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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

Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Cairde Maithe

We get by with a little help from a friend

Interested in becoming a volunteer?

- We want to match volunteers with a person with dementia in their area and we hope to create lasting friendships in the process.
- So if you are kind, caring, compassionate and friendly you may be just the person we are looking for.

Why not come along to our open day

Thursday 21st May 2015, Mallow Primary Health Care Centre, 11am-1pm

**To register interest or for more information call Christine on
086 0255205 / 022 58727 Or email: info@crystalproject.ie**

The Crystal Project is a joint initiative between the HSE, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, The Carers Association, UCC, families affected by dementia, local community groups and GPs. The Crystal Project is the trading name for Mallow Dementia Project Ltd., a company limited by guarantee without a share capital registered in Dublin No 545740, CHY No: 21361 with a registered office at Memory Resource Room, Mallow Primary Healthcare Centre, Mallow, Co Cork. Directors: Sheena Cadoo and Yvonne Finn Orde. Secretary: Dr Cormac Sheehan. The Crystal Project is funded by the HSE, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Genio and the European Foundations Initiative on Dementia. www.crystalproject.ie

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Mitchelstown NET Team:

Did you know that each NET Missionary Volunteer raises money to cover their own costs? To make things a little more fun, the Mitchelstown NET Team is having a **Bake Sale Fundraiser!** The NET team will be on the front steps of the Church selling homemade baked goods after all Masses on this **Sunday, May 10th**. If you want to help support us, drop by with your family & friends, even just to say hi!

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Fr. Peter Returns: Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, a Polish Priest and international speaker on Divine Mercy will return to Mitchelstown Parish Church **this Thursday night May 14th**. Fr. Peter, who speaks excellent English, spoke in Mitchelstown over a year ago and everyone was impressed by his beautiful talk on Divine Mercy and his humorous presentation. He will celebrate Mass on Thursday Evening next at 7.30pm and give a talk on St. Michael the Archangel and Divine Mercy and the Holy Angels. The Mass and talks will be followed with the Blessing of the Relic of St. Faustina. Please note the starting time of 7.30pm. All welcome.

Cardinal Hume and Prayer: *The late English Cardinal Hume in his book "To be a Pilgrim" wrote the following Ten Golden Rules on Prayer:*

1. *Plan to pray; do not leave it to chance. Select a time and a place and stick to it.*
2. *Decide beforehand on how long you will spend in prayer. Don't overreach.*
3. *Decide on which way you are going to pray before you start.*
4. *Always start by asking God to help you to pray.*
5. *Remember that you are trying to get in touch with a Person – not saying words.*
6. *Choose the way of praying that you find easiest. Experiment.*
7. *Don't look for results.*
8. *Turn distractions into prayer.*
9. *If prayer gets dry or boring, reading helps. 'Holy' reading – if you have it.*
10. *Trying to pray is praying. Never give up trying.*

Parish Pastoral Council: A meeting of the nominees, who have decided to go forward and form the Council, will be held in the Town Hall next Wednesday night at 7.30pm. The meeting will be conducted by Elizabeth Garry-Brosnan. The Parish Pastoral Council is concerned solely with the faith life of the Parish.

Marriage Referendum: The Marriage Referendum and the Age of the Presidential Candidates will take place on Friday week, May 22nd. Throughout the country a Novena of Chaplets of Mercy will begin on Thursday next May 14th. The purpose of the Novena is to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the Irish people. All you need to do is to pray the Chaplet of Mercy every day, beginning on Thursday 14th until the Referendum on Friday, May 22nd, for the intention of guidance.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY:

Meeting **this Monday, 11th May**, at **7 p.m.**

In **Marian Hall, Convent Hill**. *New Members always welcome*

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club May evening outing to Mike Caplice's Pine Nurseries on Thursday 14th May. We will meet there at 7.15pm. Everyone welcome.

Mike will give garden talk and plant up some pots etc., a great evening assured, refreshments will be served

"St Thérèse – The Little Flower" Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years. The aim of the camp is to give children the opportunity to form a personal relationship with Jesus, through activities such as Arts & Crafts, Drama, Dance and Action Songs, Music, Team Games, prayer and plenty of fun! The leaders for the week are local volunteers supported by local clergy and members of the Family of Mary Community, and also members of Youth 2000, young people who are deeply committed Catholics and all give voluntarily of their time. In accordance with Cloyne Diocesan Policy, all volunteers will be Garda Vetted. **The Faith Camp runs from 10am – 3pm daily from Monday 27th – Thursday 30th July 2015.**

COST OF CAMP:

o **€40 for first child & €25 per additional child from the same family.**

o Should cost be a concern, please talk to Canon Fitzgerald.

o Please ensure that full payment is made before the first day of the camp.

o The number of places available is limited.

o This is a non-profit venture – money will be used for materials, equipment and subsistence of visiting youth leaders.

