

**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.

1<sup>st</sup> 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. - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30p.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:**

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 8.15p.m.

**CONFESSION TIMES:**

**MITCHELSTOWN:** Saturday, Eves of Holydays: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

**NEW:** After Saturday Evening Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.

**BALLYGIBLIN:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7p.m.

**KILLACLUIG:** before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass.

**CLERGY:**

V. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Phone: 025-84090.

V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F. Phone: 025-84088

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E-MAIL: [mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto: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](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)**

**Priest on Sick call this week is: Canon O'Leary**

**Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979**

**Pharmacy Rota:**

**Murphy's** Pharmacy open this Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - New Way of Presenting Faith to children**

This is an innovative approach to the religious formation of children both spiritually and educationally. It is grounded in sacred scripture, the liturgy of the Church and the spiritual and educational principles of Dr. Marie Montessori. It respects the relationship between God and the child and nourishes that relationship. Using concrete materials (such as 3D figures) the children are introduced to a biblical text or a liturgical moment. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd allows children to experience and know Jesus and the faith we profess at a deeper level.

As of **November 9th, 2012 and every Friday during the school terms**, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will take place in the **Town Hall** at the following times: Preschool (3-4yrs old) - 1.15pm to 2.00pm  
Junior and Senior infants (5-6yr olds) - 2.00pm to 3.00pm  
First and Second Class (7-8yr olds) - 3.00pm to 4.00pm  
The ethos of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is to provide this experience free of charge. If you would like your child to be part of this new experience please contact Angela Kelleher (trained to level one of the CGS method) on 087-9597623. To learn more about this method log onto <http://www.cgs.ie/>

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**November & The Holy Souls:**

This weekend, winter time begins. For many it can be a trying time of the year. Let us pray that the Lord sends us nice weather and especially for the Mission. Winter time is a time for deep reflection. Outdoor pursuits are put on hold and we have more time on our hands. It is a time to rest the body and give extra time to working on our souls. God gives us this time that we may reflect more deeply on the meaning and purpose of life.

**The Mission will begin next weekend and continue until the Feast of St. Fanahan on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The Mission Team will speak at weekend Masses and begin with the School Missions on November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

As it is November our thoughts turn to our dear ones who have departed us and all the departed. We are mindful especially of those who are sorrowing for those who have died in the past year and all who bear the pain of grief.

Thursday next November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of All Saints and a Holyday of obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday and Masses on Thursday as on Sunday in all Churches. The Feast of All Saints calls us to reflect on the wonder and joy of the Saints who see God in Heaven.

As we go deeper into winter our hearts are full of hope in God who loves us and has prepared a place for each of us in Heaven.

**PRAYER FOR THE DEAD:**

God our Father,

Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives,  
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.  
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ, Who died and now lives,  
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,  
where all our tears are wiped away.

Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever.

Amen.

**Please note the Parish Office will be closed**

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL - TEAM HOPE

Team Hope are 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). In 2012 over 172,000 shoeboxes from Ireland were sent to children in the poorest countries with over 2,500 of these shoeboxes coming from the Mitchelstown / Fermoy / West Waterford area. These locally collected shoeboxes were sent to Odessa in the Ukraine and were delivered in time for Christmas. If you would like to help a poor child this Christmas please visit the Team Hope website, [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie) or contact your local co coordinators Louise on 087 7972575 or Bernadette on 087 6472983. Collection facilities will be made available. Thank You.

**Recycle and support your local National School:** Ballygiblin National School will be holding a used clothing collection on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> and Wed 14<sup>th</sup> of November in aid of the **School Playground Development Fund**. If you have old clothes, shoes, curtains or household textiles to recycle we would be grateful if you could donate them to this collection. Full details of collection times next week.

The **COMMUNITY COUNCIL** would like to warn people in our community about bogus callers who are calling to homes selling saorview boxes. When you decide to purchase such a box, please do so from a local supplier who will give you good advice and service.

