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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

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

Killacluig Church Choir: We are delighted to welcome our new singers who have joined the choir in recent weeks. We are still looking for more singers and musicians, everyone welcome! Choir practices will be arranged to learn the hymns. Come along any Sundays that you are available. Meet us any Sunday at 10.30am Mass or contact Caitríona on 086-3760487 if you are interested.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a worldwide specially designed support programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one. The next weekend is being held at the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday 10th April to Sunday 12th April, 2015. For further details please contact 0879886480 or email beginningexperiencecork@gmail.com

Youth 2000 Mitchelstown is now changing its meeting time to **Tuesday nights, 8-10pm, in the Town Hall.** Youth 2000 Mitchelstown is part of an international movement of young Catholics, who have discovered the joy and beauty of their Catholic faith and want to help other young people to discover it too. Youth 2000 Mitchelstown meets weekly for prayer, music, reflection and a cup of tea and a chat afterwards! Youth 2000 is a fantastic way to get to know other young Catholics and learn more about your Catholic faith, and is always open to newcomers from 16 - 35 years of age. For more information on the local prayer meeting or upcoming retreats, festivals and social events, check out the Youth Section of the Parish Website or go to [Welcome to the Youth 2000 website](#)

URGENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND: A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish secretary on 025 / 84062, **Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon** and she will reissue one for you. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing of the refund. Please complete, and return forms, in the stamped addressed envelope sent to you, no later than Wednesday, 15th April.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Day of Joy! Easter Sunday is a Day of Joy for all time, because of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. After the crucifixion and death of Jesus on the preceding Friday, all seemed lost for the followers of Jesus. Our Lady alone carried in Her Heart the belief that Her Son would rise from the dead. The others had been told, but they neither understood nor believed. The devoted women found the empty tomb on the Sunday morning and then the Angelic announcement of the Resurrection of Jesus and the appearances of Jesus Himself to the disciples changed everything. Today is a day of Joy and Grace, because the truth of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead can never be suppressed. The existence of the Church after 2000 years is proof alone that Jesus is Risen and Alive. Let us rejoice and give thanks!

Nomination Forms: A reminder this week to all Parishioners to pray and consider nomination to elect the Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are included with your Easter envelope, delivered to your homes last week. If anyone did not receive a form, give your name to the sacristy during the week. **All nomination forms must be returned at Masses next weekend, 11th & 12th April.** Special boxes will be provided in all three churches next weekend for the forms. When making your nomination keep in mind a balance of age, geography of the Parish and a balance of men and women. We would ask you to prayerfully and seriously make your nomination. The Parish Pastoral Council will principally be concerned with supporting the Faith Life of the Parish. Let us all pray to the Holy Spirit, that He may grant us an inspiring and effective council.

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady: As Catholics, images and statues are reminders to us of God's presence and love. We don't worship statues, but we hold them and place them in our homes and in other buildings, to remind us that the living God is with us. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available for visitation to the homes of the parish. If you would like to have the statue for a week, contact the Parish Office, the Sacristy or a Legion of Mary Member.

Feast of Divine Mercy: Next Sunday is the Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus Himself requested this Feast in His apparitions to the Polish Nun, St. Faustina, between 1925-1938. He asked for the Feast to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. On that day, he promised that the floodgates of mercy were open to those who confessed. At all Masses next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Mercy. A special celebration will be held on Sunday afternoon from 2pm-5pm. A number of priests will be available for Confession and the main celebrant of Mass is Fr. Tom Sinnott, Chaplain to Portlaoise Prison.

PARISH OFFICE - is closed for Easter, until Monday 13th April.

Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance from 3pm to 6pm. Big acts have been confirmed, for what will be a great evening of song and dance in the **Firgrove Hotel on Sunday 19th April**. Louise Morrissey, Jo Cooke and Southern Beat, Dave Mulcahy and Tony Corbett - Southern Star, Jimmy O'Donoghue, The Fogarty Family, Michael Fogarty - World Champion Irish Dancer. All monies raised from this event will go towards bringing the sick and special needs children to Lourdes. All support will be greatly appreciated. Tickets can be got from Eddie Walsh Treasure Chest or O'Brien's Auctioneers Office or on the door for only 10 euro.

On behalf of The Irish Blood Transfusion Service, **THANKS** to all who contributed to the running of this Clinic. **240** Donors attended our **MITCHELSTOWN** Blood Donor Clinic. Their generosity and commitment to helping hospital patients is very much appreciated. This precious gift brings life & hope to the patients and to their families & friends.

