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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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

Lessons in Life

Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

When in doubt, just take the next small step.

Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.

It's okay to get angry with God. He can take it.

Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.

Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.

You can get through anything if you stay put in today.

Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy clothes. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"

Always choose life.

What other people think of you is none of your business.

Time heals almost everything. Give time time.

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

Believe in miracles.

God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.

Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.

Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.

Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.

Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.

All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Words of Pope Francis on Confession: "Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession," urged the Pope. Acknowledging a popular objection to the sacrament, Pope Francis noted, "someone can say, 'I confess my sins only to God.' Yes, you can say to God 'forgive me,' and say your sins. But our sins are also against our brothers, against the Church. This is why it is necessary to ask forgiveness of the Church and of our brothers, in the person of the priest." "While the celebration of the sacrament is personal, it is rooted in the universality of the Church," which "accompanies us on the path of conversion," he explained.

"Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves," cautioned the Pope. "One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus."

"Forgiveness is not a result of our efforts, but is a gift. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit who showers us with mercy and grace that pours forth unceasingly from the open heart of Christ crucified and risen."

The Pontiff went on to recognize that many people feel ashamed at the idea of confessing their sins and might say, "but Father, I am embarrassed!" "Even embarrassment is good. It's healthy to have a bit of shame... it does us good, because it makes us more humble."

"Don't be afraid of confession," Pope Francis stressed. "When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things - even shame - but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy."

"The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing," he pointed out.

"When I go to confession, it's for healing: healing the soul, healing the heart because of something that I did to make it unwell." "Every time we go to confession, God embraces us". To go to Confessions, he said, is to encounter the love of Jesus with sincerity of heart.

"Some say: 'Ah, I confess to God.' But it's easy, it's like confessing by e-mail, no? God is far away, I say things and there's no face-to-face, no eye-to-eye contact. Paul confesses his weakness to the brethren face-to face. Confessing our sins is not going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber: it's saying to the Lord, 'Lord, I am a sinner'.



Month of May – Month of Mary:

Rosary at Grotto: Throughout the month of May, a group will lead the recitation of the Rosary **every evening** at the Grotto of Our Lady, Cahir Hill, at **8.00pm**, except on **Thursdays**, when it will be at the earlier time of **7.00pm**.

LOUGH DERG - 4 day Pilgrimage 2014

Leaves Cork Saturday, June 7th at 9am - returning Tuesday, June 10th

Booking & Information Phone 021 4893453

NOTICE ALTAR FLOWERS The Altar Society would welcome new volunteers to help with flowers for the Altar. No flower arranging experience is required. Please contact either of the following numbers: 086 6077595 or 087 6364845.

Free Home Insulation Service: IRD Duhallow's Warmer Homes Scheme provides a **free insulation** service for your home. To qualify, you must be in receipt of one of the following payments: ● Fuel Allowance ● Family Income Supplement ● Job Seekers Allowance for more than 6 months with a child under 7

You must be the owner of the house and it must have been built before 2006.

The Warmer Homes Scheme provides **free attic and cavity wall insulation** which will help your house to retain heat. To apply or for further information, please contact the Warmer Homes Scheme in IRD Duhallow on **029-60633**

Young Adult Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago – Sarria to Santiago.

3rd to 10th June. For people between the ages of 18 and 35. Find yourself on the way. For more details contact Fr. Alan on 086 – 7857955 or e-mail

fralan@msctheaway.com

Enrich Your Faith: Come to a Day of Prayer, Knock Shrine, **31st May** Feast of the Visitation. Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyers of Charity. Theme Called to be a Light to the Nations. 10am to 5pm. For Information and Buses contact 087-1198594 or 086-1678027. www.foyerofcharity.ie

Irish Church Music Association - 45th Annual Summer School: Thursday 3rd July to Sunday, 6th July 2014. St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 'The Joy of the Gospel' Guest Director: David Saint (Birmingham) If any choir or individual is interested, please contact the Parish Office for more details. Also see

www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com

New Springtime Community: Summer School 2014 – Pope Francis on the New Evangelisation (A Study Of Evangelii Gaudium) Marianella, Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6. Friday 23rd May to Sunday 25th May 2014. Friday 7.45pm to 10pm. Saturday & Sunday 9.45am to 5pm. Speakers: Fr. Pat Collins CM & Members of New Springtime Community. The cost will be €15 for the weekend. Please bring a packed lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Tea & Coffee will be served. For more details see www.newspringtime.ie or contact Michael 01-2821548, Helen 01- 2852066.

BRIGHT SPARKS: Toddlers 12 months and over are welcome to join our **Toddler Group**. 3 hour fun sessions where toddlers are interacting with others of the same age. Activities include WATER PLAY... SAND PLAY... MUSIC AND DANCE...PAINTING...OUTDOOR AND LOTS MORE. prices from €20 For more details or bookings please call 025 86799 or text 086 2653839

Kilbehenny Cycling Club - Club Notes 5th May 2014

Last weekend The club was well represented at a number of events over the May bank holiday weekend including the Midleton cycle on Saturday and both the Ballyporeen and Clogheen cycles on Sunday. It was a shame about the weather as all the rides offered some breathtaking scenery. **Club Cycle** (from Kilbehenny Community Centre) currently scheduled for 7pm on Wednesdays and for 9am on Sundays. **Nutritionist/ 'M to M'** The talk given on Thursday last was very informative and should be of great benefit to our members. The countdown for the Malin to Mizen event is well and truly underway now, with just over three weeks to go. **Reminder** The May meeting will take place this Saturday 10th May in Community Hall at 7pm and all members are invited to attend. New members are always welcome and the club caters for all levels/ abilities. For further details please contact any of the following:- Mary 086 6033239, Tom 087 2683587, Eileen 086 3180962

Mitchelstown Community Council – Election of officers for 2014/2015

Chairman - Sean Finn, Vice Chairman - Liam O'Doherty
Secretary - Ellen Fitzgibbon, Assistant Secretary - Therese Horgan
Joint Treasurers Mary Dennehy, Ger Brennan, P.R.O. - Michael White

A Genealogy Family History Workshop will be conducted at Mitchelstown Library on Thursday May 29th at 3pm. Why not attend all for free.

The Sacred Heart Messenger

Is still here, better than ever and looking for subscribers and promoters.

One of our local promoters is; ANNA MARIA RUSSELL, (025) 84151

Copies are on sale in the Porch of the Parish Church or direct from Messenger Publications, 37 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2. Phone (01) 6767491

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.

MITCHELSTOWN CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE for all your information needs. Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am to 1 pm
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