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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

Cork County Federation Muintir na Tíre and Mitchelstown Community Council
Invitation to **Health Information Seminar & Social Evening in St. Fanahan's College, Mitchelstown. Thursday, 13th November 2014, 7.30pm – 11pm.** We encourage both men and women to attend. Admission is Free. If you would like to attend, we would be grateful if you could let us know by one of the following means; By Email: admin@muintircork.com or Telephone us on: (021) 4500688, this is not compulsory, it is just so that we will have an idea of numbers attending.

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TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL: Team Hope is once more asking your help in bringing some Christmas joy to the poorest children in our world. There are children in the poorest countries of our world who have never experienced the joy of receiving a Christmas present, many of these children are orphans whose parents were killed in war or who died from illness. You can help these children by filling a shoe box with practical items i.e. something to WRITE with (pen, copybook, markers, crayons etc), something to WASH with (toothbrush, toothpaste, facecloth, soap), something to WEAR (hat, scarf, gloves, socks) and WOW a treat or a toy (sunglasses, skipping rope, small doll or cuddly toy, a toy car). If you would like to help a poor child this Christmas please visit the Team Hope website, www.teamhope.ie or contact your local co coordinator **Christine on 087 2514099**. There are pre-wrapped boxes available in Supervalu and the drop off points are; Supervalu, Ozanam Centre, Supermac's and Price Savers. We would also like to thank the Active Retirement Group for the lovely hand knitted hats and scarves they have donated, it is very much appreciated. The closing date this year is **10th November**. Thank You.

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Mitchelstown Town Hall presents JAMES KILBANE Country & Gospel Concert. Special Guests; **The Mitchelstown Presentation Secondary School Choir.** This musical event will take place in **Mitchelstown Parish Church, on Friday, 21st November at 8pm.** Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets €15. For more details please contact Monica on 087 – 2200083.

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**The Parish Office will be CLOSED next week
Monday, 27th October to Friday 31st October inclusive.**

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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The story of 'The Praying Hands' – There is an interesting story about the famous painting 'The Praying Hands.' Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village in Germany, two brothers, Albrecht and Albert Durer, dreamed of going to art school. Their father could not afford to send Albert and Albrecht to art school, so they agreed among themselves that one would go, while the other would support him for the four years; then the one who completed the course would support his brother to go to the Academy. It all came down to the toss of a coin as to who would go first. Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) won, and went to the Academy in Nuremberg.

To fulfil his part of the bargain, Albert went down into the nearby mines and worked to finance his brothers' study. Albrecht quickly impressed his teachers. His etchings, his woodcarvings and his paintings were a sensation and, even by the time he graduated, he had established his reputation. By then he was already beginning to earn considerable money.

Faithful to his promise, he returned home to remind his beloved brother that it was now his turn to fulfil his ambition and that he, Albrecht, would support him to follow his dream at the academy in Nuremberg. In tears, however, Albert told his brother that it was now too late for him: four years of toil in the mines had so badly damaged his hands that he could never be an artist. Some of the bones in his fingers had been broken and he also suffered from arthritis in his right hand. He could no longer make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. It was now too late for the academy.

To honour Albert for all that he had sacrificed on his behalf, Albrecht painstakingly drew his brothers damaged hands with palms together and fingers stretched heavenward. He called his drawing simply 'Hands', but his drawing was soon recognised as a masterpiece, and Albrecht's tribute of love to his brother became known as 'The Praying Hands'.

Anam Cara is holding a **Bereavement Information Evening** on **Wednesday, 5th November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Cork.** The guest speaker for the evening is Miriam Porter and the topic for the evening is "Coping with Grief and Loss after the death of a child". All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for room set up, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday, 4th November or call us 01-4045378.

Farrell's Centra Annual Cancer Walk takes place on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd at 2pm**. Meeting place at **Farrell's Centra door**, where registration fee of €5 will be collected. This year we have decided on two routes; Route A – St Fanahan's Well Route. Route B – Kildorrery Bypass Route. You decide on which route you want to take. Family, friends and customers are welcome to join us, please spread the word.

Ballygiblin National School Parents Association - are holding a **New & Used Fundraising Clothes Collection on 6th November 2014** at Ballygiblin School. We collect New & Used Men's, Women's & Children's Clothing, Shoes, Belts, Handbags, Ties, Linens, Household Textiles and Stuffed Toys. (*Any condition once they are clean*) Mobile Phones (*please place in a separate bag*) Collection times; Wednesday, 5th November 9pm to 3pm & 6pm to 8pm. On the day of the collection Thursday, 6th November up to 10am. Both collections are held in Ballygiblin Old School. Please Recycle & Support the Ballygiblin National School.