Application forms available at the back of the three Churches, from the Parish Office or from any of the Primary Schools. **Closing date 19th June 2015.**

C.B.S. Secondary Parent Council are holding their **CLOTHES COLLECTION FUNDRAISING EVENT** on **Monday, 11th & Tuesday, 12th May**. Items that can be donated are: clothes (new/used), shoes, belts, bags, curtains, bed linen, soft toys, towels and blankets. **NO DUVETS OR PILLOWS**. You can drop bagged items to C.B.S. Secondary School during school hours. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

Monday Morning Club: On this Monday, May 11th, hitch a lift as we're on the road to visit Pine Nurseries in Burncourt. Michael Caplice will be advising all in attendance about our Summer gardens. If interested please contact Norma at 0868332623 to book a place. Please be at Pine Nurseries at 10.20am! Everyone welcome.

Drop in for people bereaved by Suicide - Our May 2015 drop in for people bereaved by suicide takes place on Monday 11th May in the Cahill Room, Fermoy Community Resource Centre, McCurtain Street from 7.30 - 9.00pm. This is an informal group and it is about people coming together who have been similarly bereaved. The group provides support and understanding to those of us who have experienced the loss of a loved one through suicide.

Annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass will be held in Whitechurch on Friday, June 12th 2015, at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments.

Abandoned Ireland- Heritage Lecture

Join Mitchelstown Heritage Society for our last public lecture for this season, on **Thursday 14th May @ 8pm in the Town Hall**. 'Abandoned Ireland', is a photographic heritage trail through Ireland's abandoned buildings. Guest speaker Tarquin Blake, historian, photographer and explorer, is author of the four books Abandoned Mansions of Ireland Vol. I & II, Ancient Ireland and Haunted Ireland. He has extensively explored Ireland's architectural relics and historical sites and his passion is unravelling and documenting our lost heritage. Blake's illustrated talk will focus on the fall of the landed aristocracy in Ireland and the demise of their country mansion houses as well as a view of the current architectural gems hidden in dilapidated splendour dotted around our country, including local examples. Open to the public, €3 members/€5 non-members, refreshments served after.

Mitchelstown Library: This month included into our programme of events we will be marking Bealtaine Festival with a free music morning on the 22nd May and The Year of Light with a talk on the Milky Way presented by Peter Household on the 28th of May. All events are free of charge and are open to everyone - not just members.

• 22nd May Songs from the Wireless - a free morning of music presented by Fil Campbell and Tom McFarland. A chance for a laugh and a good old fashioned sing-along guaranteed to have everyone leaving with a smile on their face. With favourites from John McCormack, the McNulty Family, Delia Murphy, Ottalie Patterson, Ruby Murray, Bridie Gallagher and Josef Locke.

11am to 12pm. - To Mark Bealtaine 2015

• 23rd May Story Time at 11.30am

• 28th May 6.30pm to 7.30pm - A few Curious Facts About The Universe. A free public lecture on the Milky Way presented by Peter Household, Chair of the Cork Astronomy Club.

Exhibition Water Safety Posters created by local schools.

Please note that we will be closed on Saturday the 30th of May for the Bank Holiday Weekend and will re-open as usual on Tuesday the 2nd June at 9.30am.

The Nepal Earthquake: As of writing over 5,000 have been killed in the earthquake and over 10,000 injured. The natural disaster has been devastating for the already poor nation. Trócaire, have announced that it is committing an initial €100,000 as an emergency response, shelter, food and water being distributed to affected communities.

Donations can be made to www.trocaire.org or by phoning 1850 408 408.

May – Month of Mary: Let us keep up our tradition of honouring Our Lady during the month of May. On May 13th 1917, during the First World War Our Lady appeared to three little children in Fatima. She requested the daily recitation of the Rosary to bring an end to the terrible war. During the present reign of terror in the world we feel helpless but we should remind ourselves about the power of the Rosary and the power of Our Lady's intercession. Let us heed her request and make a special effort to pray the Rosary during the month of May.

Bus to Lough Derg June 26th to 28th. Contact 087-7660942 for more details.