

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:

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Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Come let us Adore: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration continues to remain strong in Mitchelstown after over 25 years commitment. We wish to invite new people to consider giving an hour of your week in the Adoration Chapel, day or night. At present we have a night hour needing someone. It is **Monday morning 2am to 3am**. Please contact Catherine Hanlon 087-7727496 or Nora Hogan 025 - 24149

Advent Saint: The great Saint of Advent is St. John the Baptist. St. John was six months older than Jesus. At the visitation of Our Lady to his mother Elizabeth, he leaped for joy in her womb at the greeting of Our Lady, who was carrying the Saviour. After his birth, he lived his life hidden from the world. Then, a short few years before Jesus revealed Himself, St. John had been calling the people to conversion and repentance. He was preparing the people who were to become the disciples of Jesus. St. John speaks to us during this Advent, reminding us to go to Jesus, who will baptise us with the fire of the Holy Spirit. St. John is an example to all of us, by his faith in Jesus. He is again calling us to this Advent, to prepare our hearts through repentance, for the celebration of the birthday of the Saviour.

Cloyne Diocese Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Centres: In 1988 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Centres were founded in the Diocese of Cloyne. They began in the Parishes of Cobh and Fermoy on the 8th December 1988, followed by Kanturk, Mallow, Youghal, Macroom, Midleton, Mitchelstown, Doneraile and Charleville. To mark the occasion of the 25th anniversary, the following celebrations of Mass with Bishop Crean (Bishop of Cloyne) have been organised for December:

7pm Mass on Sunday, 8th December in St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh.

7.30pm Mass on Monday, 9th December in St. Patrick's Church, Fermoy.

6.30pm Mass on Saturday, 14th December in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kanturk.

Let us give Thanks to God for this wonderful Apostolate of Prayer in the Diocese.

Thanks to all the wonderful people in the Diocese, who have committed to an hour of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration during the past 25 years. Without their commitment the Adoration Centres would not have continued. Praised be to Jesus Christ, present in the Blessed Eucharist.

Fermoy Committee of Cork Mental Health invite you to join with them in an evening of reflection, remembrance, light and hope to guide us through the Christmas Season. Sunday 8th December, St Patrick's Church, Fermoy - 7.30pm. All very welcome.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection will take place **THIS WEEKEND 7th & 8th December** in all Churches of the Parish. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Presentation Secondary School presents Carols for Christmas on Wednesday, 11th December from 11.45am to 1.00pm in the Multi Purpose Room in the School. All Welcome.

Do you enjoy eating great food, hanging out with friends, listening to music, and hearing about the Word of God? If yes, then the **NET YOUTH GROUP** this Sunday and Monday is definitely for you! If you're in 1st – 3rd year, then this upcoming Sunday is all for you; 4th – 6th year students are welcome to come on Monday. **YOUTH GROUP** is from 8:30pm - 9:30pm on Sunday, and 7:30pm - 8:30pm on Monday, and will be held at the Town Hall. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Ballindangan Community Council:

The Monday Morning Club: A newly formed group based in Ballindangan Hall. It's a Christmas theme for the next few meetings.

Monday 9th December: Come along and make your own Christmas wreath. People will be on hand to help you.

Monday 16th December: Decorate your own Christmas cake. Again help will be available to you.

This is an open invitation to all would like to call to Ballindangan Hall on the above stated Monday mornings from 10.30am for a cuppa and a chat and not forgetting of course getting a bit of help in preparing for the Christmas. A nominal fee of €2 each will be charged for expenses incurred and hire of the hall.

Any enquiries ring Norma at 086 - 8332623

Glenroe Christmas Concert takes place on **Tuesday 10th December at 7.45pm** in our **Lady of Ransom Church Glenroe**. Taking part are Eoin Leahy (Baritone), Eva McMullan (Soprano), Michael Dennehy & Glenroe National School Choir, and Choirs from Mitchelstown School of Music and Art. Tickets are €10 and Tea and Mince Pies will be served afterwards in the Community Hall. Proceeds from the Concert to Glenroe Community Walk. Enquiries / Bookings 087 7718199

THANK YOU: The recent Coffee Morning in aid of the Cope Sensory Garden Project was a wonderful success. We wish to thank all those who gave so generously in donations, to the raffle and supplied lovely cakes and tarts. A special Thank You to all who helped with the beverages and took care of the Raffle. The garden hedging is been planted this week. We have received 50 mature roses from a local resident and individual shrubs from a few more people who wish to have their remembrance in the garden.

A list is available to help anyone who might be considering donating a shrub.

All are welcome to make enquiries by calling 087/2295839

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY meeting this Monday, **9th December**, at **7 p.m.** In **Marian Hall, Convent Hill**. *New Members always welcome.*

Kilbehenny Christmas Extravaganza 8th December 2pm - 5pm. Come visit Santa and over 25 stands. €3 per adult, Children free

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in **The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown. Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December 2013 4.30pm - 8.30pm each day.**

Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need.

One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on www.giveblood.ie or by telephoning 021-4807400 or 1850 731 137.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club members Christmas work night 12th December in the Town Hall at 8.00pm

Youth 2000 Ireland will be hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in NEWBRIDGE COLLEGE, NEWBRIDGE, CO. KILDARE from FRIDAY 13th to SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2013. Over 500 young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Retreat starts with registration on Friday at 8.00pm. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see www.youth2000.ie. Check out our website for further details, phone 01 675 3690 or join us on Facebook (youthtwothousandIreland)

FESTIVE GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: Novel festive Family Tree WORKSHOP will be conducted at MITCHELSTOWN LIBRARY Saturday December 14th at 10 am. Free to all. Genealogy is akin to forensic science piecing clues together to locate relatives in family history. See www.paxad.ie/clansearch. 087.3589734

Back To Education Woodwork Course **FETAC Woodwork course** now being offered in the Q Centre, Mallow. This part-time course is **FREE** and covers woodwork and basic carpentry skills in a fully equipped woodwork room. Learners will also be offered other FETAC courses while attending. Priority is given to those without a Leaving Cert and those on a Social Welfare Payment.

For further information contact the Q Centre, Mallow on 022 42322. Limited places are available.

THANK YOU: St. Fanahan's College Parents Association would like to thank all those who helped and supported their recent Cookery Demonstration Fundraiser, which was held in the Firgrove Hotel. All monies raised will be used for the benefit of the students.

Cork Association for Autism Fundraising Event at Greenville House, Carrigtwohill, will take place 12th & 13th December from 10am to 3pm each day. Items such as plants, pottery and Christmas Gifts, as well as hot beverages and cakes will be sold. All proceeds will go directly to the charity. For more details contact 021 – 427 1808