

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.
1st 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. - 1st Friday: 7.30p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 8.15p.m.

CONFESSION TIMES:

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

1st Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

NEW: After Saturday Evening Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month.

BALLYGIBLIN: 1st Friday 7p.m. **KILLACLUIG:** before 1st Friday Mass.

CLERGY:

V. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Phone: 025-84090. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F. Phone: 025-84088

Rev. Fr. Greene C.C. Phone: 025-84077.

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Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon - Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

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

Pharmacy Rota:

Doody's Pharmacy open this Sunday, 3rd February 11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

Coming Events:

1. Divine Mercy Conference in the R.D.S., Dublin on Saturday, February 16th. The Theme of the Conference: "Behold Your Mother". If you wish to travel by bus, contact Eileen (021) 4668461.
2. Pilgrimages:
 - Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1st - 6th June 2013. Contact Joe Walsh Tours (021) 4277959. Sick / Assisted Pilgrim application forms are available from The Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow (022) 20276
 - Medjugorje: Saturday, June 22nd - 29th out of Dublin. Reduction if deposit paid by February. Contact Eileen (086) 3044456
 - Garabandal: July 12th - 23rd. Contact Nuala (021) 4661575. Also visiting Lyons, Ars, La Salette and Lourdes.
 - Fatima and Santiago de Compostela, 12th to 20th September, cost €849. Contact Pilgrimages Abroad (01) 6359300. If total paid by 1st February cost is €749 or if deposit of €200 paid before February cost is €799.
 - The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday, 12th May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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The Adjoining Cemetery:

The adjoining cemetery is a credit to the caretaker, Denis Roche and all who help to maintain it in good and proper order, respecting the thousands of souls laid to rest there. Two bins are provided by the Parish at the road entrance for grave litter etc. There is also access to piped water and we hope to continue to improve pathways and other needs. Disposing of litter on the ditches has greatly improved and some patrons have voluntarily planted some of the ditch areas in a beautiful way. But unfortunately some patrons do not use the bins and we would appeal to them to do so and not to dump litter on ditches. We particularly encourage the young people of the parish, to dispose of litter properly in the bins provided, both in the graveyard and in others areas of the town.

An enormous amount of work is being done by various groups and schemes to keep our town tidy, but more can be done by all of us, not to throw litter around the streets and pathways. A reminder to all the young people that the cemetery is a sacred place to honour our dear departed and the cemetery is never a place to socialise. Thanks to everybody for your co-operation.

We welcome Bishop William:

We welcome Bishop William Crean, as the newly ordained Bishop of our Diocese. A beautiful ordination ceremony was held last Sunday in Cobh Cathedral. Led by Canon O'Leary, the Vicar Forane of the Deanery, Mitchelstown was well represented at the Ceremony. The motto of the new Bishop is: "Croí Le Brí Nua": "Heart with a new vitality". May God guide and protect him in these difficult and complex times.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd continues each Friday, in the Town Hall, from 2 - 4pm. There are still some places available for the Pre-school, Junior and Senior Infants Group. The Programme aims to have children experience and learn about their faith in a fun and innovative way. There is no charge. If you would like more information, please contact Angela Kelleher on (087) 9597623 or the Parish Office.

*****ST. FANAHAN'S COLLEGE - OPEN NIGHT*****

Thursday 7th February. All Welcome.

For more details contact 025 - 24314

Set Dance Class: Wednesday nights from 8.30-10.30pm in Rathcormac Inn. All welcome. Enquiries to Fionán on 087 818 5111 or email ceilifit@gmail.com

T.O. Park: Big 45 Drive This Sunday, 3rd February, 2.30pm at TO Park. Raffle, Tea and Refreshments. Fundraiser for Day to Day Running of TO Park.

T.O. Park Annual Social Dinner Dance: Firgrove Hotel, Saturday, February 9th starting 7.30pm. All welcome. Tickets from Declan on 086 - 400 5727 or TO on 025 - 84372 leave a message. Music by the Checkers from Kilkenny.

CHANGE IN OPENING HOURS -Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown. Tel: 0761 07 8030

E-mail: Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie

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

Thursday 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Friday 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration - we are looking for adorers for the following hours
Sunday 8-9pm. Monday 8-9am. Wednesday 7-8am
Friday 8-9am if interested contact Nora Hogan 025 - 24149 or Catherine Hanley 087- 7727496.

Ministers of the Word: Readers are needed for:

Saturday evening 7.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 12 noon Mass

Please contact the Parish Office (025) 84062 or any of the Priests.

Whether you are trying to get fit or fight the bulge, running is a great way to keep in shape. Information night on behalf of **Galtee Runners** in the Firgrove Hotel on Wednesday 6th February from 7 - 9pm

For all new beginners (16+ years)

Children's Art Classes- 5 Weeks, starting Wed 13th February 5pm - 6pm

€30 material provided. Bright Sparks, Brigown, Mitchelstown

Contact Deirdre Dunne 085 -7844305

HEALTHY WALKING CLUB from MITCHELSTOWN SQUARE

TUESDAYS at 7pm. Contact 087.9320062

A **PRESCHOOL OPEN EVENING** will take place in **BRIGHT SPARKS** on **MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY AT 6.30pm**. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. Parents can find out about the ECCE SCHEME and the importance of a structured Preschool year. ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL 025 -86799 OR TEXT 086-2653839.

MITCHELSTOWN COMMUNITY GAMES

Area Art U8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and Model Making U10, 12, 14. Age after July 31 2013

Submit entries to Ballyhoura office by Feb 15th

Project

U11 Greatest Invention of all Time;

U13 focus of underage based on participation or winning.

U16 Impact of advertising/ media on life choices of youth today.

Drop entries to Ballyhoura office by FEB 15.

Debating u14 Topics: Total ban on smoking, Sport should be for participation; Arm the Gardaí; voting made compulsory; Organ donation compulsory.

Call John 085-1639833.

MITCHELSTOWN GATHERING - Celebrate 48 + events in Mitchelstown 2013. E. mail

ideas to mitchelstowngathering@gmail.com See Mitchelstown pages at

Facebook/[mitchelstowngathering2013](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelstowngathering2013) for LIST of events /

www.thegatheringireland.com / www.irelandxo.com.

FREE FLIGHT: Enter a relative / friend abroad in a free draw to win a flight home up to €350 value in 2013. Entries of named persons abroad ~ e-mail, address tel. number of to Ballyhoura office, Baldwin Street or email to mitchelstowngathering@gmail.com.

ELearning at the Library. Starting January 2013. Library Based Learning blended with tutor support and a selection of workshops. (2 hours per week over 16 weeks). Upon successful completion of the course, the learner will receive a FETAC Level 3 in Computer Literacy.

Please contact your local library for more details and registration. 025-41939.

Clogheen Parish Fundraisers:

ARCADIA DAYS FLASHBACK DANCE – Cahir House Hotel. Friday, 15th March. Starts 9pm. Admission €10.

YEAR OF FAITH – Christian Concert of Praise and Thanksgiving. SPY Wednesday Evening, 27th March. Featuring Trudi Lalor, Paddy O'Brien, John Hogan. Starts 8pm Admission: €15. Wheelchair Access.

More details for any of these, contact 086- 1737499

The Christian Brothers Secondary School Parents Council would like to thank everyone who volunteered and contributed to recent Church Gate Collection for Book Rental Scheme.