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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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Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Thursday 14th May 7.30pm Holy Mass - Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA. We are privileged to have the opportunity to have Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA come once again to our parish. Fr. Peter was the Spiritual Director to the sisters of The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, Poland for four years. He now travels all over the world, proclaiming and explaining the Divine Mercy Archangel and is editor of The Angels magazine. **On Thursday, 14th May Fr. Peter will visit Mitchelstown** and lead us in reflection and prayer in the Parish Church:

- Holy Mass 7.30pm. Talk 1 The Knighthood of St. Michael the Archangel,
- Enrolment of the new Knights of St. Michael the Archangel.
- Followed by Talk 2 Divine Mercy and the Holy Angels.
- Blessing with First Class Relic of St. Faustina. All are welcome.

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Can Talk Cancer Support. Have you or a family member been affected by a diagnosis of cancer? Do you feel isolated, alone scared, need to talk? Can Talk is a cancer support group held in Mallow. Supporting those fighting cancer of any type, also for their family, friends and carers. All are welcome to attend with no obligation. Attendance is free. Where? Le Cheile Family Resource Centre, Mallow Community Campus, Mallow. When? Fridays; 11am- 12.30pm Group session, followed by tea/coffee 12.30 -1pm. Groups are held alternate weeks. Just turn up on the day. Group 1. Those with cancer, every first and third Friday of each month. Group 2. For family, friends and carers, every second and fourth Friday of each month. Contact Jacqueline, Eleanor or Michael 089 2390863. Email: cantalk15@gmail.com. Website: www.cantalk.info

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Prayer by Pope Francis for the Synod on the Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, we turn to you with confidence. Holy Family of Nazareth, Make our families, also, Places of communion and cenacles of prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, And little domestic Churches. Holy Family of Nazareth May our families never more experience Violence, isolation, and division: May anyone who was wounded or scandalised rapidly experience consolation and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth May the upcoming Synod of Bishops Re-awaken in all an awareness of the sacred character and inviolability of the family, its beauty in the project of God. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Hear and answer our prayer. Amen.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Parish Pastoral Council: At a meeting of the Nominees on Tuesday night last, 16 Parishioners have decided to go forward and form the Council, 9 women and 7 men. The meeting was conducted by Elizabeth Garry-Brosnan from Killavullen. A further meeting will be held in two weeks time, to reflect together on the aims of the Council and to clarify a deeper understanding of its purpose. All the priests of the Parish will be members of the Council. We would like to thank the Nominees who considered joining the Council and all who participated in the process so far. Please continue to ask the Holy Spirit to guide and help us and help our Parish to grow ever stronger in His great love.

The Nepal Earthquake: As of writing over 5,000 have been killed in the earthquake and over 10,000 injured. The natural disaster has been devastating for the already poor nation. Trócaire, have announced that it is committing an initial €100,000 as an emergency response, shelter, food and water being distributed to affected communities.

Donations can be made to www.trocaire.org or by phoning 1850 408 408.

Annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass will be held in Whitechurch on Friday, June 12th 2015, at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments.

May – Month of Mary: Let us keep up our tradition of honouring Our Lady during the month of May. On May 13th 1917, during the First World War Our Lady appeared to three little children in Fatima. She requested the daily recitation of the Rosary to bring an end to the terrible war. During the present reign of terror in the world we feel helpless but we should remind ourselves about the power of the Rosary and the power of Our Lady's intercession. Let us heed her request and make a special effort to pray the Rosary during the month of May.

Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it:

Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers, and society - all of us need to reflect deeply before changing it. Ahead of the referendum on 22nd May, Bishops ask the faithful to carefully consider that:

- Married love is a unique form of love between a man and woman which has a special benefit for the whole of society.
- Our understanding of marriage is deeply rooted in all cultures: it is not intended to exclude or disadvantage anyone.
- To seek to re-define the nature of marriage would undermine it as the fundamental building block of our society.
- Marriage should be reserved for the unique and complementary relationship between a woman and a man from which the generation and upbringing of children is uniquely possible.

Now is the time to go through your Wardrobes!!! **ST FANAHAN'S COLLEGE PARENTS COUNCIL** will be having their **CLOTHES COLLECTION FUNDRAISING EVENT** on the **8th May**. Items that can be donated are: clothes (new/used), shoes, belts, bags, curtains, bed linen, soft toys, towels and blankets. **NO DUVETS OR PILLOWS**. Donations will be accepted in the school from Friday the 24th April up to and including Wednesday the 6th May.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 10th May, there will be a Bus going from the Parish. If you wish to travel please give your name and phone number to the Sacristan, Pat McEvoy, Adults €20, Children €10.
Bus leaving the Square at 7.15am.

Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Information Unit & Nurse will be parked @ Abbey Pharmacy, Tesco Centre, Mitchelstown, **Tuesday, 5th May, 10.30am to 3.30pm**
Cancer information & awareness. Drop by, talk to the nurse and take home information pack. Service for men & women – free of charge

BALLYGIBLIN NATIONAL SCHOOL CLOTHES COLLECTION FUNDRAISING EVENT: New and Used Clothes can be dropped to old Ballygiblin School Wednesday, 6th May from 6pm to 8pm. Thursday 7th May up to 10am.
Contact Noelle 087-8158902 if any queries.

“St Thérèse – The Little Flower” Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. The aim of the camp is to give children the opportunity 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 local volunteers supported by local clergy and members of the Family of Mary Community, and also members of Youth 2000, young people who are deeply committed Catholics and all give voluntarily of their time. In accordance with Cloyne Diocesan Policy, all volunteers will be Garda Vetted. **The Faith Camp runs from 10am – 3pm daily from Monday 27th – Thursday 30th July 2015.**

COST OF CAMP:

o **€40 for first child & €25 per additional child from the same family.**

o Should cost be a concern, please talk to Canon Fitzgerald.

o Please ensure that full payment is made before the first day of the camp.

o The number of places available is limited.

o This is a non-profit venture – money will be used for materials, equipment and subsistence of visiting youth leaders.

Application forms available at the back of the three Churches, from the Parish Office or from any of the Primary Schools. **Closing date 19th June 2015.**

C.B.S. Secondary Parent Council are holding their **CLOTHES COLLECTION FUNDRAISING EVENT** on **Monday, 11th & Tuesday, 12th May**. Items that can be donated are: clothes (new/used), shoes, belts, bags, curtains, bed linen, soft toys, towels and blankets. **NO DUVETS OR PILLOWS**. You can drop bagged items to C.B.S. Secondary School during school hours. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

Presentation Secondary School are hosting a **5KM FUN RUN/WALK** on **Thursday, May 7th at 7pm**. Registration from 6pm at the school. Entry €10. Prizes for 1st home in each category. Please support.

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 15th April 2015:

1st Prize: €1200 Carlow Region c/o M. Meaney.

2nd Prize: €400 G. Clarke, Longford.

3rd Prize: €200 T. Sharkey, Ardmore, Derry.

4th Prize: €100 P.J. Egan, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. S. Farrell, Drumcondra, Dublin3.
2. E. Heffernan, Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny.
3. S. Ui Laoghaire, Togher, Cork.
4. John Casey, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
5. N. Boyle, Ballybane, Galway.
6. C. Sheridan, Creeslough, Co. Donegal.

As this was the final draw, the finance and fundraising committee of the P.T.A.A. Central Council are very grateful to the many subscribers who gave so generously in support of this draw. Thank you all most sincerely for making it such a great success.

Mitchelstown GIY. Thursday 7th May 2015, 8pm Sharp, Ozanam Centre

Camien and Stefan will speak about health, pickling and preserving fruit and vegetables from the garden. Seed and seedlings bring and swap. All welcome.

St. Fanahan's College, Mitchelstown are spreading the word.....

IT'S OK NOT TO FEEL OK AND IT'S ABSOLUTELY OK TO ASK FOR HELP.

St. Fanahan's College will host over 800 cyclists partaking in the **'Cycle Against Suicide'**

For a lunchtime stop in Mitchelstown on Thursday 7th May. We (St. Fanahan's College)

are asking that the people of Mitchelstown line the streets of the Town from about

1.15pm on Thursday 7th May to welcome the cyclists from Cycle Against Suicide to

our Town. The cyclists will be arriving approximately 1.30pm (maybe a bit earlier if

they've a good wind behind them!). Orange is the colour of the day so if you have

orange flags, tee-shirts etc, please bring them out so we can paint the Town orange .

On the 27th April, 2015 'Cycle against Suicide' began a 14 day, 1400km cycle around

Ireland with the aim of raising awareness about suicide prevention. St. Fanahan's

College, Mitchelstown have been selected as an anchor school. What this means is,

there will be in excess of 1000 cyclists stopping off at the school on Thursday May 7th,

2015 where they will be provided with rest, lunch and entertainment. If you can

help/support and /or sponsor this event you can contact the event organiser Paula @

St. Fanahan's College, Mitchelstown on 025-24314.

T.O. Park Notes: Dancing: The next big dance at the Park is on **Friday May 8th from 9.30pm to 12.30pm**. Admission only €5. Tea / Refreshments free. Music: Declan Augier.

Trip to Knock: Bus will leave Mitchelstown at 7.00am on Sunday May 10th. To book

your seat call T.O. on 025-84372 and leave your name and number or ring Deci on 086

4005727 or Stella on 025-24009. **Radio Show:** T.O. Park on air Monday next May 4th at

10.45pm in Round the Fireside with Jimmy Reidy, also on Monday 11th at the same time.