

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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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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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Fr. Greene C.C. is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Heritage Society Collins Lecture Postponed. Last Thursday night's Heritage Society lecture on Michael Collins by Noel Scannell was postponed as a mark of respect to the Courtney family, on the recent death of Mrs. Mary Courtney, late of Dunmahon, Glanworth. The Heritage Society & all its members and friends extend its sincerest condolences to our good friends and committee members Ina Keating & Antoinette Courtney & the entire Courtney family at this difficult time. Noel Scannell's lecture on General Michael Collins has been rescheduled for **Thursday, March 13th at 8pm** in the Town Hall Mitchelstown. The Society looks forward to seeing everyone at this most interesting lecture. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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Live Interview and Physical Competency Test Training at the Athlone Institute of Technology on Saturday the **29th of March** in preparation for the next stage of **An Garda Síochána entrance exams.** Go to www.getready.ie for full details on this one day intensive course.

Pastoral Letter Bishop Crean:

Available in all our churches today is a pastoral letter from Bishop Crean entitled "Lift up your Hearts". The Bishop invites us to focus on the joy of the Gospel. The struggle with sin, the many challenges and difficulties of life, can greatly diminish the joy of our lives. The Bishop invites us in the midst of these difficulties to life up our hearts in faith and prayer this Lent, Take home to your family today a copy of Bishop Crean's first pastoral letter and reflect upon it.

Suggestions for Lent:

1. Give more time and attention to personal and family prayer.
 2. Encourage faith, prayer and Mass attendance during Lent.
 3. Visit the old, the sick and those who live alone.
 4. Try to be more positive and encouraging to those around you.
 5. Give more time to the family, especially the children.
 6. Do something creative in the community.
 7. Make a truly sincere and open Confession and renew your trust in God's Mercy.
 8. Reflect on the Stations of the Cross.
 9. Curtail ones personal indulgences, such as food, drink, television, internet etc.
 10. Try to be more kind and understanding in word and need.
 11. Give some money to help the poor and needy at home and abroad.
- Remember Lent is a preparation for the great Feast of Easter and these efforts guarantee that we will feel Easter in our own hearts.

The Messenger Magazine: This is a monthly magazine produced by the Jesuit order. It costs €1.35. It is available in the Parish Church each month. It has a lot of beautiful stories and great reflections. We encourage you to bring this magazine and the weekly Irish Catholic Newspaper into your home.

Prayer for Lent: Lord Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit upon your people this Lenten season, that we might faithfully take up our cross each day and follow You. Help us to die to all that is false in our lives, all that is worthless, all that is sinful. Confident in your abundant mercy, may we face the truth about ourselves without fear. Freed from all that keeps us from joyfully living our baptismal promises, may we join with all Christians in the Easter celebration of Your

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS LENT: *Have you a friend or family member who has a problem with alcohol? Do you want to help in a simple yet effective way?*

Then take the pledge for Lent: Abstain from alcohol for 6 weeks, and offer it up as a prayer to help your friend achieve freedom and well-being. **MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE'S LIFE!** If you are interested contact Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan or any Pioneer Council Member.

A History of the Medieval Diocese of Cloyne by Paul MacCotter and published by Columba Press is now available. This study deals with the early ecclesiastical history of the diocese of Cloyne down to the early 1600's. The work includes an appendix where core material for parish history is given under the headings of the 133 medieval parishes found in the diocese. **A History of the Medieval Diocese of Cloyne** is for sale at €25 per copy.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS TABLE QUIZ (For 4th to 6th class pupils)

Thursday, March 13th at 7.30pm in C.B.S. Secondary Hall. €12 per Team of 4.

Fundraiser organised by C.B.S. Secondary Transition Year Students.

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 19th February 2014:

- 1st Prize:** €1200 T. Ryan, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.
2nd Prize: €400 Kathleen Walls, Magherafelt, Co. Derry.
3rd Prize: €200 Bríd & Richie Duffy, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.
4th Prize: €100 Assumpta Roche, Ballybeg, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. & 2. Noel Boyle, Ballybane, Galway. X 2.
3. John Casey, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
4. Tommy Marren, Swinford, Co. Mayo.
5. Margaret Brady, Navan, Co. Meath.
6. Muredach Tuffy, Ballina, Co. Mayo.

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 19th March 2014

The private members monthly draw which anyone may feel free to join has been held over the last number of years, proved most successful as a national fundraising event. Membership is €7 per month. Those wishing to join, can do so by contacting any member of Mitchelstown Pioneer Council or local promoter John (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.

PERSON WANTED to work in local Day-Care Centre must fit Community Employment criteria. Please contact Aileen on 025-86956 for further information.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima:- September 8th – 15th 2014, flying direct from Cork to Lisbon. Seven nights full board at Tres Pashorhinos Hotel, only 5 minutes from the Sanctuary. Price is €839 per person sharing. Price includes return flights, transfers, seven nights' full board, guided tour of sanctuary area, services of a guide while in Fatima. For booking contact Pilgrimages Abroad Dublin

On 01 - 6359300 or local contact Bernadette on 087 6472983.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Meeting this Monday, 10th March, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

New Members always welcome.

Sunday Forum - Faith Matters:- This programme is broadcast live every Sunday evening from the C103 studios in Mallow at 6.30pm. This is a half hour programme with meditations, reflections, readings, music and interviews. This programme has been on the air for 25 years and now has new presenters. Tune in on Sunday nights - you might hear a familiar voice!!

Appeal from Sue Ryder Foundation: We are appealing for some good quality furniture to sell in our store at Lower Cork Street. Collection can be arranged. Also clothes, shoes, Bric a Brac and books. We are also appealing for volunteers. So if you have any time to spare please call in for an application form. Thank you for your continued support.

Ballindangan Monday Morning Club: Next meeting of Monday Morning Club will be held on Monday 10th at 10.30am in the hall. Jennifer & Norma will be in attendance to demonstrate & advise all on how to tighten, tone & firm in as little as 45 minutes.

Everyone welcome.

Will Ballindangan Hall close? Regretfully due to lack of people at the AGM held on Tuesday Feb 25th it has been decided that Ballindangan Community Council should close the hall doors with effect from March 15th. It was a decision that wasn't made lightly. But the general running of the hall can't be done by the same 3 or 4 people. Support & interest in the daily running & upkeep of the hall & general Ballindangan area doesn't seem to be there anymore. The last fortnightly lotto & Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday March 11th at 8pm in the meeting room of Ballindangan Hall, where if nobody turns up apart from the current committee then we have no option but to lock up for the last time.

THANK YOU! A very successful coffee morning was held recently at the home of Kevin & Deirdre O'Gorman, Glenatlucky in aid of MALIN TO MIZEN HEAD CYCLE, €960 was raised and given to Better Life Cycle committee. Claire and Deirdre would like to thank everyone for their generous support.

Ballygiblin National School: Enrolments now being accepted for school year 2014/2015. Please contact the school on 025-24933 by March 31st

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday, 11th May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

Cloyne Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 1st to 6th June: Booking contact Joe Walsh Tours, 021-4277959. Sick/Assisted Pilgrim application forms are available from the Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place Mallow, Phone: 022-20276

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: There will be a pilgrimage to the Holy Land **November 10th – 18th**. Spiritual Director Canon Michael Fitzgerald. Details from Marian Pilgrimages or contact Eileen 086 – 3044456 or Nuala 087 – 2313762.

