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● **FATIMA OCTOBER 13TH CENTENARY CELEBRATION:** On Friday night next, we will conclude our Fatima Centenary Celebrations with a Special Mass at 7.30pm, followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession. We encourage you to bring your family.

● **St. Fanahan's Well Collection:** The Annual collection for the upkeep of St. Fanahan's Well and the surrounds will be taken up today after Holy Communion. As you may be aware the electrical lighting on the Well pathway has been renewed and we appeal to your generosity to defray the cost.

Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

MASS TIMES:

Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: 7.30pm

Sunday & Holy Day: 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.

Weekdays: 8.30am & 10.00am

FIRST FRIDAYS: 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.45am

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

First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm**

with special prayers for families and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm.** All welcome.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30am.**

First Friday: 7.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **7.00pm.**

St. Joseph's Church, Killaclui

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am.**

First Friday: 6.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm.**

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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The Great Miracle of the Sun of Fatima: For the last five months the Parish has been celebrating the Centenary of the Fatima (Portugal) Apparitions to the three children, Lucia, Jacinta & Francesco. **On next Friday evening (October 13th), we conclude our celebrations with a Special Mass at 7.30pm in the Parish Church, followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.** The final of the six apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary (for this is how She named Herself) was accompanied by a Miracle of the Sun witnessed by 70,000 people. This Miracle had been promised by the children's Vision three months in advance. Many believed and many doubted the Visions of the children, but after the October 13th Miracle of the Sun, no one doubted the children anymore. The following is an eyewitness account from Science Professor Dr. Almeida Garrett: "The most astonishing thing was to be able to stare at the solar disc for a long time, brilliant with light and heat, without hurting the eyes or damaging the retina. [During this time], the sun's disc did not remain immobile, it had a giddy motion, [but] not like the twinkling of a star in all its brilliance for it spun round upon itself in a mad whirl. During the solar phenomenon, which I have just described, there were also changes of colour in the atmosphere. Looking at the sun, I noticed that everything was becoming darkened. I looked first at the nearest objects and then extended my glance further afield as far as the horizon. I saw everything had assumed an amethyst colour. Objects around me, the sky and the atmosphere, were of the same colour. Everything both near and far had changed, taking on the colour of old yellow damask. People looked as if they were suffering from jaundice and I recall a sensation of amusement at seeing them look so ugly and unattractive. My own hand was the same colour. Then, suddenly, one heard a clamour, a cry of anguish breaking from all the people. The sun, whirling wildly, seemed all at once to loosen itself from the firmament and, blood red, advance threateningly upon the earth as if to crush us with its huge and fiery weight. The sensation during those moments was truly terrible".

Prior to the Miracle Our Lady asked, as she had done in previous months for people to pray the Rosary every day. She concluded Her message by saying: **"Do not offend God, Our Lord anymore, for He is already too much offended."** May Our Lady and the little children of Fatima pray for us.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this Monday, 9th October, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill. *New Members always welcome*

Mitchelstown Social Hub will open on Monday 9th October 11am-1 in Forrest Hall in The Square. This is a social outlet for people to meet, chat and have a cuppa. During this meeting people can share trades and skills, learn woodwork, pottery, mosaic art, mindfulness and more. It is free to attend and open to everyone. Be sure to call in to see us on the first day to see what we are all about. For more information contact Ballyhoura Development 025-85213

Safe Talk – Suicide prevention talk: Safe Talk is an evening's training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities. The Safe Talk takes place on **Tuesday October 10th, 7 – 10pm.** Whilst this training is suitable for everyone who wants to help prevent suicide and is prepared to become suicide alert, it is not suited to someone who may be recently bereaved by suicide. The training is provided free by the HSE. One must first submit an application form that is available from Ballyhoura Development Ltd, Baldwin Street or email sallen@ballyhoura.org or Tel: 025 85213.

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL: If you would like to help a poor child this Christmas please visit the Team Hope website, www.teamhope.ie or contact your local co coordinator **Christine on 087 2514099.** There will be prewrapped boxes available in Supervalu from next week. The closing date this year is **10th November.** The drop off points are Supervalu, Pricersavers and the Ozanam Centre. We would like to thank you for last year's response.

