

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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Rev. Fr. Greene C.C. Phone: 025-84077. Parish Office: 025-84062 (9am-12pm)

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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

Eucharistic Adoration: Archbishop Fulton Sheen "The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him".

We are looking for adorers for the following hours:

Monday 2-3am.

Monday 8-9am to share

Wednesday 3-4am

Thursday 7-8am to share.

Friday 10-11am

Contact Nora Hogan on 024 41959 or Catherine on 087 7727496

World Migrant and Refugee Sunday, 19th January 2014:

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) report that The Republic of Ireland is now home to over 544,000 non-Irish nationals, representing 199 different nations. 282,799 declared themselves Catholic. The fastest growing groups of non-Irish nationalities living in the Republic of Ireland according to the CSO are Romanian (up 110%), Indian (up 91%), Polish (up 83%), Latvian (up 43%), and Lithuanian (up 40%). (CSO figures). In the latest CSO census (2011), Dublin City (88,038), Fingal (49,517) and Cork County (42,886) had the highest number of non-Irish nationals living in their counties, while Leitrim (3,703) and Longford (5,477) had the lowest numbers. Galway City was the most multi-cultural with 19.4% of its residents recorded as non-Irish.

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Peg – Faithful Sacristan: For 54 years Peg Fitzgerald took care of St. Joseph's Church Killaclogh. As well as keeping the Church in good order, Peg diligently prepared for all ceremonies and supported all priests who came to and went from the Parish. So great was Peg's dedication to Killaclogh Church that she found it hard to leave in the Autumn of 2011. During her time of service Peg received the Papal Award of the Bene Merenti Medal. Archbishop Clifford celebrated her Retirement Mass and a great night was had by all. Just before Christmas Peg died suddenly in Corpus Christi Nursing Home in her 83rd year. Peg is survived by her daughters Bridget and Margaret, sons John and David, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, relatives and many close friends. Peg took over as sacristan in Killaclogh in the late 1950's from a Miss Ellie Dwane, who lived in the old thatched house across from the Church. Peg was born in Caherdrinna, Glocca Maur, lived in Gortnahown, Robert Street and Drough. Peg was widowed at a young age following the death of her late husband David. She worked very hard throughout her life and bore her trials bravely. For many years she enjoyed being involved with T.O. and through many friends in T.O. Park and bingo was one of her favourite pastimes. She is deeply missed by her family and all who knew her and we say thanks to her for all she did in the service of the Parish and of Killaclogh in particular. May She Rest In Peace.

Many Funerals over the Christmas Feast:

Just before Christmas the Community in Ballygiblin was deeply saddened by the deaths of a husband and wife, Nelly and Seán O'Farrell. Seán had just attended the removal of his deceased wife Nelly and after returning to his daughter Siobhán's residence, he died suddenly. It was very sad for his daughters Siobhán, Helen, Maureen and their families. The family were greatly consoled by the selfless support of their relatives and local community. It is a very rare event to have husband and wife die together, but it has been known to happen. Seán had been collecting in Ballygiblin Church for over seventy years since he was a young boy of seventeen. He recently received the Papal Award of the Bene Merenti Medal for his extra-ordinary service to the Church in Ballygiblin. Our prayers and sympathy are with the family in their double grief.

We also sympathise with the family of Tom O'Brien whose wife Kitty also died over Christmas, late of Carraigroe. Our sympathy too, to the Kiely family of Ballinwillin whose dad Paddy was also laid to rest over the Christmas. May they all Rest in Peace and the Lord console their families.

MITCHELSTOWN LIBRARY: 'The Craft and Chat group are having their first meeting at 11am on Wednesday the 8th of January. All are welcome. Don't forget your craft project, be it knitting, crochet or needlepoint.'

MITCHELSTOWN BRANCH CONCERN wishes to sincerely thank all who helped out with the recent 12 hour Fast in November and the Church Gate Collection prior to Christmas. To all who contributed so generously a sincere thank you. The break down was as follows: 12 hour Fast €4,615.50 Church Gate Collection €2153.17. Total: €6,768.67
Paddy Ryan.

Garda Entry Training - Silver Springs Hotel Tivoli Cork
Saturday 1st February 2014. All Details on www.getready.ie

FREE, BASIC, INTRODUCTORY COMPUTER COURSE runs in local Mitchelstown Library. Every Tuesday afternoon for 16 weeks. Commencing Tuesday, January 21st. Small classes. Open to all. Suitable for complete beginner. Stop by the local library or call Edel on 087 394 0145.

