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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 O'Leary is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Do you need some help with the Driver Theory Test? Mitchelstown Adult Education Centre will be taking applications for the upcoming 8 week course commencing Tuesday 7th of October. Tuesday Mornings 12 to 1.30pm

FETAC/QQI Level 3 Course in Digital Photography now enrolling. Tuesday Mornings 9.30am to 11.30am. This course will enable you to use all the menu functions of a digital camera including selecting the correct aperture, ISO and shutter speed so you will take more pleasing photographs. You will also develop an understanding of how different photographic techniques are achieved and understand how to overcome different faults that can occur. You will build a portfolio of work throughout this course and display a selection of your photographs mounted correctly.

FETAC/QQI Level 4 Course in Childcare now enrolling. Wednesday Mornings 9.30am to 1pm. This course will cover the Level 4 components Child Development & Play and Childcare & Safety. A limited of number of places are available. For any of the above courses contact Nuala on 086 6823717

Mitchelstown Community Council would like to thank the Parishioners of Mitchelstown Parish and the surrounding areas for their kind donations towards the collection held for Fr. Greene, who moved recently to Carrigtwohill. Amount collected was €2,150; this will be given to Fr. Greene on a date yet to be arranged. The Committee would also like to thank Mitchelstown Credit Union, for facilitating the collection. Mitchelstown Community Council would like to wish Fr. Greene every success in his new Parish.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Meeting this Monday, 13th October, at 7 p.m. In Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

New Members always welcome

NET Presents: Youth Group!

Every Monday from 7-9pm, starting on October 13th. Drop by the Mitchelstown town hall for fun, food, & to learn a little more about the faith! Open to any & all secondary-aged students. See you there!

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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October 13th 1917: Almost one hundred years ago the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. They were Lucia, aged 9, Francesco, aged 7 and Jacinta, aged 6. Our Lady appeared six times to them on the 13th of each month, between May and October 1917. Many disbelieved the children and made fun of them, so they asked their vision to perform a miracle, so that people would believe that what they told was true. In the July apparition Our Lady told the children, that in October she would perform a miracle, so that all would believe. In the July apparition, Our Lady showed the children a vision of Hell and she told them that many souls go there, because there was nobody to pray or make sacrifice for them. It was then, that she gave them the prayer that we say between the decades of the Rosary "O Jesus forgive us for our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy". This was the principal message of Our Lady of Fatima: her sorrow for the souls who would go to Hell forever. She then revealed, that God wished to establish devotion to Her Immaculate Heart in the world and by this means many souls would be saved.

In 1917 the First World War was raging and Our Lady requested during all six apparitions the daily recitation of the Rosary. She predicted that the war would soon end (which it did in the fall of 1918). But, she also said, if mankind didn't cease to offend God, a greater war would come. She specifically requested the Consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart, because she said, Russia would spread her errors throughout the world (Communism, a world without God) promoting wars and persecution of the church. She requested the first five Saturdays Holy Communion of reparation, in order to prevent this. She warned of the dangers of Nations being annihilated, if what she requested was not done.

In the October apparition, she revealed herself as the Lady of the Rosary and she pleaded with mankind to stop offending God. Even though up to this point there had been torrential rain all that morning, the clouds parted and the sun appeared spinning in the sky and emitting a host of beautiful colours. Then the sun seemed to leave its position in the sky and come toward the 70,000 crowd watching, everyone cried out for mercy and the sun retreated to its normal position once again. This is known as the miracle of the sun at Fatima and the vast crowd, most especially the unbelievers, went home repentant. In these dark days, let us re-study the events of Fatima and live the message that Our Lady gave almost a 100 years ago.

The Parish Office has now got a new supply of **Parish Radios** for sale at €20 each.

Cenacolo Meeting: The Cenacolo meeting for parents and families affected by alcohol and drug abuse will take place **this Monday night, 13th October , in the Marina Hall (near Supervalu Car park) at 8.00pm.** This meeting is held every two weeks. All are welcome. Contact Margaret 085 – 120 0002.

MITCHELSTOWN TODDLER GROUP are having a **Coffee Morning** on **Thursday 23rd October** in the foyer of **Supervalu** from **10am to 1pm** to raise money for the Toddler group.

Ballygiblin National School Parents Council - A date for your diary: we are holding a **Fundraising Clothes Collection on 6th November 2014** at the school. More details closer to date.

The Sue Ryder Foundation, Mitchelstown: We are at present appealing for donations of clothes, Bric a Brac, shoes and toys. Also records, tapes, CDs, DVDs, bed linen and curtains. We are also looking for good quality furniture. Collection can be arranged. Please call in and see our new look store. We have an extensive range of Autumn/winter fashions. There are bargains to be had in all areas of the store. *Thank you for your continued support. The Sue Ryder Foundation.*

Courses at Ozanam Centre, Mitchelstown

New ECDL: Tuesday Nights, Thursday Mornings.

Web Design: Wednesday Nights. **Beginners Typing:** Thursday Nights

*Details of all our courses can be viewed on our website www.ozanamcomputers.com
Queries: Phone 025 84733*

FUN CLUB EACH MONDAY FOR PRESCHOOLERS: Lets your child have a play date with other children of same age. Activities include Baking / Cooking, Gardening, P.E./Exercises, Music & Dance. Children arrive at 12.15pm, where they have their dinner, followed by different planned activities each week. Price €14 includes dinner and materials. 12.15pm to 2.15pm at **BRIGHT SPARKS CHILDCARE CENTRE MITCHELSTOWN** 025-86799 or 086-2653839

Tipperary Gospel Choir and Guests In a special music evening at **Shraherla Church, Knockanevin** on **Friday, October 17th at 8.00pm sharp.** Hosted by T.O. Park. Admission €10. Refreshments at Park afterwards. To book your seat call Deci on (086) 4005727 or Stella on (025) 24009 or T.O. on (025) 84372 and leave a message. Tickets can be purchased at Thornhills Pharmacy, Kildorrery or from Marian at O'Brien's Auctioneers, Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown.

Susan Burke Memorial Dance in aid of The National Council for the Blind will take place at **T.O. Park on Monday, October 30th at 8.30pm** onwards. Music by Adrian Ryan. Light refreshments served. Admission only €10.

Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? Would you consider becoming a Pioneer? Through prayer and this self-sacrifice, you can help someone. If you would like any information on becoming a Pioneer and what it entails, please give your name to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan and one of the Pioneer Council members will contact you.

Mitchelstown Community Preschool: We have a one place available in the preschool for this year. For more details please contact the school at 087-3377 618 or Mary Milward at 086-883 2533.

Mitchelstown Town Hall – All bookings for the use of Mitchelstown Town Hall are now being taken by Mitchelstown Parish Office. You can ring Patricia on 025 – 84062 during office hours Monday to Friday, 9am to 12 noon, after office hours please e-mail your details to mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net and Patricia will get back to you.

Youth 2000 Mitchelstown: Youth 2000 Mitchelstown is now changing its meeting time to Friday 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 www.youth2000.ie

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: This is an innovative approach to the religious formation of children both spiritually and educationally. It is grounded in sacred scripture, the liturgy of the Church and the spiritual and educational principles of Dr. Marie Montessori. It respects the relationship between God and the child and nourishes that relationship. Using concrete materials (such as 3D figures) the children are introduced to a biblical text or a liturgical moment. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd allows children to experience and know Jesus and the faith we profess at a deeper level. **As of October 10th 2014 and every Friday during the school terms,** the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will take place in the **Town Hall** at the following times: 3.00pm – 4.00pm for Children aged four to eight. Limited number of places available so if you want your child to be part of this experience please contact Angela Kelleher on 0879597623. To learn more about this method log onto www.cgs.ie

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association National Draw 2014 – 2015:

Mitchelstown Branch P.T.A.A. are major promoters of the private members national fundraising draw to help in the promotion of temperance, especially among young people here in Ireland & pioneers in the developing world. The private members monthly draw which anyone is free to join, has been held over the past 13 years, proved most successful as a national fundraising event, so once again the National Fundraising Committee & Board of Management have decided to run the national members draws again, **BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 19TH 2014 & CONTINUING EACH MONTH UNTIL APRIL 2015, INCLUSIVE.** The 1st Prize each month will be €1200, 2nd €400, 3rd €200 & 4th €100. There will also be 6 promoters' prizes of €40. Each membership is €7 per month, subscribers who pay for the 6 months in advance of the 1st draw, need only pay €40. Those wishing to join can do so by contacting any member of Mitchelstown, Fermoy or Rathcormac Pioneer Councils or any pioneer council member in their area. Mitchelstown local Promoter **John Casey 087 / 6477897**, Fermoy – **Emer Howard 086 – 8459439** or **Catherine Morrison 025 - 31519** or **Pioneer Association, 27 Upper Sherrard St. Dublin (01) 8749464.** 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. *“If you're not in you can't win”.*

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice in honour of their deceased loved ones! You can do likewise. Take the short-term Pioneer pledge this November. If interested please give your names to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council members.