

### **MITCHELSTOWN MACRA:**

RTE were surprise guests at our KYN Coffee Morning last Saturday in Ballygiblin Old School and we featured on the 6pm and 9pm news. We were delighted with the response from the community on the day and thank you very much to all who came and helped.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on August 6th in The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown at 9pm. This is a great opportunity for new members from all over the Mitchelstown area to come along and get involved. Election of officers will take place on the night. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best of Luck to our members who are competing in the Forage Systems Launch 'Know Your Grass Silage Quality' Competition around now. Everyone has put a great effort into the competition and we wish them all the best.

Our member Michael O' Mahony has been successful in reaching the FINAL 25 of the FBD Young Farmer of the Year Competition. Michael, from Ballindangan, has put a lot of effort into the competition and we hope he's goes right to the top.

Are you in the Mitchelstown area? Our members come from Cork, Tipperary and Limerick and are aged from 17 to 35. They have a diverse interest in Macra activities ranging from public speaking to rugby. If you have an interest, contact us. We are always welcoming to new members!!!!

For more info see [www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra](http://www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra) or see [www.twitter.com/MtownMacra](http://www.twitter.com/MtownMacra).

If you would like to contact us, call or text our secretary Niamh on 086-3601785 or Aisling on 087-1327121. Our email is [mitchelstownmacra@gmail.com](mailto:mitchelstownmacra@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you!!!!

**Mitchelstown Lions Club** would like to Thank Everyone who took part or contributed to making our Family Forest Hunt in Glengarra Woods such a success. €3,000 was raised in total. €1,500 of this was donated to the Jack & Jill Foundation and the remainder to our local charity Special Friends. A Special Thank You also to; Robert McEvoy from Cork Orienteering Club whose expertise was invaluable to us on the day, To Carol & Andrew at the Bódhrán for providing the barbecue & music, To all the Musicians who performed on the night & to those who sponsored raffle prizes. Hope you all had a great time. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **MITCHELSTOWN PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

#### **MEDIJUGORJE:**

Medjugorje was in former Yugoslavia, following the war of the 1990's it is now part of Bosnia Hercegovina. Medjugorje became known throughout the world because, on the Feast of St. John the Baptist, 24<sup>th</sup> June 1981, six young people claimed they saw the Blessed Virgin Mary on the hillside there. Three of that group of young people claim, that since then they continue to see our Lady every day, wherever they are in the world. The other three young people no longer have the daily apparitions, but do so at specific times throughout the year. At present an internationally formed commission by the Church is examining the events, which have now continued for over 29 years.

All the young people involved are now married with children. The Parish is directed by the Franciscan Community. Over twenty million people have visited the area, which has now expanded beyond all recognition since the events began. It is perhaps true to say that in the early years great world media attention was given to the events, now they are almost taken for granted, except of course when controversies arise. Medjugorje has many believers throughout the world, but there are also critics and unbelievers as well. I first went there twenty five years ago and from the beginning I have always believed, because of what I felt and experienced, but, of course, I shall respect the final decision of the Church.

What are the messages over 29 years? They are very simple. The young people claim that she announced herself as the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace. She has come to tell the world that God exists and to call everyone to conversion, through prayer and fasting and to open their hearts to God, who is the true source of Peace and Joy.

Sample from recent message: July 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 "You are not aware, dear children, that without Jesus you do not have joy, peace, nor a future or eternal life. Therefore, little children, make good use of this time of joyful prayer and surrender." In various ways this message has been repeated in a motherly tone for 29 years. For full details of the apparitions, there are several websites with full information.

Fr. Michael

**CLERGY:**  
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Phone: 025-84090  
Canon O'Leary  
Phone: 025-84088  
Fr. Greene  
Phone: 025-84077  
Parish Office: 025-84062

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

**Prayers and Sympathy:**

We offer our Prayers and sincere sympathy to the families of those who died in our Parish recently.

