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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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Fr. Greene is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Kilbehenny Cycling Club - Club Notes 26th May 2014

Club Cycle (meet at Kilbehenny Community Centre) currently scheduled for 7pm on Wednesdays and for 9 on Sunday mornings.

Betterlife Cycle (Malin to Mizen challenge) We would like to wish all club members participating in the event this weekend the very best of luck. Don't forget that there shall be bucket collections in Mitchelstown and Fermoy this Saturday, 31st May, all in aid of St. Joseph's Foundation, Charleville – so everyone should come out and support them as the cyclists pass through. Further details

<https://www.facebook.com/betterlife.cycle.9>

<http://stjosephsfoundation.ie/>

"Tour of the Galtees Sportive" (our annual Club Cycle) Our second annual cycle shall be held on **Sunday June 22nd** from Kilbehenny and we would like to extend our invitation to all to join us on the day - there will be a route to suit everyone! We are pleased to announce that we shall be raising funds for the **All Ireland Co-Operative Oncology Research Group (ICORG)**, a group at the forefront of research in the fight against cancer. Registration is from 8.30am with the cycles commencing at 9.30am; 10am and 11am (respectively). Please come along and enjoy a great day's cycling and support this worthy cause. **New members** are always welcome and the club caters for all levels/abilities. For further details please contact any of the following: - Mary 086 603-3239; Tom 087 268-3587; Eileen 086 318-0962. <http://www.kilbehennycycling.com/> Finally, we would like to wish Paddy McGrath a speedy recovery. He joins John on our injury list and hopefully both will be back fighting fit soon.

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Fundraiser for Fermoy Community Hospital. Music Marathon 12.30pm to Close, Sunday June 1st. Live music all day. Fantastic raffle on the day. Cheers Bar Fermoy. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Youth 2000 Ireland will be hosting a Youth Day Retreat in Coláiste Chríost Rí, Turner's Cross, Cork City on Saturday 7th June 2014 from 10.30am to 6.30pm. The day will consist of inspirational talks, testimonies, prayer, music and a lot more. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. For young people aged 16-35. For more information see www.youth2000.ie or call **086 3049843**

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Pray for Public Representatives: We congratulate all our local council candidates, who were successful in the recent election and we thank those who were not elected, for putting their names forward. It is so important to have a strong voice in the community locally and nationally, To put oneself forward for public office is not an easy task, as we all have a lot of expectations, some unrealistic. As a Christian Community it is very important for us to support and pray for all in public office. We need to pray for our country at this time and for all leaders, that God will guide their decisions in facing the serious challenges of our time, economic and social. May the Holy Spirit protect our country.

Ascension & Pentecost: Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into Heaven. We believe that for forty days the Risen Lord appeared to his disciples a number of times and then ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He intercedes for us. The departing instruction of Jesus was, to wait in prayer for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. The disciples obeyed this instruction and experienced this event, as they gathered in prayer, which we now call Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit brought new power and gifts to help them proclaim the Resurrection of Jesus and His Good News Gospel. Next Sunday the Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. During this week we pray especially for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the world, and we ask the Holy Spirit to come anew into our hearts and lives.

Corpus Christi Procession: The Procession will take place after the 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday June 22nd, the Feast of Corpus Christi. A meeting will be held on **Tuesday Evening next, 3rd June in the Parish Church Sacristy at 7.30pm.** We invite all members of the Parish who would like to help with the Procession, to come to this meeting. The honour we give Christ in the Eucharist will never be forgotten.

Marymount Hospice – Sunflower Collection:

The above collection will take place, in Mitchelstown, on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Friday 13th of June. Let us put our best foot forward and make this year's collection another great success. If you would like to help, please contact Patricia at 025 – 24539. All previous collectors will be contacted automatically.

All Ireland Rosary Rally Knock Shrine: The Rally will be held in Knock on **Saturday, June 7th**. Name and contact number to the Parish Office (*during opening hours of 9am to 12 noon Monday to Friday*), **no later than Wednesday 4th June**. Adults €20, Children €15, the money can be also paid into the Parish Office. The Bus will leave The Town Square at 7.15am.

Diocesan Day of Prayer and Reflection:

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration – 25th Anniversary. Diocesan Day of Prayer and Reflection, Saturday, 14th June in St. Mary's Church, Mallow. Mass at 10am with Bishop Crean. Reflection afterwards in Hibernian Hotel, Mallow. All Welcome.

BRIGHT SPARKS: Toddlers 12 months and over are welcome to join our **Toddler Group**. 3 hour fun sessions where toddlers are interacting with others of the same age. Activities include WATER PLAY, SAND PLAY, MUSIC & DANCE, PAINTING, OUTDOOR & LOTS MORE. Prices from €20

For more details or bookings please call 025 86799 or text 086 2653839

Inspirational CDs from Lighthouse Catholic Media: We have an exciting new program starting here in our Parish with Lighthouse Catholic Media. Inspirational CDs are available with stories of conversion and teaching regarding the Catholic Faith.