FUN CLUB EACH MONDAY FOR PRESCHOOLERS: Lets your child have a play date with other children of same age. Activities include Baking / Cooking, Gardening, P.E./Exercises, Music & Dance. Children arrive at 12.15pm, where they have their dinner, followed by different planned activities each week. Price €14 includes dinner and materials. 12.15pm to 2.15pm at **BRIGHT SPARKS CHILDCARE CENTRE MITCHELSTOWN** 025-86799 or 086-2653839

THANK YOU! A very successful coffee morning was held recently at the home of Assumpta Roche, Ballybeg in aid of Marymount Hospice, **€2,705** was raised. We would like to thank everyone for their generous support.

Young Drama Classes. Mitchelstown Young Drama classes continue at Bright Sparks every Thursday from 5pm to 6pm for children aged between four and nine years of age (approx.) Contact Michael at 086-2523959 after school hours. Places still available.

Mitchelstown Town Hall – All bookings for the use of Mitchelstown Town Hall are now being taken by Mitchelstown Parish Office. You can ring Patricia on 025 – 84062 during office hours Monday to Friday, 9am to 12 noon, after office hours please e-mail your details to mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net and Patricia will get back to you.

St. Fanahan's College Parents Council are hosting a **Christmas Cookery Food Demonstration**, on **Friday, 14th November in the Firgrove Hotel at 8pm sharp**. The Demonstration will be given by Ó'Crualaoi's Butchers & Delicatessen Fermoy. Tickets are €10 each and can be obtained from Ó'Crualaoi's Butchers & Delicatessen Fermoy, Farrell's Centra Mitchelstown, The Office at St. Fanahan's College, or from any member of the Parents Councils. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU – On behalf of Fermoy Branch of Multiple Sclerosis, we would like to thank the people of Mitchelstown & the surrounding areas for their generous support of our recent Flag Day.

Physiotherapy-led Pilates Classes in Ozanam Centre, Mitchelstown starting **Wednesday 12th November**. Beginners 6.45pm, Intermediate 7.45pm, Intermediate 8.45pm for 6 weeks. Contact Catherine on 085-7076585 to pre book."

CBS PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL are holding a **TABLE QUIZ** with Quizmaster John Hickey on **Friday, 7th November, at 9pm**, in The Hunters Rest. €40 per table. The Council Reps are grateful for the continuing support of Mitchelstown Community for their fundraising ventures. Great fun & prizes guaranteed. Everyone welcome. CBS Primary Parent Council look forward to your support on the night.

Youth 2000 Mitchelstown: Friday nights, 8-10pm, in the Town Hall. Youth 2000 Mitchelstown is part of an international movement of young Catholics, who have discovered the joy and beauty of their Catholic faith and want to help other young people to discover it too. Youth 2000 Mitchelstown meets weekly for prayer, music, reflection and a cup of tea and a chat afterwards. Youth 2000 is a fantastic way to get to know other young Catholics and learn more about your Catholic faith, and is always open to newcomers from 16 - 35 years of age. For more information on the local prayer meeting or upcoming retreats, festivals and social events, check out the Youth Section of the Parish Website or go to www.youth2000.ie

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice in honour of their deceased loved ones! You can do likewise. Take the short-term Pioneer pledge this November. If interested please give your names to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council members.

BRIGHT SPARKS SPOOKY HALLOWEEN CAMP ; taking place during the midterm break
Tuesday 28th October PUMPKIN DECORATING
Wednesday 29th October HALLOWEEN DRESS UP ARTS AND CRAFTS
Thursday 30th October HALLOWEEN SCARY STORIES
Friday 31st October HALLOWEEN PARTY
Price €50 for the week, €15 per day. Time 9am to 12noon. Age 3 years plus.
Please call or text 025 86799 or 086-2653839

Ballyhoura Development to provide Basic Computer Mentoring for Job Seekers. Ballyhoura Development is providing another fantastic service to the community-Basic Computer Mentoring for Job Seekers. This course which will take place at Coote Hall, Kilmallock is ideal for jobseekers that have little or no computer knowledge and need help in creating or editing their CV. By the end of this course, you will also be able to set up an e mail address, search for jobs, and apply for jobs online. It will also provide you with tips and advice which you may need. So keep your eyes peeled for upcoming information on this helpful course which will give you the kick start you need to look for your perfect job in the competitive jobs market. To book a place, contact Anisa on 063 20555.

Mitchelstown Community Council are in the process of getting a **DEFIBRILLATOR** for the Town. It will be placed in a central location, where it is accessible 24hours, 7 days a week. We hope to provide opportunities for training in CPR and in the use of the machine in the future. We are currently fundraising to buy the equipment. All donations would be greatly accepted. Anyone interested in helping in anyway, please contact Michelle at 085 – 1502008 or burkemichelle3@gmail.com.

Ballindangan Monday Morning Club: You are invited for an Introduction to Yoga and Mindfulness for Relaxation with Síle Ní Bhroin. November 3rd. Starting at 10.30am. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or blanket. Names are now being taken for making your own Christmas Wreath on December 1st. Your choice of wreath ring or swag holder will have to be pre ordered. Please contact Norma or Martina.