

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

We welcome today Deacon John Taffe, from the Diocese of Armagh, who will speak at some of our Masses on the role of the Permanent Diaconate in the Church.

BANK HOLIDAY: Monday is Bank Holiday, Mass at 11.00am only.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES: **Parish Church:** 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

Killacluig: 6.30pm (Confessions at 6.00pm)

Ballygiblin: 7.30pm (Confessions at 7.00pm).

MASSES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS: Thursday & Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with Special Reflections on the life of St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and Blessing with the Relic of St. Pio.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and is World Communications Day

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Day of Prayer and Reflection: Cloyne Diocesan Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, Mallow, Saturday, 14th May. Eucharistic Adoration in the Year of Mercy. Holy Mass at 10am – St. Mary's Church, Mallow. Followed by Morning & Afternoon Talks and Discussion & Holy Hour at the Mercy Centre, Mallow, Concluding at 4.30pm. All welcome – especially those involved with Eucharistic Adoration. Suggested Offering for the day €10. (Please bring a packed lunch). For more information, please contact: Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, Macroom 085-8585308 or Fr. Pat O'Donoghue, Cobh 021-4813601

Change of Mass Times in Parish Church:

As and from Sunday May 29th the Sunday morning Mass times in the Parish Church will be changed. At present we have three Masses at 8.30am, 10.30am, & 12.00 noon. This will be reduced to **two** Masses **8.30am & 11.30am**. This change will commence on Sunday May 29th, the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Annual Eucharistic Procession will follow the 11.30am Mass.

The Saturday Evening and Sunday Evening Masses will remain the same at **7.30pm**. Following consultation, we made this decision based on the wishes of the majority of Parishioners. We thank everybody for their co-operation and a review can be made again in the future.

Corpus Christi Procession: The Procession will take place after the 11.30am Mass in the Parish Church on Sunday May 29th. A meeting to organise the Procession will be held in the **Parish Church Sacristy next Tuesday Evening May 2nd at 7.30pm**. Anyone who would like to help in the preparation of the Procession is most welcome to attend. The route for the Procession will be decided at the meeting.

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

A meeting of all Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be held in the **Parish Church on Monday May 23rd at 7.30pm**. The meeting will include a short period of Eucharistic Adoration and will be followed by a few announcements. We ask all Ministers to attend.

Quotation from St. Pio (Padre Pio 1885-1968)

"It would be easier for the world to do without the sun, than to do without the Mass"

First Sunday of May – The month dedicated to Mary, the Holy Mother of Jesus: As this Sunday is the 1st Sunday of May, there will be Rosary recited at the Grotto dedicated to Our Lady on Cahir Hill at 3.00pm. We invite you and the members of your family to come together to ask the help and intercession of Our Lady, for our troubled world. Let us all renew our love for Our Lady during the month of May and pray especially to her. We encourage all families and schools to make a special Altar to Our Lady, during the month of May. Throughout the month the Rosary will also be recited at the Grotto on Cahir Hill **each evening at 8.00pm** (except on Thursdays, due to the Holy Hour, it will be on at 7.30pm).

Pray for us dear Mother, now and at the hour of our death.

Invitation - Shapers (Molan's Hair Salon), 4 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, are hosting an **ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY, Monday, 2nd May, 2pm to 6pm**. Everyone most welcome. Please come and support this worthy cause.

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Mitchelstown Macra Promoting Mental Health Awareness through the Arts: Mitchelstown Macra are delighted to invite you to our initiative to highlight mental health in the rural community. On the **Wednesday, 4th May in Corrin Mart Event Centre, Fermoy**, a screening on the film "Pilgrim Hill" will take place. The film highlights a very raw and real perspective of rural isolation. It shows the pressures the farmer faces every day, in not alone running a farm, but also the impacts of social isolation. Mitchelstown Macra, with the support of so many others, Corrin Event Centre, Dairygold Cooperative, the IFA, Avondhu Macra and the Macra Rural Youth Committee have joined forces with two mental health charities, First Fortnight and SeeChange. The month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month and we would like to extend an invitation to everyone from all corners of our communities to come watch this film together. Refreshments on the night and key guest speakers. Everyone is welcome so feel free to invite friends and family - free entry for all - doors open at 7.15pm.