Quit Smoking for the New Year: A HSE 6 week Stop Smoking Support Group will commence in the Living Health Centre, Mitchelstown on Wednesday 15th January, at 12nd until 1pm. This Course can be accessed, free of charge by any member of the public wanting support to quit. While the ultimate goal of the course is to eventually be smoke free, the emphasis throughout is on the process of quitting, and moving from one stage to the next to eventually becoming a non smoker. To secure a place on this Course please phone 022/58634 or 022/58637

CINDERELLA - *The Spectacular Family Pantomime*, directed by Kevin McCormack runs for 6 performances only at the Corrin Event Centre, Fermoy on 17th, 18th, 19th and 24th, 25th, 26th January 2014. Over 120 children from Fermoy and surrounding communities will take to the stage in this fun filled family show. Tickets are priced at €12 and are available to buy at Hanley's Newsagents Fermoy or Corrin Event Centre 025 31611.

COPE SAYS THANKS: All in Mitchelstown Branch of Cope Foundation wish to thank sincerely those who contributed so generously to their Christmas Raffle. Thanks also to everybody who supported the Flowers of Hope & Church Gate Collections for Cope during the past year. A Happy & Healthy New Year to all.

New Year at Bright Sparks ... Drop in club available for all ages.. Avail of Toddler Club .. From 12 months upwards 3 hour sessions available
Phone 025 86799 or text 0862653839

As and from the 6th of January 2014, **Mallow General Hospital Campus** will be tobacco free. No smoking will be permitted on hospital grounds. Support is available from the National Smokers Quitline 1850 201 203 or www.quit.ie or local HSE Smoking Cessation Service 022 58634 or 022 58637.

MITCHELSTOWN LAWN TENNIS CLUB AGM
Friday 17th January 7.30pm The Firgrove Hotel
All members welcome

MITCHELSTOWN HEALTHY TOWN

HEALTHY WALKING: Every Tuesday safe guided walks are conducted from John Mandeville New Square at 7 pm covering a choice of 3 km and 5 km routes. A good aerobic walk for 30 minutes will enhance physical and mental well being. Why not join in with a good bunch in the Walking club. It's all free in God's fresh air. Mitchelstown Forum is promoting the Healthy Town Project.

KEEP FIT FOR SCHOOL PARENTS: Start the New Year with positivity. The resolution to join Fun Aerobics for School Parents Every Tuesday morning at 9.30am. It is conducted in the comfortable and spacious St. Fanahan's Hall. Keeping in shape means a more enjoyable well being. Like the truth in the old saying it is likened to having an apple a day to keep the doctor away. Be part of the transformation. It is graded to suits beginners upwards. New comers especially welcome.

New Year Greetings: Ballindangan Community Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all A Very Happy New Year and welcome in 2014.

The Monday Morning Club - Ballindangan Hall. The first meeting for the New Year is next Monday January 13th at 10.30am. This is an open invitation to all would like to call in on Monday morning from 10.30am for a cuppa and a chat. A nominal fee of €2 each is for hire of the hall.

Ballindangan Hall Schedule

The New Year is off to a flying start in Ballindangan Hall with a busy schedule.

Monday: Monday Morning Club 10.30am (13/01/2014)

Pilates with Eilís Fitzgerald 8pm

Tuesday: Tai-Chi with Ian Snaith 7.45pm

Fortnightly Lotto Draw 8pm (14/01/2014)

Wednesday: Fitness for Teens - Seniors of ALL fitness levels with Pa O' Brien 7.30pm

Thursday: Tai Chi with Ian Snaith 7.45pm

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 18th December 2013:

1st Prize: €1200 M. Fitzmaurice, Williamstown, Galway.

2nd Prize: €400 B. Mulqueen, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.

3rd Prize: €200 M. O'Mahony, Castleisland, Co. Kerry.

4th Prize: €100 T. McKinney, Derry.

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. E. Harvey, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.

2. D. O'Gorman, Derry City.

3. E. McGarrigle, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh.

4. N. Boyle, Ballybane, Galway.

5. J. Shanahan, Castleisland, Co. Kerry.

6. M. Power, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 15th January 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. Wishing all our friends and supporters a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.