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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

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

Laura Lynn Foundation fundraising Table Quiz.

A group of interested locals in Conjunction with the Drive to Survive Group are hosting a **Fundraising Table Quiz** for the children's hospice charity The Laura Lynn Foundation, on **Friday 24th April at 9.15pm sharp in The Hunters Rest**, Mitchelstown. The cost is €40 per team all funds raised will go towards the amazing work to ease the suffering of children with long term illnesses and those nearing the end of their journey & their families at the Laura Lynn House.

First opened in 2011 the state of the art facility known as the Children's Sunshine Home has 8 palliative care beds, which supports families, at no cost to them. This doesn't come cheap however, it is for this reason that this Table Quiz is being run. Partners in organising the quiz are the Drive to Survive Group who raised over €30,000 by driving 1,000 miles in Model T Cars across Ireland in 2013. This phenomenal milestone has encouraged them to join with Laura Lynn & support their work. A great night is promised, John Hickey is lined up as Quizmaster which always ensures a wide variety of topics to suit all interests, a raffle & refreshments will be served after, we hope people shall come out in numbers to support such a worthy cause.

Through the keyhole; a look at the Heritage Houses of County Cork.

Mitchelstown Heritage Society is delighted to announce it is hosting U.C.C. Lecturer Dr. Maria Elena Turk, primary author of Cork County Councils latest publication; "Heritage Houses of County Cork", on **Thursday, April 23rd @ 8.15pm in Mitchelstown Town Hall**. This event is open to the public, there is no charge for this event.

Dr. Turk, is the primary author of this companion piece to last year's publication; "Heritage Bridges of County Cork", written in conjunction with Tobar Archaeological Services & the Heritage Department of Cork County Council, this illustrated, full colour publication looks on the development of houses over time, using examples from throughout Cork, from simple farmers cottages, and Bronze Age settlements, through Tower Houses, Ascendancy Houses and much more. Mitchelstown's beautiful Georgian Square; King Square features in the book. Refreshments will be served afterwards, all are welcome to this free event. Heritage Houses of County Cork is available in book shops now.

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Feast of Mercy: At present the terror group ISIS are showing no mercy, they are punishing, torturing and killing innocent men, women and children. In contrast, our merciful God is offering all those who are involved in the greatest evil and sin every opportunity to receive full pardon and forgiveness and the assurance of a place in Heaven.

In a series of apparitions to the Polish Nun, Sr. Faustina, between 1925-1938, Jesus requested the Feast of Mercy that is celebrated throughout the world today. These are the words of Jesus to St. Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world of my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow, are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet". (*Diary no 699*).

At all Masses this weekend let us open our hearts to the great mercy of God. The Image of Merciful Jesus will be blessed and venerated. This Sunday afternoon Confessions will be available from 2.30pm. The Devotions will begin at 2.00pm and conclude with Mass at 4.00pm. Fr. Tom Sinnott, Chaplain in Portlaoise Prison will be the main celebrant. Fr. Tom and a number of other priests will also be available for Confession.

Let us open our hearts and rejoice in this great Feast.

Nominees to the Parish Pastoral Council: A number of nominees have already been delivered to the Parish and we expect that many will be delivered at Masses this weekend. In the coming days all nominees will be consulted and invited to an information meeting, to explain in detail the Parish Pastoral Council and to give nominees the opportunity to ask questions. Nominees will be given time to reflect and pray before proceeding further. **What is this Parish Pastoral Council you may ask?** It is the gathering of parishioners whose task it is to look at the faith life of the parish, to see where it can be improved, to draw up a programme and to begin to implement it.

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady: As Catholics, images and statues are reminders to us of God's presence and love. We don't worship statues, but we hold them and place them in our homes and in other buildings, to remind us that the living God is with us. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available for visitation to the homes of the parish. If you would like to have the statue for a week, contact the Parish Office, the Sacristy or a Legion of Mary Member.

Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance from 3pm to 6pm. Big acts have been confirmed, for what will be a great evening of song and dance in the **Firgrove Hotel on Sunday 19th April**. Louise Morrissey, Jo Cooke and Southern Beat, Dave Mulcahy and Tony Corbett - Southern Star, Jimmy O'Donoghue, The Fogarty Family, Michael Fogarty - World Champion Irish Dancer. All monies raised from this event will go towards bringing the sick and special needs children to Lourdes. All support will be greatly appreciated. Tickets can be got from Eddie Walsh Treasure Chest or O'Brien's Auctioneers Office or on the door for only 10 euro.