Breda Coleman,  
Ballyarthur

May she Rest in Peace.

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR OF ADORATION:**

Every Thursday night from 8 pm to 9 pm



**CONFESION TIMES:**

**Mitchelstown:** Sat, Eves of Holydays & Eves of 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays.  
12 noon to 1pm & 7pm to 7.30pm  
**Ballygiblin:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7 p.m.  
**Kilacluig:** before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass.

**MASS TIMES:**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, MITCHELSTOWN:**

Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30pm  
Sunday & Holyday: 8.30am 10.30am 12 noon & 7.30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30pm - Weekday: 8.30 a.m. & 10 a.m.

**Morning Prayer in Parish Church:** Mon. to Fri. at 8am

**Rosary in Parish Church:**

Mon. to Sat. at 9.45am Before: 10am Mass

**Perpetual Adoration:** Sunday 12.30pm & Saturday 7.00pm

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:**

Sunday & Holyday: 9.30am - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30pm

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

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30am - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 8.15pm

**BURREN OUTDOOR RETREAT. 3<sup>RD</sup> TO 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul.

Residential (people within easy reach may commute).

Contact Mary at (065) 6839530 or Noirin at (087) 9459151.

**A Parents Prayer**

Thank you God for the children of mine who teach me things that blow my mind.

They entertain themselves in the funniest ways.

I pray that the innocence they possess never goes away.

I pray they will grow up and be smart, and I pray that they will never grow apart.

I pray that they will call home whenever they are near a phone.

I pray that they never feel alone.

I hope they turn to you through guidance and prayer and know that you and their parents will always be there.

**GALTEE RUNNERS A.C.**

Invites all Walkers, Joggers and Runners to its

**GR8 KM Road Race**

**On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 8 p.m. Sharp.**

**RACE HEADQUARTERS: St. Fanahan's College**

**REGISTRATION: From 6.00 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.**

**ENTRY FEE: €10**

Post Race Refreshments will be served at Race H.Q.

A Non-competitive WALK will take place in conjunction with this event.

Race prizes and Spot prizes are on offer on the night.

Why not join us for an enjoyable and fun evening?

So dust off those walking shoes and runners and take part.

If you think that walking or running is not for you, please come out and encourage all participants on the night.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Contact us at (086) 2759248 or (085) 1639833 or**

**galteerunners26@gmail.com**

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In August, it is the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart is often venerated together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Just as the Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for mankind, the Immaculate Heart represents the Blessed Virgin's desire to lead all people to Christ.

In this prayer in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we ask the Blessed Virgin to guide us in our journey, so that we might receive the graces necessary to live virtuous lives and to persevere at the hour of our death.

**In Honor of the Immaculate Heart**

O heart of Mary, mother of God, and our mother; heart most worthy of love, in which the adorable Trinity is ever well-pleased, worthy of the veneration and love of all the angels and of all men; heart most like to the Heart of Jesus, of which thou art the perfect image; heart, full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries; deign to melt our icy hearts and grant that they may be wholly changed into the likeness of the Heart of Jesus, our divine Saviour. Pour into them the love of thy virtues, enkindle in them that divine fire with which thou thyself dost ever burn. In thee let Holy Church find a safe shelter; protect her and be her dearest refuge, her tower of strength, impregnable against every assault of her enemies. Be thou the way which leads to Jesus, and the channel, through which we receive all the graces needful for our salvation. Be our refuge in time of trouble, our solace in the midst of trial, our strength against temptation, our haven in persecution, our present help in every danger and especially at the hour of death, when all hell shall let loose against us its legions to snatch away our souls, at that dread moment, that hour so full of fear, where on our eternity depends. Ah, then most tender virgin, make us to feel the sweetness of thy motherly heart, and the might of thine intercession with Jesus, and open to us a safe refuge in that very fountain of mercy, whence we may come to praise Him with thee in paradise, world without end. Amen.