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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**

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**Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council**

**Today is a Day of Prayer for Temperance.**

**Masses During the Week:** Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

**Mass on Ash Wednesday morning is at the earlier time of 8.15am**

**Morning Prayer:** Monday – Friday: 8.00am

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

**Ash Wednesday:** The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday next. To mark our repentance, Ashes will be blessed and distributed at morning Masses and at a Special Mass on Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm. **Wednesday is also a special day of Fast and**

**Abstinence** (We are obliged to deny ourselves some food and to abstain from eating meat on this day) **Killacluig:** Mass at 6.30pm **Ballygiblin:** Mass at 7.30pm

**Trocaire Boxes** for Lenten collection are available today, we encourage you to support the collection throughout Lent, by your sacrifices, please take one home.

**Eucharistic Healing Hour:** Thurs. evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with Special reflections on Our Lady of Lourdes, prayers for the sick and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** Thursday is the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and world day of the Sick. Anointing of the sick during 10.00am Mass.

**Spring Stations**

Thur. 11<sup>th</sup> Church St. Mitchelscourt, Kildorrery Road, Ashfield Manor, Stagpark, Deerpark, Cloonkilla, & Ard na Gréine. **PARISH CHURCH**

Thur. 11<sup>th</sup> Ballyarthur **8.00pm** **Michael Howard**

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Upper Cork St. Lower Cork St. New Square, Arch Avenue, Railway Road, Fermoy Road & Carraigroe **PARISH CHURCH**

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Demesne **Michael & Nora Finn**

All Station Masses are at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. The Mass will be offered for the families of the Station area.

**Upcoming Event for Celebrating the Year of Mercy:**

Day of praise, worship and healing with music, talks and Eucharistic Adoration in the **Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Guest Speaker will be Maria Vadia who has a powerful ministry in the Catholic Church of bringing the Word of God to the ends of the earth. Starts at 9.30am. Lunch at 1pm. Holy Mass at 5pm.

Contacts: Mary 087 2898518, Pat 087 2505528 or Celia 087 2405568.

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**Lent 2016:** Let us make a special effort during Lent 2016 to love God and neighbour whole heartedly. Let us correct our self indulgences by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let us centre our lives again on Jesus by reading and meditating on the Gospels. May we follow Jesus’ example of mortification and self-denial and so be strong against the temptations of the Devil. Let us support the work of Trocaire in a special way this Lent. Let us spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Apparition of the Angel of Portugal:** Previously, in early January, we reflected on the 1<sup>st</sup> two apparitions of the Angel to the children of Fatima in 1916. Today we reflect on the 3<sup>rd</sup> apparition. It was Autumn 1916, the three children, Jacinta, Francesco & Lucia decided to pray in the cave on the hill side and so they had to make a long and difficult journey with the sheep. They prostrated (lie face on the ground) themselves and began to pray the prayer they learned in the 1<sup>st</sup> apparition. Suddenly they felt enveloped by an intense light and rising saw the Angel holding in his hand a Chalice with a Host suspended above it, from which a few drops of blood fell. The Angel did not say anything, but leaving the Chalice with the Host suspended in the air, the Angel knelt down beside them with his face to the ground. The three children followed his gesture and this time he prayed a prayer much longer than the first:

**"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners."**

Praying very slowly the children repeated the prayer. As in the previous two apparitions, Francesco could not hear the Angel, but repeated what he heard from his sister Jacinta and cousin Lucia. Then rising the Angel took the Chalice and the Host in his hands. He gave the Host to Lucia and he gave the Chalice to Francesco & Jacinta saying: “Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.

The Angel fell face to the ground again, repeating the prayer three times and then disappeared. So taken were the children by the supernatural presence, they lost track of time. They returned home in silence and without the notice of the family members.

The **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** is on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements. **Diocesan Pilgrimage for Young Adults** (18-35years) to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July. Contact Fr. Tom McDermott 086-1615216 or Fr. Pat O’Donoghue 087-7857208. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima** 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Contact Pilgrimages Abroad, Lauri Duffy Travel, Dublin, 01-6359300.

Join **Mitchelstown Heritage Society** for our **Annual Fundraising Table Quiz** on February 12<sup>th</sup> in The Hunters Rest at 9.30pm sharp. This fun event is a great social night out, with John Hickey as Quiz Master there will be lots of interesting questions for all abilities, excellent spot prizes! Monies raised will be used on the Societies 1916 Centenary Commemoration projects. Cost €40 per table. Looking forward to seeing you all there."

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**Ballyhoura Development and Cork ETB** invite you to an **Adult Education Information event Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm Firgrove Hotel**. Information on courses, employment and enterprise supports will be available on the night. Everyone welcome.  
Contact Ballyhoura 025-85213

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Cork Pilgrimage to **Medjugorje Easter 2016** - 5 nights ex Dublin 599 euro. Hotel opposite St James Church. Price includes flights, buses, food and accommodation. Contact James Treacy 0860572216

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**Valentines at Bright Sparks:** 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February Midterm break 9am to 12pm or full day €15 / €35. Enjoy " lovely" spa treatment music and disco " love" cookies a" lovely" movie and lots more fun at " Valentines". Come along and meet new friends or bring a friend...age 4 years upwards. Bookings at 025 86799 or text 0862653839

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The first ever **Munster Rally for Life** will take place on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>, assembling on The Grand Parade, Cork at 2pm. Join us to protect mothers & save babies from abortion. See [www.munsterrallyforlife.com](http://www.munsterrallyforlife.com). Tel: 085 8555095.

