

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, KILLAULIG:

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. **KILLAULIG:** before 1st Friday Mass.

CLERGY:

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Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

FAITH CAMP – LOST & FOUND:

A number of items were left in the Town Hall after the Faith Camp.

Any lost items can be collected from the Parish Office 9am to 12 noon. The office will be closed on Thursday, 15th August.

MEMORARE:

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary,

That never was it known,

That anyone who fled to thy protection,

Implored thy help,

Or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,

I fly unto thee,

O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;

To thee do I come;

Before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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IDOLATRY:

The greatest and most dangerous of all sins is the sin of idolatry. Idolatry is the worship of creation before the worship of the Creator. Jesus teaches us to seek first the Kingdom of God and all other blessings will flow. But idolatry can be very subtle and very secret. We all need to examine ourselves on the sin of idolatry. As Christian believers we are called to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength. Is the Lord God the first love of my heart? Is God my first thought in the morning? How much time and energy do I daily give to the worship of God and to prayer? Do I protest that I am too busy? How can I be too busy for the One I believe who gives me the breath of life? When I am making decisions do I consult God and pray for His guidance? Do I rely on my own wisdom when making decisions? When I pray is my heart really in it? Let us return to the question: How much time do I daily give to the worship of God and to prayer?

Let us compare the amount of time and energy I give to the other interests and activities of my daily life. Can I honestly say I love God first and with all my heart? Idolatry is the worship of creation above and before the Creator. This was the sin that caused the downfall of the people of God time and again. It is really important as individuals and as a community to get this right. If we get it wrong, disasters of all kinds follow. If we get it right the blessings that follow are enormous.

A CLAP FOR OUR LADY:

At his general audience last Sunday Pope Francis invited the people of Rome to salute Our Lady with a clap and the recitation of the "Hail Mary". Our Lady is our most powerful intercessor. This week, on Thursday we celebrate a great Feast in her honour: Her Glorious Assumption into Heaven, it is a Holy Day of obligation.

1. Our Lady of Knock Novena begins on Wednesday, 14th to Thursday, August 22nd. Copy of novena prayers at Church entrances.
2. Mass at Cahir Hill Grotto on Monday night next, August 12th at 7.30pm. Parking in Firgrove Hotel Car Park.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 15th August.

Drop In Evening for Those Bereaved by Suicide - This evening is for all who have known the loss of a loved one through Suicide. People are invited to drop in and have a coffee and chat to others who have lost a loved one through Suicide in an informal setting. Monthly Drop-In meetings are held in the "Cahill Room" at Fermoy Resource Centre, 42 McCurtain Street, Fermoy from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 12 August 2013, if you would like further information please contact Jacinta on 087 9974076.

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Cyclists and Walkers wanted for Special Friends Mitchelstown. Your annual 80/40/15k Cycle and 5k Walk will take place on **Saturday 31st August**, register in the CBS on the morning .Cycle maps are available at www.specialfriendsmitchelstown.com. The Walk begins at Abbey Farm up to the Protestant Church, out the Kildorrery Road, around the Ring Road to the Firgrove, up through the Town and returning to Abbey Farm for a Family Fun Evening. This includes under age football tournament, barbeques, bouncy castles, face painting and much more to be revealed in the coming weeks.

Special Friends are a voluntary group of parents who set up a support group for parents of children with special needs seven years ago which has since flourished into a charity. This provides equipment, one to one support for the children; family days and much more. We now have 16 children using the services from Ballyduff, Mitchelstown, Kilbehenny, Ballylanders, Kildorrery, Glenroe, Rathcormac and Burncourt.

Seven of our children received I-pads in November, which were needed for education and attend schools from Charleville to Douglas and Ballygiblin daily. We also have a bank of equipment to help motor skills that we loan to our members.

We have five family fun days in the year, this gives parents a chance to enjoy a day out, as we all have children with special needs. As a lot of them find it hard to deal with new situations, if a child is having a bad day there is helpers at hand and no one watching as we are all in the same boat.

We have begun Sensory Parties which are a fun way to help children with touch and smell issues, for some children sand, flour and sticky items are there worst nightmare. Our most recent party was at the pizza house. And for the first time this year we had an outing for our older siblings, who we often forget are careers too.

We provided helpers for the children to attend mainstream Summer camps. They attended arts and crafts camps, let's go, computer camps and your U 5's attended various pre-school summer camps

Special Friends have monthly meetings as a support network for families. These are at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month.

All this would not be possible without the generosity of people from Mitchelstown and the surrounding areas. Enquiries to Heather 087-9107700 or contact us on Facebook www.facebook.com/specialfriendsmitchelstown or sfmitchelstown@hotmail.com

Catholic Grandparents Association: Are holding their Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on Sunday, 8th September 2013.Ceremonies commence at 2.30pm

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Thank you from the Sue Ryder Foundation: The Sue Ryder Foundation would like to thank you for generous donations and support since our recent re-opening at 55 Lower Cork Street. The Sue Ryder Foundation works to provide good quality elderly accommodation, which seeks to enhance the lives of our many residents. We currently operate 5 centres throughout the country providing 24 hour care. So the shop at Lower Cork Street and those dotted around the country make this valuable work possible. Due to popular demand we are continuing our sale for a further week. All clothes, shoes and bric-a-brac are half price. Thanking you for your continued support. Sue Ryder Foundation.

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Barnardos Ireland's leading children's charity is recruiting for Volunteer Coordinators and Volunteer Collectors for their National Collection Day taking place on **Friday, 25th October 2013** in the following Tesco Stores in Co Cork - Douglas, Mahon, Mallow, Midleton, Mitchelstown, Wilton and Paul Street, Cork City. The role of the Volunteer Coordinator is to take overall responsibility for the Flag Day collection in one of the Tesco Stores (in liaison with Barnardos Volunteer Support & Community Engagement Service). The role of the Volunteer Collector is to collect money at one of the Tesco Stores during an agreed 2½ hour time slot. If interested in either role please contact Suzanne on 01-7080431 or email volunteers@barnardos.ie for more information.

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MITCHELSTOWN LIBRARY:

1. Carole Bradley currently has a photographic exhibition in place in Mitchelstown Library. (for the month of August)

On Thursday the 15TH of August she will be compiling more photographs that she would like to put up. These photographs will be taken by children who visit the library on the 15th and Carole will prepare them for display on the 22nd. The children will then have the chance to come back to the Library to see their photographs on display. Should you wish to take part or have any further queries please feel free to contact Liz in the library on 025 41939.

2. Angelina Ballerina story time and dance show will take place in the Library on Tuesday the 27th of August at 2pm. This is a free session provided by Angelina Ballerina dance school.

3. FAS e-learning at the library will begin a new session in September. This will be a 2hr class once a week based in the library. It lasts for 16 weeks and the student will be awarded with a FETAC minor award - level 3in computer literacy. Please contact the library for an application form.

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Ballygiblin gathering June 2013: Ballygiblin gathering DVD covering all the events in June now available from Úna Fitzgerald at Flowers by Úna and Pat O'Sullivan Cycles, Mitchelstown cost €15. It's a memorable present for those at home or abroad. If you have any queries contact Noelle Luddy 087-8158902