Enrich your marriage on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Spend a weekend away discovering the full potential of your marriage. Enjoy real quality time together free from external pressures and interruptions. Develop a new way of sharing your thoughts and feelings with your husband or wife. Irrespective of how long you are married, this is a unique weekend experience that every good marriage deserves. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be from the **17th to 19th April 2015** (8:00 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday) at the Cork International Hotel, Cork. For information and bookings visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone **086 8334382** or **087-2162436**.

Mitchelstown Community Council Elections will be held in the near future in six areas. Also Allotments available: Anyone who would be interested in leasing one of our newly open allotments can contact Ballyhoura office on 025-85213 for more details.

National Pioneer Ball, Charleville Park Hotel, Charleville, Co. Cork on Saturday 18th April 2015. Ceol & Craic. Tickets €30 each. For Further information, contact Mary Holland (027) 63384 or Sorcha Ui Laoghaire (086) 3642619. E-mail sorchaol@gmail.com. Special Accommodation Rates Available Phone (063) 33700.

Thanks to TO Park. Ballyhoura Macra would like to extend a sincere word of thanks to Tom O'Flynn (TO) and all at TO Park for their help with our Annual Bingo last Sunday at the Park.

Thank you - Mitchelstown Tennis Club would like to thank everyone who contributed towards our church gate collection last weekend. Your support is very much appreciated.

Junior Tennis - Easter Camp: Our Junior Easter Camp commences Tuesday 7th April until Thursday 9th April. We are delighted to have Munster Coach Sinead Dunne on board again. The first group session starts at 6pm. Cost is just €15 for 3 evenings of coaching. Please contact 089 2293818 to book your place.

Beginner Adult Coaching: We still have a number of spaces available for our 5 week session of Adult Coaching which will be starting soon. Please contact 089 2293802 to book your place now. Cost is €40 for club members and €60 for non members (€20 credited to your membership upon joining)

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: Meeting Monday, 13th April, at 7 p.m.

In **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

BALLYHOURA Development Ltd are currently recruiting participants for LOCAL TRAINING INITIATIVES TASTER PROGRAMMES coming up in the coming weeks. There is a choice of Outdoor Recreation, Retail Skills, Employability Skills, Catering Furniture Restoration, Wood Turning, Introduction to Carpentry, Wood Carving and Logistics & Distribution. These taster sessions vary in length between one morning and 2 days. These are free and open to everyone. To register for these taster programmes, please call Sadie Allen Ballyhoura Development 025-85213

Mitchelstown Level 5 TASTER Logistics and Distribution Local Training Initiative

Venue: Mitchelstown LTI **Date:** 29th April **Time:** 10am to 12pm.

Event: Coffee morning with a sample of our course and the opportunities available to progress on completion; learners will give a brief of their experience to date on this course and Jennifer Marshall from Noel recruitment will also give information on the employment market for graduates from the Aldi perspective. To register please call Sadie Allen Ballyhoura Development 025-85213

BACK TO OUR PAST TALK ~ CLAN SEARCH. How to do your family tree at Mitchelstown Library Saturday April 11th at 11 am. Free to attend. See www.paxadie/clansearch

Monday Morning Club: The next meeting will be on April 13th at 10.30am in Ballindangan Hall. You will be shown how to make your own greeting cards. If you haven't done before, Carmel Smyth will have you making masterpieces. If interested please contact Norma at 086-8332623 to book a place.

There are a number of places becoming available in the **Awbeg Community Employment Scheme:** 2 Caretakers, 2 Secretarial, 2 Recreation Officers, 1 Assistant in Day Care Centre. CV to be sent to Awbeg Funcheon Office, 20 Baldwin St, Mitchelstown Co. Cork

Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council - Dates for your diary

-New and used clothes collection on 7th May start collecting now!

-Collecting used mobile phones which can be exchanged for resources for the school such as I pads. They can be dropped to school or contact Noelle 087-8158902.

Charity Coffee Morning on Today, Easter Sunday: A Charity Coffee morning will take place on today, Easter Sunday, 5th April 2015 after Kildorrery Church 11 am Mass in Kildorrery Community Hall (the hall beside the Parish Church in Kildorrery). This is run annually by Ballyhoura Macra and has been very successful. Last year the club raised over €800 for Muscular Dystrophy Ireland/Eoin Fenton Skydive. Many of our members are climbing Croagh Patrick in May for **Breast Cancer Research** and we intend to donate **the monies raised to this charity**. Everyone is welcome. Please support. Donations welcome on the day. More details on the Avondu newspaper. If you are interested in joining Macra Na Feirme, contact Maria on 086-3653484.

Mitchelstown GIY: Thursday, April 9th 2015, Ozanam Centre, 8 pm Sharp. Demonstration on Potato Growing (No Dig Method) and talk on my gardening experience. Seed and seedling bring and swap. All welcome.