our Parish Church to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the Dogma was proclaimed by the Church in 1854. We ask the Immaculate Virgin to protect all who will be doing the work in the church and that it may all turn out well.

Fr. Michael

The Pope's Intentions for August:

General: That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.

Mission: That the Church may be a 'home' for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.

MONDAY JULY 26^{TH:} IS THE FEAST OF THE PARENTS OF OUR LADY: SS JOACHIM AND ANNE.

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Tradition teaches us that Holy Mary was their only child and that for many years of their marriage they had been childless. But God blessed them, when they least expected it. On this Feast day let us give thanks for our parents and let us pray for all parents that they may grow in holiness and love and be comforted in their sorrows.

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: Fr. Greene C.C. 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.

> William Luddy, Clonmel Road.

May he Rest in Peace.

EUCHARISTIC 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. *Kilacluig:* 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

PRAYER GROUPS Youth 2000 - Every Sunday at 8.15 p.m. In Marian Hall, Convent Hill. Adult Prayer Group – Every Wednesday at 8 p.m. In Marian Hall, Convent Hill. Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 6.30p.m. In Marian Hall, Convent Hill. New Members Always Welcome.

The members of Mitchelstown Branch of Cope Foundation Wish to thank most sincerely all who contributed so generously to the 'Flowers of Hope' & Church Gate Collections. The help of our friends with the Church Gate Collections in Anglesboro, Ballygiblin, Killacluig, Kilbehenny & Mitchelstown is very much appreciated. To one & all many thanks.

Mitchelstown Macra Na Feirme

Mitchelstown Macra is successfully up and running again since **May 2010**. We as a group are trying to revive the importance of Macra in Mitchelstown and if you would like to help us, please get in contact or come along to one of our meetings. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mitchelstown Macra held a very successful **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday**. This was our first Know Your Neighbour Community Event and it was a roaring success. **Thank You** to all those who attended, especially past Macra members who came back to join us. A special note of thanks to those who helped out on the morning. I hope everyone enjoyed getting to know their neighbour!!!

Members of Mitchelstown Macra are also participating in the **Mitchelstown Mini Marathon** on **Sunday (25th)** in aid of the **3Ts** and we wish everyone the best for this very worthy cause.

Mitchelstown Macra **AGM** will be held on **Friday August 6th** in The **Firgrove Hotel**, Mitchelstown at **9pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more info see **www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra** or email <u>mitchelstown.macra@gmail.com</u>. Alternatively, contact our secretary **Niamh Carey** on **086-3601785**. We look forward to hearing from you

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Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown Tel: 025 / 84600 E-mail: <u>Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie</u> <u>New Opening Times:</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fundraising Bingo In Aid of St. Joseph's Foundation & Kilfinane A.C.

<u>Venue</u>: T.O. Park, Knockadea <u>Date</u>: <u>THIS</u> Sunday July 25th <u>Time</u>: 2.30 p.m.