Pioneer Pledge for November for the Holy Souls: November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise. Take the short-term Pioneer pledge this November. If interested please give your names to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council members.

Pioneers Total Absence Association: Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? Would you consider becoming a Pioneer? Through prayer and this self-sacrifice, you can help someone. If you would like any information on becoming a Pioneer and what it entails, please give your name to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan and one of the Pioneer Council members will contact you.

The Cork Association for Autism needs Volunteers. They will be holding their **Annual Flag Day Collection on Thursday, October 26th** and they need volunteers to lend a hand in Midleton and Youghal. The Cork Association for Autism provide support services to over 300 individuals in Cork affected by Autism. These services include residential, respite, day service, home supports and an Asperger Support Service. If you are available to help raise much needed funds for adults on the autistic spectrum, please e-mail c.walsh@corkautism.ie or call 021-453 3642. For more details log onto www.corkautism.ie

AUTUMN STATIONS 2017

Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.

OCTOBER

Mon.	9 th	Skeheen Upper & Lower	Brian O'Farrell
Mon.	9 th	Clonmel Road, Baldwin Street, King's Square & College, Castlefarm Road, Castle Lodge, Bank Place, & Castle Park., Suttons Corner	PARISH CHURCH
Tues.	10 th	King's St. James St. & Tearmann Ui Chaoimh.	TEARMANN UI CHAOIMH
Tues.	10 th	Church Rd. Brigown Church Rd. Mulberry Flats, Mulberry Crest, Woodlawn, Kali Magdan, Brigown Cottages, Abbey Farm, Mulberry, Abbey View, The Meadow, Sliabh Alainn & Stonewell	PARISH CHURCH
Wed.	11 th	Captain Keane's Grove, Roche's Heights & Sarsfield Casey Drive.	PARISH CH.
Wed.	11 th	Robert St. Thomas St. George's St. Kingston Close & Edward St.	TOWN HALL
Thurs.	12 th	St. Fanahan's Pl. Barrack Rd. Cloonlough North & Ballybeg Rd.	PARISH CH.
Fri.	13 th	Carrigane	Liam & Mary Lewis
Fri.	13 th	Boolakelly, Gurteenatarriff & Gortnasna.	James & Mairéad Walsh

Social Club Mitchelstown outing to Cork on Tuesday, 17th October. Cork City Gaol, Butter Museum, Blackrock Planetarium. Vienna Wood Hotel – Tea/Coffee & Scone / Dinner on return. Guided Tours at all venues. Leaving the Mart at 9am sharp. All included for €60.00. Deposit of €20, to be paid by 13th October. Diane 087-1478030.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association National Draw 2017 - 2018: Mitchelstown Branch P.T.A.A. are major promoters of the private members national fundraising draw to help in the promotion of temperance, especially among young people here in Ireland & pioneers in the developing world. The private members monthly draw, which anyone is free to join, has been running for the last number of years, has proved most successful as a national fundraising event, once again the National Fundraising Committee & Board of Management have decided to run the national members draws, **BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 15TH 2017 & CONTINUING EACH MONTH UNTIL APRIL 2018, INCLUSIVE.** The 1st Prize each month will be €1000, 2nd €400, 3rd €200 & 4th €100. There will also be 6 promoters' prizes of €40. Each membership is €7 per month, subscribers who pay for the 6 months in advance of the 1st draw, need only pay €40. Those wishing to join can do so, by contacting any member of Mitchelstown Council. Mitchelstown local Promoter **John Casey 087 / 6477897.** We thank you for your financial assistance in the past, and look forward to your support in the future. Best of Luck to all in the draw. *"If you're not in you can't win".*

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL MITCHELSTOWN will host our annual **Open Night** at the school on **Wednesday, October 11th from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.** We invite you to our school to view our facilities, see a sample of the work we do and meet with students and staff. School Prospectus and application forms for First Year students 2018/19 will be available on the night. We look forward to welcoming you.

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: Ciarán Cuthbert