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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

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Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

Masses During the Week:

Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

Morning Prayer:

Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

Eucharistic Healing Hour:

Thursday evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with Special Prayers for families and their needs and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

Boxes of Offering Envelopes:

If anyone did not receive their box of envelopes and wish to have one, please contact the Parish Office during the week.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

Sunday next is a special day of reflection and prayer on this theme.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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First Apparition – Angel of Peace:

We are approaching the extra-ordinary centenary of the events of Fatima in Portugal in May – October 1917. They centre around the apparitions of Our Lady to three small children: Lucia (aged 10), Francesco (aged 9) and Jacinta (aged 6). In the year prior to the apparitions, 1916 the children had a visitation from an Angel three times. The following is an account recorded by Lucia of the first visitation of the Angel of Peace: It was Spring 1916 and the three children were minding some animals owned by their families. Jacinta & Francesco were brother and sister and Lucia was their cousin. It was raining and they took shelter in the crevices of a rock. They were always told to pray the Rosary by their parents, but they liked to play as all children do. So before their lunch at noon they said an abbreviated version of the Rosary led by Francesco. They counted the beads by saying Our Father, Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary and then the Glory be..... Thus ended the quick Rosary and the games began.

But on this particular day in Spring 1916 everything would change, Lucia relates: they were enjoying their game when a strong wind began to shake the trees, we looked up startled, because up to then the day had been very calm. They saw coming towards them above the olive trees a young man of about 14 or 15 years, whiter than snow, transparent as crystal when the sun shines through it, and of great beauty. As he reached them he spoke: "Don't be afraid!! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me. Kneeling on the ground he bowed down until his forehead touched the ground and taught us to repeat these words three times:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You. I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You" Then raising he said: "Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications".

The Angel disappeared leaving the children absorbed in a supernatural atmosphere; they remained there a long time and repeated the prayer that was supernaturally engraved in their hearts. They had no desire to talk to each other, penetrated by a strong feeling of God's presence they did not fail for several days. None of them felt the desire to speak to anyone of what had happened. Francesco did not hear the voice of the Angel, while the two girls repeated the prayer of the Angel said, he, like an echo, repeated what he heard from them.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from the 18th – 25th of January. The Church Unity Service this year will take place on **Monday January 18th at 7.30pm in Kingston College Chapel**. We encourage you to go and participate in this special prayer event and to include in your prayers the intention of Christian Unity at this time.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY
Meeting this Monday, **11th January 2016**, at **7 p.m.**
In **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.**
New Members always welcome

Night Classes "How to Trace family Trees at Fermoy Education Centre
commencing Monday January 25th for 8 weeks.

Enrol Monday January 18th ~ 6-8 pm. Enquiries to 087.3580734 / Email
info@fermoyeducationcentre.ie. Places limited

Genealogy Workshop at Mitchelstown Library on Saturday January 23rd at 11am.

Enrolment for Evening Courses in Mallow College of Further Education
will take place on Tuesday, 12th January 2016 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in
Mallow College of Further Education, Annabella, Mallow. Brochures with all
details are available from local shops or at the college on 022-43030. For
further information go to: evening.mallowcollege.ie

The Pioneer Magazine is published monthly and is full of interesting and
informative articles and features. If you would like to get a copy each month,
please contact any council member. Price per copy €1.55.

CBS Secondary, Mitchelstown: A reminder that the closing date for receipt of
enrolment applications for First Year students 2016/17 in Mitchelstown CBS is
Tuesday January 12th.

Application forms are in the back of the school prospectus (given out at our Open
Night; copies available from the school office), from our website
(cbsmitchelstown.com/enrolment) or from the school office.

Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer

Sunday February 7th 2016, Montenotte Hotel, Cork. Ideal for anyone who
wants to hear about Medjugorje and hear from those who work there and have
been positively influenced from going there. Keynote speaker: Mr. Philip Ryan
(Medjugorje Guide for 27 years). Afternoon prayers led by Canon Michael
Fitzgerald (Mitchelstown). Tickets €12.00 and covers light lunch and entry in
draw on the day for pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Limited tickets available so
advance booking advisable. Contact: Sean O'Shaughnessy 086 29 59 380 for
details

Medjugorje Pilgrimage June 1st to 8th 2016 ex Cork (midday departure)

€679.00 pps (half board). €200.00 deposit secures place.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Crowley

Group Leader: Sean O'Shaughnessy 086 29 59 380

This tour is operated by Joe Walsh Tours License Number T.O 052

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER

On the 10th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most
sacred Lenten season.

On the 27th day of March you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of the Lord
Jesus Christ.

On the 8th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 15th day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 29th day of May, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 27th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is
honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The **Galtees Toastmasters** are looking forward to having an **Open Meeting on Tuesday
19th January at 8pm at The Firgrove Hotel.** If anyone has ever wondered what we do at
Toastmasters, or have made a New Year resolution to make new friends, develop
confidence, and gain more skills to speak in public....then come along. These skills enable
us to speak at a meeting...maybe ask a question at a parents meeting, respond to interview
questions, give more competent presentations at work or in college....

All are welcome, there no obligation and the first meeting is free, guests are never, EVER
asked to speak, unless they choose to. So 8pm, January 19th, Firgrove Hotel....see you there!

Coffee Mornings: C.B.S. Secondary School Transition Year Students would like to
invite the Actively Retired Citizens of Mitchelstown and surrounding areas to their Monthly
Coffee Morning, which will be held **next Thursday, 14th January**, in Marian Hall,
Convent Hill, at 10.30am. Free of Charge. All welcome.

New Year's Resolutions

How can I use the New Year, to better serve my Lord?

I'll read my Bible every day, and be more in accord.

I'll find new ways to serve others; I'll love my neighbour, too.

I'll focus on "give" instead of "get" In everything I do.

I'll forgive the people I'm mad at; Angry feelings I'll discard;

I'll try to love my enemies, Even though it's hard.

In the New Year, I'll lift people up, Instead of putting them down.

I'll fill my heart with love and joy, and never wear a frown.

I'll let go of my worries; I'll put it all in His hands;

I'll repent and try to sin less, and obey all His commands.

These New Year's resolutions are difficult, at best,
but there's something I can do each day

that will put my soul at rest:

I'll love my Lord with all my heart,

With all my mind and soul,

And if I do that essential thing,

All the rest will be in control.

By Joanna Fuchs