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## DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday. Parish Website: <u>www.mitchelstownparish.ie</u>

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

### HELP AND SUPPORT IN THE MITCHELSTOWN AREA: Your GP is an

excellent place to start if you have a worry and can work with you or refer you to other health professionals. SOUTH DOC Out of hours 1850 33 59 99 Living Health Clinic: 025-52000 Gardaí, Mitchelstown 025 84833 St. Vincent de Paul 025-84733 MITCHELSTOWN CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE for all your information needs. Marian Hall, Convent Hill. **Opening Hours**: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am to 1 pm Monday & Thursday 1.30pm to 4.30pm. No appointment necessary. Tel: 0761 07 8030. E-mail: mitchelstown@citinfo.ie Website: www.citizensinformation.ie FÁS Office open 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month in the Ozanam Centre from 9.30am. Social Welfare Office, Fermoy Tel.025-49010 Open: Mon-Fri 9.30-12.00 & 2.00-4.00 Community Welfare Officer, Mitchelstown. Tel. 025-84238 Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) 0761 07 2440 1 Life - 24-hour Suicide Prevention Helpline: 1800 247100 **Community Drugs Project Worker:** Mary Mackesy 086 – 043 9702 mary@cdys.ie North Cork Alzheimer's Society (022) 43322 Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm Seniors Helpline (10am-1pm &7-10pm) 1850 440 444 North Cork Domestic Violence: 022-53915 Child line (24hr) 1800 666 666 Alcoholics Anonymous: Meetings held in Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown every Tuesday night at 8.45pm & every Sunday morning 11.30am to 12.30pm. Gamblers Anonymous (GA) meeting in Mitchelstown every Monday night at 8pm. Please contact GA on 087 2859552 for further details.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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# **Feast of Mercy:**

Between 1925 and 1938 the Merciful Jesus appeared and spoke to a Polish Nun, no St. Faustina Kowalska. Many times, Jesus requested that she record these events in Diary to be later published. Among the many messages He gave to the world througher, was a request for a Special Feast of Mercy, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter: "I desit that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for posinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a who ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy". (690) St. Faustina died on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 1938 at the young age of thirty-three. The mission that Jesus gave her demanded great trust, but she was faithful. After her deat the message spread and after many struggles, Pope John Paul II officially declared th the request of Jesus to St. Faustina be granted and the Feast was established. The **devotions today will be held in the Parish Church from 2pm – 5pm. A number of priests will be hearing Confessions from 2.30pm.** Divine Mercy Sunday is a speci gift for our time, Jesus is longing for us to come to Him.

## **Two New Saints:**

Today in Rome, Pope Francis in the company of Pope Emeritus Benedict we Canonise two of their predecessors, Pope John XXIII & Pope John Paul II. Pop John XXIII died in June 1963 and Pope John Paul II died in April 2005. Pope Joh XXIII is known for calling the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II for all h travels throughout the world. Pope John Paul II made a historic visit to Ireland is September 1979, one of his first visits abroad. Both men endeared themselves t the world at large by their genuine love and charm. While Pope John XXIII reigne for a very short period, Pope John Paul II was one of the longest papacies eve They both had a strong devotion to Our Lady. Pope John XXIII prayed the fiftee mysteries of Rosary every day for a great part of his life. Pope John II once sai that the Rosary was his favourite prayer. They both suffered ill health in the latter period of their lives and they both testified to an extraordinary faith in the Lor They are worthy to be Saints and we implore their intercession for the world an for our special intentions at this time.



PARISH OFFICE - Will be closed for Easter, until Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Mitchelstown Community Council - Annual General Meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2014 at 8pm in the Town Hall. All welcome.

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Vacancies on the Community Employment Scheme for two Caretakers. Anyone who is interested please contact the Awbeg Office at 025-86956.

**Vigil for Life:** A National Vigil for Life will take place on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Merrion Square, Dublin, from 3 – 4pm. Let us keep a special place in our prayers for all who are in a crisis pregnancy. May mother and child always be safe and may they both feel loved and protected.

**Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Fund – Helping Bring the Sick to Lourdes** Fundraising Draw in Jackie O'Brien's, Mitchelstown, **Sunday night**, 4<sup>th</sup> **May** Please support this local charity cause.

**Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Committee.** Pilgrims who would like to travel with us, please forward your name to Paddy Seery (087) 9488359 or Denis Murphy (087) 2778364

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**St. Fanahan's College Parents Association have organised a Fundraising Event – Clothes Collection** From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We will accept unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, belts & soft toys. (Unfortunately no curtains, blankets, duvet covers, duvets or pillows) Donations will be accepted in the school from 8.15am to 5pm each day, from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Monies raised will be used for IT in the school. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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**Ballindangan Monday Morning Club:** On THIS Monday 28th April next. You are asked to bring your bag of make-up. Helena K Mua of Make-up by H (Glanworth Hair & Beauty) will be there to advise us all, on how to make best use of the products we currently have and also give tips for future purchases. She will also be answering any questions on general skin care. This is open to anyone who'd like to attend. Ballindangan Hall at 10.30am

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**NOTICE ALTAR FLOWERS** The Altar Society would welcome new volunteers to help with flowers for the Altar. No flower arranging experience is required. Please contact either of the following numbers: 086 6077595 or 087 6364845.

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Free Home Insulation Service: IRD Duhallow's Warmer Homes Scheme provides a free insulation service for your home. To qualify, you must be in receipt of one of the following payments: ● Fuel Allowance ● Family Income Supplement
Job Seekers Allowance for more than 6 months with a child under 7 You must be the owner of the house and it must have been built before 2006. The Warmer Homes Scheme provides free attic and cavity wall insulation which will help your house to retain heat. To apply or for further information, please contact the Warmer Homes Scheme in IRD Duhallow on 029-60633

Alzheimer's Tea Day at "Shapers" Molan's Hair Salon, 4 Lower Cork Street. Tuesday, 29th April from 2pm to 5pm. Please join us for a cuppa.

**Young Adult Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago** – Sarria to Santiago. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June. For people between the ages of 18 and 35. Find yourself on the way. For more details contact Fr. Alan on 086 – 7857955 or e-mail fralan@msctheway.com

**BALLYHOURA WALKING TOUR FESTIVAL:** The **Ballyhoura Walking Festival Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Mitchelstown Tour starts at 11am from Clongibbon House Hotel with interesting visit sites on 1.5 hour long route sharing interesting anecdotes. A **Sensory Tour** will be conducted in the **Galtee Mountains** on **Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**Enrich Your Faith**: Come to a Day of Prayer, Knock Shrine, **31**<sup>st</sup> **May** Feast of the Visitation. Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyers of Charity. Theme Called to be a Light to the Nations. 10am to 5pm. For Information and Buses contact 087-1198594 or 086- 1678027. www.foyerofcharity.ie

Prayer for the intercession of Pope John Paul II O Holy Trinity, we thank you for having given to the Church Pope John Paul II, and for having made him shine with your fatherly tenderness,

the glory of the Cross of Christ and the splendour of the Spirit of love

He, trusting completely in your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, has shown himself in the likeness of Jesus the Good Shepherd and has pointed out to us holiness as the path to reach eternal communion with You.

Grant us, through his intercession, according to your will, the grace that we implore, as he is numbered among your saints. Amen.

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# Prayer of Pope John XXIII to the Holy Spirit, 1961

Divine Spirit, renew your wonders in our time, as though for a new Pentecost, and grant that the holy Church, preserving unanimous and continuous prayer, together with Mary the Mother of Jesus, and also under the guidance of St. Peter, may increase the reign of the Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen.