

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

Rev. Fr. Greene C.C. Phone: 025-84077. Parish Office: 025-84062 (9am-12pm)

E-MAIL: mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net **DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAY**

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

Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

HELP AND SUPPORT IN THE MITCHELSTOWN AREA *Your GP is an excellent place to start if you have a worry and can work with you or refer you to other health professionals*

SOUTH DOC Out of hours 1850 33 59 99 **Living Health Clinic:** 025-52000

Gardaí, Mitchelstown 025 84833 **St. Vincent de Paul:** 025-84733

MITCHELSTOWN CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE for all your information needs. Marian Hall, Convent Hill. **Opening Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday & Thursday 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. No appointment necessary. Tel: 0761 07 8030. E-mail: mitchelstown@citinfo.ie

Website: www.citizensinformation.ie

Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) 0761 07 2440

1 Life - 24-hour Suicide Prevention Helpline: 1800 247100

Community Drugs Project Worker: Mary Mackesy 086 – 043 9702 mary@cdys.ie

Seniors Helpline (10am-1pm & 7-10pm) 1850 440 444

North Cork Domestic Violence: 022-53915 **Child line (24hr)** 1800 666 666

Social Welfare Office, Fermoy Tel.025-49010 Open: Mon-Fri 9.30-12.00 & 2.00-4.00

Community Welfare Officer, Mitchelstown. Tel. 025-84238

Alcoholics Anonymous: Meetings held in Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown every Tuesday night @ 8.45p.m. & every Sunday morning 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Gamblers Anonymous (GA) meeting in Mitchelstown every Monday night at 8pm. Please contact GA on 087 2859552 for further details.

North Cork Alzheimer's Society (022) 43322 Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Remember 1914:

This was the year in which begun the Great War or the First World War. It began on July 28th, 1914 and lasted until 11th November 1918. During the apparitions of Our Lady Fatima, May – October 1917, to Lucia, Francesco and Jacinta, Our Lady requested the daily recitation of the Rosary for an end to the war. Before the apparitions ended, She foretold that it would soon end and that the soldiers would return to their homes.

The immediate trigger for the war was the 28th June 1914 assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, by Yugoslav Nationalist Gavriol Princip in Sarajevo. More than 9 million combatants were killed in the war.

As we begin 2014 and remember the centenary of this horrific event, let us be mindful of the need to stay close to God to protect us and the world from any future war. Let us pray daily the Rosary, as Our Lady requested at Fatima. Let us also be mindful that this centenary co-insides with the approaching centenary of the great events of Fatima in 1917. At Fatima Our Lady made profound plea to mankind to stop offending God. Many of the prophecies of Fatima have been fulfilled, some good and some bad. Among those prophecies yet to be fulfilled, is the great prophecy of Our Lady “In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph and there will be peace”. As we begin 2014 let us work and pray for an end to hatred and violence in our world.

A Prayer for World Peace

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred.

We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.

Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created.

Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre,

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown

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

The Citizens Information Centre will **reopen** this **Monday, 6th January 2014**.

The Pioneer Magazine is published monthly and is full of interesting and informative articles and features. If you would like to get a copy each month, please contact any council member. Price per copy €1.55.

Pope Francis has announced that in October 2014 an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will take place in the Vatican to discuss the theme: 'The pastoral challenges for the family in the context of evangelisation'. In order to prepare for this Synod, and to assist in its discussions, the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops has initiated a consultation to obtain responses on this important theme. A 'Preparatory Document' to contextualise this initiative is available on the Vatican website:

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20131105_iii_-assemblea-sinodo-vescovi_en.html

This 'Preparatory Document' also includes the consultation questions which are grouped under the following ten sections:

1. The Diffusion of the Teachings on the Family in Sacred Scripture and the Church's Magisterium
2. Marriage according to the Natural Law
3. The Pastoral Care of the Family in Evangelization
4. Pastoral Care in Certain Difficult Marital Situations
5. On Unions of Persons of the Same Sex
6. The Education of Children in Irregular Marriages
7. The Openness of the Married Couple to Life
8. The Relationship Between the Family and the Person
9. Other Challenges and Proposals
- 10: Further comments

For those interested in completing the survey, please return your response to the Cloyne Diocesan Centre, Cobh, before Friday, January 10th 2014.

FREE, BASIC, INTRODUCTORY COMPUTER COURSE runs in local Mitchelstown Library. Every Tuesday afternoon for 16 weeks. Commencing Tuesday, January 21st. Small classes. Open to all. Suitable for complete beginner. Stop by the local library or call Edel on 087 394 0145.

Quit Smoking for the New Year: A HSE 6 week Stop Smoking Support Group will commence in the Living Health Centre, Mitchelstown on Wednesday 15th January, at 12md until 1pm. This Course can be accessed, free of charge by any member of the public wanting support to quit. While the ultimate goal of the course is to eventually be smoke free, the emphasis throughout is on the process of quitting, and moving from one stage to the next to eventually becoming a non smoker. To secure a place on this Course please phone 022/58634 or 022/58637

Drop in for people bereaved by Suicide - Our January 2014 drop in for people bereaved by suicide will held on Monday 6th January 2014, in the Cahill Room, Fermoy Community Resource Centre, McCurtain Street from 7.30 - 9.00pm. This group is about people coming together who have been similarly bereaved. It happens in an informal, non therapeutic setting and provides support and understanding to those of us who have experienced the loss of a loved one through suicide.

MITCHELSTOWN HEALTHY TOWN

HEALTHY WALKING: Every Tuesday safe guided walks are conducted from John Mandeville New Square at 7 pm covering a choice of 3 km and 5 km routes. A good aerobic walk for 30 minutes will enhance physical and mental well being. Why not join in with a good bunch in the Walking club. It's all free in God's fresh air. Mitchelstown Forum is promoting the Healthy Town Project.

KEEP FIT FOR SCHOOL PARENTS: Start the New Year with positivity. The resolution to join Fun Aerobics for School Parents will recommence on Tuesday January 7th at 9.30am should be given priority. It is conducted in the comfortable and spacious St. Fanahan's Hall. Keeping in shape means a more enjoyable well being. Like the truth in the old saying it is likened to having an apple a day to keep the doctor away. Be part of the transformation. It is graded to suits beginners upwards. New comers especially welcome.

As and from the **6th of January 2014, Mallow General Hospital Campus** will be tobacco free. No smoking will be permitted on hospital grounds. Support is available from the National Smokers Quitline 1850 201 203 or www.quit.ie or local HSE Smoking Cessation Service 022 58634 or 022 58637.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service – THANK YOU: A special thank you to the 251 Donors who attended the recent Mitchelstown Clinic. Donors, together with the families, friends and neighbours that support them, make up a community that brings life and hope to hospital patients every day.

Mr. Ruairí Quinn, Minister for Education and Skills, had decided to allow **St. Patrick's College, Thurles**, to accept another intake of students on their four **TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES** in September 2014. All programmes are accredited by the University of Limerick and approved by the Teaching Council. **Students interested in becoming second-level teachers, should contact phourigan@stpats.ie** (Paula Hourigan at 087-711 7772) for further details.

Mile Buíochas. CBS Primary Staff & Carol Singers would sincerely like to thank the Businesses and people of Mitchelstown for their generosity towards their collection in aid of the Local Branch of St. Vincent De Paul Society on Thursday, 19th December. A total €783 was received in the town. This amount was presented to Mrs Eileen Whelan on behalf of St. Vincent De Paul, on Friday, 20th December at CBS Primary. Everybody at CBS Primary wishes you the very best for 2014! Thank you for your continuing co-operation.