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Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2nd, 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th & 30th of May. Booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

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Safe Talk – Suicide prevention talk: Safe Talk is an evening's training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them, will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities.

The Safe Talk takes place on **Thursday, May 5th, 7 to 10pm in the Town Hall**. Whilst this training is suitable for everyone who wants to help prevent suicide and is prepared to become suicide alert, it is not suited to someone who may be recently bereaved by suicide. The training is provided free by the HSE. One must first submit an application form that is available from Ballyhoura Development Ltd, Baldwin Street or email sallen@ballyhoura.org or Tel: 025 85213.

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Month of May – Month of Mary:

Rosary at Grotto: Throughout the month of May, a group will lead the recitation of the Rosary **every evening** at the Grotto of Our Lady, Cahir Hill, at **8.00pm**, except on **Thursdays**, when it will be at the earlier time of **7.30pm**. All welcome

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URGENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND: A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish Secretary on 025 / 84062, Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon and she will reissue one for you. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing of the refund. **Please complete, and return forms, in the stamped addressed envelope sent to you, no later than Wednesday, 11th May.** Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown will be closed **Next Monday, 2nd May due to the Bank Holiday.**

Tel: 0761 07 8030 E-mail: Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday & Thursday: 1.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.

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Mitchelstown Faith Camp: This year's Faith Camp will run from Monday July 18th to Thursday July 21st in the Town Hall. Application forms are available from the Parish Office (025) 84062, office hours 9am to 12noon Monday to Friday.

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The Irish Blood Transfusion Service wishes to **Thank** all who contributed to the running of their recent Clinic. **236** Donors attended our Blood Donor Clinic in **The Firgrove Hotel**. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. It is a precious gift that brings life & hope to the patients and to their families & friends.

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Fundraising Event: Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council – New & Used Clothes and Mobile Phones Collection 11th & 12th May. "Old phones to be placed in a separate bag". On Wednesday, 11th May items can be dropped off to the school up to 3pm and at the Old Ballygiblin School Hall between 6pm to 8pm. On the day of the collection Thursday 12th, items can be dropped off at the Old School up to 10am. Any queries, please contact Noelle Luddy on 087-8158902. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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The Irish Cancer Society's Volunteer Driver Service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital & The Mercy University Hospital, Cork. We are looking for volunteers to pick local patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. Driver expenses are paid. Telephone Rebecca on 01 2316 642 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

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Afternoon ECCE Group at Bright Sparks Sept 2016 12.30pm to 3.30pm FREE ECCE spaces available also May Midterm Camp at Bright Sparks next week from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th May...9am to 12pm €15...full day €35. Please ring 025/86799 for more details.

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Mitchelstown Heritage Society wishes to extend its gratitude to all those who attended and contributed to last weekend's 1916 Centenary Commemoration. In glorious sunshine the National Flag was raised and Lt. Mary Doyle read the Proclamation. Lt. Gen. James Parker DSM, unveiled the Memorial and Remembrance Garden. The list of all those who worked on this project, outside of the committee is extensive, a few that need particular mention are; Ben Lynch & the Leisure Centre Committee & Staff, without whom this project couldn't have happened, Peadar Collins-Irish Tree Centre, Mossie Fitzgerald, Maurice Keane, Willie Keogh, Jim & Philly Keane, Jim Hickey from Hickey Memorials and the Cork County Council staff from Mitchelstown. For our Commemoration itself, Justin Fin provided an expert P.A. System, Lt. Gen. James Parker & Lt. Mary Doyle were Guests of Honour, representing the Irish Defence Forces, past & present. Kathleen Fitzgerald of the Liam Lynch Pipe Band, the James Fitzgerald Memorial Brass Band and Mitchelstown Comhaltas all provided beautiful musical accompaniment. Bríd Condon, Bunty Flynn and Bill Power provided Poetic & Historical reflections on the 1916 Rising. Once completed the garden will hopefully be a contemplative and tranquil place to reflect in Mitchelstown.