## HALLOWEEN CAMPS AT BRIGHT SPARKS:

€50 per week or €15 per day- 10 to 1pm. Ghosts and ghoolies (age 4 to 5 years). Witches and devils (age 6 +). Fun filled week with lots of activities. Please ring bright sparks @ 025 86799 or text your details to 086 2653839. **ALL ARE WELCOME. TODDLER CLUB OPEN EACH DAY AGE 12 MONTHS UP....**

**FUN COMMUNITY GAMES:** Track & Field training at Mitchelstown CBS gym on every Wednesday at 7pm followed by Spikeball (Volleyball) 8pm. Coaches do a variety of fun games including snake, tag, jumps, relays, balancing, gymnastics, throws, and skittles.

**MITCHELSTOWN LIONS CLUB:** We are delighted to welcome you to participate in our upcoming **Guinness World Record Attempt on THIS Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2012**. "The Largest Gathering of people dressed as Witches". It will take place at 3pm in New Square, Mitchelstown. Adults and children, male and females are encouraged to join in. To be officially counted as part of the Record attempt, each participant must be in witch's costume, which comprises of; Black Pointed Wide-Brimmed Hat, Floor Length Black Dress, Carrying a Broom. Registration fee €2. Please support this event and help put Mitchelstown in The Guinness Book of Records.

## Seasons for Growth/Grief, Loss and Change - Adult programme

This free eight week course will provide a safe space to explore issues associated with change, loss and grief. You are welcome whether your loss is recent or has occurred many years ago. **Start date:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012. **Time:** 7.30 – 10pm

**Venue:** Ozanam Centre, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown. To book a place, please ring in confidence any of the following: Bríd – 025/84733; Ballyhoura, 025-85213. Pat McCarthy, SHEP – 021/4666180

## "Get into walking workshop"

The aims of the workshop are; - to encourage you to walk more often,

- To enable you get better value from walking, - to encourage & enable you establish groups at local level. Date: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Time: 10am - 4pm (you must be able to attend the full day)

Venue: St Fanahan's College, Mitchelstown. This workshop is free of charge. All adults welcome. Suitable for beginner walkers. Places are limited so book today!

For further information contact: Caroline Kelleher, Health Promotion Officer; 021 4921667 or [Caroline.Kelleher@hse.ie](mailto:Caroline.Kelleher@hse.ie)

## WIN A FREE TRIP FROM ABROAD TO MITCHELSTOWN GATHERING

About the GATHERING meeting Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Firgrove Hotel at 7.30 pm. Invite to help organise an event with EX PAT'S in 2013. Contact friends & relations abroad to attend the many festivities Jan-Dec

**2012 Rally Nearly Upon Us!** This October Bank Holiday weekend is a big weekend for Mitchelstown Macra, who have qualified for the finals of the AIB Club of the Year. The winners will be chosen on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at the National Conference (Rally), which is being hosted by Waterford Macra in The Tower Hotel, Waterford. The final stage of the competition is a presentation which will be delivered twice on Saturday; once on Saturday afternoon to the judging panel and for the second and final time to an estimated audience of 1,800 hundred Rally-goers that evening. To get this far is a huge achievement by Mitchelstown Macra; our entry form earned us an interview, and the combined marks from the interview and a thorough examination of the club books gained us a coveted place in the Top Five Clubs in the Country. As always, for more see out Facebook page, email the club at [mitchelstown.macra@gmail.com](mailto:mitchelstown.macra@gmail.com), or contact John on 086-1721027.

**FAS Safe Pass:** Friday 2nd November 2012, Kilbehenny Community Hall  
Booking Essential, contact Eileen on 087 - 9270020

**October is BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**, and the Marie Keating Foundation mobile information unit & nurse are in Mitchelstown next week – details: **Marie Keating Foundation Mobile information unit & nurse: Abbey Pharmacy & Tesco Centre, Mitchelstown. Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 10.30am – 4pm.** Free of charge. Information on all key cancers – for men as well as women. Come along, talk to our nurse and take home an information pack. Information & early detection are key in the fight against cancer.