Enrich your marriage on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Spend a weekend away discovering the full potential of your marriage. Enjoy real quality time together free from external pressures and interruptions. Develop a new way of sharing your thoughts and feelings with your husband or wife. Irrespective of how long you are married, this is a unique weekend experience that every good marriage deserves. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be from the **17th to 19th April 2015** (8:00 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday) at the Cork International Hotel, Cork. For information and bookings visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone [086 8334382](tel:0868334382) or [087-2162436](tel:0872162436).

Mitchelstown Community Council Elections will be held in the near future in six areas. Also Allotments available: Anyone who would be interested in leasing one of our newly open allotments can contact Ballyhoura office on 025-85213 for more details.

National Pioneer Ball, Charleville Park Hotel, Charleville, Co. Cork on Saturday 18th April 2015. Ceol & Craic. Tickets €30 each. For Further information, contact Mary Holland (027) 63384 or Sorcha Ui Laoghaire (086) 3642619. E-mail sorchaol@gmail.com. Special Accommodation Rates Available Phone (063) 33700.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: Meeting this Monday, 13th April, At 7 p.m. In **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** *New Members always welcome*

Safe Pass Course being held in Kilbehenny on Friday, 24th April.
Contact 087 9270020 for more information.

Youth 2000 Mitchelstown is now changing its meeting time to **Tuesday nights, 8-10pm, in the Town Hall.** Youth 2000 Mitchelstown is part of an international movement of young Catholics, who have discovered the joy and beauty of their Catholic faith and want to help other young people to discover it too. Youth 2000 Mitchelstown meets weekly for prayer, music, reflection and a cup of tea and a chat afterwards! Youth 2000 is a fantastic way to get to know other young Catholics and learn more about your Catholic faith, and is always open to newcomers from 16 - 35 years of age. For more information on the local prayer meeting or upcoming retreats, festivals and social events, check out the Youth Section of the Parish Website or go to [Welcome to the Youth 2000 website](#)

Monday Morning Club. On Monday next, April 13th Carmel Smyth will be showing all in attendance how to make your own greeting cards. If you haven't done before, I'm sure Carmel will have you making masterpieces. If interested please contact Norma at 086-8332623 to book a place. Ballindangan Hall at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

BALLYHOURA Development Ltd are currently recruiting participants for LOCAL TRAINING INITIATIVES TASTER PROGRAMMES coming up in the coming weeks. There is a choice of Outdoor Recreation, Retail Skills, Employability Skills, Catering Furniture Restoration, Wood Turning, Introduction to Carpentry, Wood Carving and Logistics & Distribution. These taster sessions vary in length between one morning and 2 days. These are free and open to everyone. To register for these taster programmes, please call Sadie Allen Ballyhoura Development 025-85213

Mitchelstown Level 5 TASTER Logistics and Distribution Local Training Initiative

Venue: Mitchelstown LTI

Date: 29th April

Time: 10am to 12pm.

Event: Coffee morning with a sample of our course and the opportunities available to progress on completion; learners will give a brief of their experience to date on this course and Jennifer Marshall from Noel recruitment will also give information on the employment market for graduates from the Aldi perspective. To register please call Sadie Allen Ballyhoura Development 025-85213

There are a number of places becoming available in the **Awbeg Community Employment Scheme:** 2 Caretakers, 2 Secretarial, 2 Recreation Officers, 1 Assistant in Day Care Centre. CV to be sent to Awbeg Funcheon Office, 20 Baldwin St, Mitchelstown Co. Cork

Ballygiblin N.S. Parent Council - Dates for your diary

-New and used clothes collection on 7th May start collecting now!

-Collecting used mobile phones which can be exchanged for resources for the school such as I pads. They can be dropped to school or contact Noelle 087-8158902.

Ozanam Computer Centre

• Manual & Computerised Payroll – Fetac Level 5.

Commencing Wednesday Evening 15th April

• Business Administration - Fetac Level 5.

Commencing Thursday Evening 16th April

Contact 025 84733 email: svpmitchelstown@gmail.com

Killaclaug Church Choir: We are delighted to welcome our new singers who have joined the choir in recent weeks. We are still looking for more singers and musicians, everyone welcome! Choir practices will be arranged to learn the hymns. Come along any Sundays that you are available. Meet us any Sunday at 10.30am Mass or contact Cairtriona on 086-3760487 if you are interested.

URGENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND: A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish secretary on 025 / 84062, Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon and she will reissue one for you. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing of the refund. Please complete, and return forms, in the stamped addressed envelope sent to you, no later than Wednesday, 15th April.