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**Back To Education Initiative: VTCT Level 2 - Barbering Course.** Friday mornings, 9.30am to 1.30pm from February-October. Venue: Q Centre Mallow. Part-time Programme is FREE for: Those receiving a Social Welfare Payment or those with a Medical or GP Only Card. Those without a Leaving Certificate. To apply, contact: Q Centre, Quarters town, Mallow, Tel. 022-55452/42322

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Upcoming Event: **The Jubilee 25<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Conference** will take place in the RDS, Dublin on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The theme of the conference this year is "..... As we forgive those who trespass against us". A bus will travel to the conference on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February and return the same day. The bus will leave Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Please contact Catherine on 087 7727496 for details and booking.

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#### **P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize:</b>	€1200	Jackie Roche, 18 Moher Crescent, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:</b>	€400	K. Teague, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:</b>	€200	Pallasgreen Pioneer Centre, (c/o M. Hayes), Co. Limerick.
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize:</b>	€100	Mary O'Brien, 13 Church Road, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.

#### **Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;**

**1.** P. McHugh, Co. Mayo. **2.** S. O'Kane, Co. Tyrone. **3.** B. Burns, Co. Longford. **4.** D. Gorman, Derry City. **5.** J. Dowling, Co. Laois. **6.** J. Casey, Co. Cork.

**The next draw will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016.** Those wishing to join, can do so by contacting any member of Mitchelstown Pioneer Council or local promoter John (087) 6477897.

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C.B.S. Transition Year Students will be holding a "**Monster Bingo**" next Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February in C.B.S. Secondary Hall at 8.30pm. Fantastic prizes. All Welcome!!

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** Meeting this Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016, at 7 p.m.  
In **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

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**Pioneer Short Term Pledge for Lent:** Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for Lent and offer this challenge as a prayer for someone suffering from problems with alcohol or other drugs. You can do likewise. Why not consider taking the short term Pioneer Pledge this Lent? Please give names to Pat McEvoy, The Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council Members.

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**5<sup>th</sup> Year students of the Presentation Secondary School,** Mitchelstown are continuing their Young Social Innovators project on Breast Cancer by organising a **Coffee Morning** in the **Mitchelstown Leisure Centre on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February from 11 am to 3 pm.** All proceeds will go to the Marymount Hospice and Cork University Hospital Breast Cancer Unit. All are welcome to enjoy sweets and treats while helping a great cause.

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The **T.Y.s of the Presentation Secondary School,** Mitchelstown are raising awareness of **Dementia** for their Young Social Innovators project. They want to make Mitchelstown a Dementia Friendly Town and will be holding an information evening for the businesses in the Town, giving tips on how they can make their businesses more accessible for people living with Dementia. The Information evening will be held on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** in **Presentation Secondary School Hall** and all are welcome.

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**Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016,** 5 nights Full Board. Under the Patronage of Most Rev. William Crean D.D., Bishop of Cloyne. Pilgrimage Directory: V. Rev. Tobias Bluitt P.P. Booking is now open with Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, Cork, Telephone: (021) 4277979. Sick/Assisted Pilgrim application forms available from The Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Tel: (022) 20276. This year's **Annual Lourdes Mass** will take place on **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in St. Michael's Church, Freemount at 8.00pm.**

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**Notification of Upcoming AGM of your local MS Branch** will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 3pm in Fermoy Education Centre, Fitzgerald Place, Fermoy. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Also we are looking for 1 pound Jam Jars (clean with lids please) for a new fundraising endeavour! Michael White has kindly offered to collect same in Mitchelstown, so please drop off to "DAY to DAY" Shop, Clonmel Road.

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Colm Baker and Catherine O'Keefe are hosting a **Coffee Morning** in the **Hunters Rest** on **Next Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12.30pm.** We would be delighted if any of you would call in during this time for a cuppa. All proceeds will be presented to the Committee of the Better Life Cycle who continue to fundraise for the **St. Josephs Foundation in Charleville.** Close to many of our hearts. Thank you Catherine and Colm

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**Yoga Classes Ballindangan Hall:** Mindfulness & Kundalini Yoga classes for ALL levels with Bláithín Crowley in Ballindangan Hall. 4 week session beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am - 11.30am. Cost - €40. Bring a mat if you already have one & a blanket. Wear warm comfortable clothes preferably layers. For information please contact Bláithín on 086 10 65 534

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**OPERATION TRANSFORMATION IS FOR YOU:** 5 weeks left of Mitchelstown Operation Transformation every Tuesday and Thursday - Walk at 7pm and run at 7.30 from Leisure centre with final Couch to 5k on March 19. Great comradeship, whilst being healthier. See Mitchelstown operation transformation Facebook