These CDs are practical and effective in helping Catholics know their Faith, keep their Faith and share Faith!. All of the recordings are by people who are genuinely excited about their Catholic Faith and their energy is wholly contagious. We would encourage everyone to take time and listen to some of these CD's. After listening you will feel a deep appreciation for the gift of our Catholic Faith. Many people are concerned today about family members who have fallen away from the Church and wonder if there is anything they can do about it. The answer is 'Yes'! Just hand them a CD and ask them if they would like to listen to it. A suggested donation of €2.00 per CD covers the basic costs. The CD's are available in the Porch at the back of the Parish Church.

Irish Church Music Association - 45th Annual Summer School: Thursday 3rd July to Sunday, 6th July 2014. St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 'The Joy of the Gospel' Guest Director: David Saint (Birmingham) if any choir or individual is interested, please contact the Parish Office for more details. Also see www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com

Sue Ryder foundation is at present holding a raffle. Please call in and buy some raffle tickets and you could win a beautiful dolls house. Tickets costs, 1 strip €2 and 3 strips are €5. We are also having a book sale. All adults books are 50c and children's books are 3 for €1. We are as always grateful for any donations you may have. These include clothes, shoes, Bric a Brac and books. Furniture is also very welcome and collection can be arranged. We are also appealing for volunteers. So if you have any time to spare, an hour a couple of hours a day whatever we would be delighted to meet you here at Lower Cork Street. Thank you for your continued support.

Chakradance - Dance, Music, Meditation! Healing through movement. Town Hall Thursday 5th June 7.30pm. Special offer €10. Booking call Dee on 087-1215735

25 Years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: In June of 1989 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration commenced in Mitchelstown and the Diocese of Cloyne. Throughout the 25 years, the Eucharistic Lord has been adored day and night by representatives of the Parish and our neighbouring communities. To mark the Silver Jubilee of this faithful apostolate, Bishop William Crean will celebrate **Mass in the Parish Church on Monday, June 16th at 7.30pm**. We invite you all to this special occasion, as we remember all our deceased adorers in a special way.

The Little Flower Summer Faith Camp – The Town Hall, Mitchelstown, Tuesday 15th July to Friday 18th July. To form a personal relationship with Jesus, through activities such as Arts & Crafts, Drama, Dance and Action Songs, Music, Team Games, prayer and plenty of fun! The leaders for the week are members of Youth 2000 - a group of young people who are deeply committed Catholics and all give voluntarily of their time, together with local volunteers supported by local clergy and members of the Family of Mary Community. In accordance with Cloyne Diocesan Policy, all volunteers will be Garda Vetted. The Faith Camp runs from 10am – 3pm daily. €40 for first child & €20 per additional child from the same family. Should cost be a concern, please talk to Canon Fitzgerald. The number of places available is limited. This is a non-profit venture – money will be used for materials, equipment and subsistence of visiting youth leaders. Application Forms have been given out through the schools, they are also available in the Parish Office and in the Porch of the three Churches.

MITCHELSTOWN LIBRARY: Workshops: • Book Mark Making workshops with Carmel Smyth Tuesdays 13th, 20th, 27th and 3rd June 2.30pm – 4.30pm Places for the workshops are limited so please call into us or telephone us on 025 41939 for more information and to book your place.

Regular events: The Book Club will be meeting at 11am on Tuesday the 3rd of June. Please confirm with the library. Our Ciorcal Cainte has gotten off to a great start. If you are interested in displaying in the library please call in or phone on 025 41939.

STARCAMP, Ireland's leading and most renowned performing and fun Summer Camp, is coming to St Fanahan's College, Mitchelstown from the 14th to the 18th of July. Open to boys and girls aged 4-13. Starcamp's core ethos is to instil confidence and self-esteem through praise and recognition. Sing, Dance and Act all while making new friends and having fun. Run by professional, experienced, fully trained and Garda vetted leaders, choreographers and drama coaches. To book your child's place or see a full list of locations, visit www.starcamp.ie or call 021 4377900.

Mitchelstown Lawn Tennis Club - Juniors Programme.

Tennis with French Coach commencing June 30th for 4 weeks Mondays and Fridays.

Basic French will be taught prior to tennis lesson. Limited places.

For details please contact 089-2293818.

THANK YOU: €1,120 to Alzheimer's Society. On behalf of Alzheimer's Society SHARPERS Hair salon want to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Tea Day such a great success. To all who baked, mouth-watering cakes, who gave so generously, sot prizes, donations and especially their time and money to call for a cuppa to us, we are indeed very grateful. On everyone's behalf we are very proud to have sent a cheque of €1,120 to the society.