

DIABETES INFORMATION EVENING

Venue: LIVINGHEALTH CLINIC

Wed. 17th June 7:30 p.m.

Topics discussed will include:

- Sight threatening complications of Diabetes
- Treatment of Diabetes
- Function of the Diabetes Federation
- Dietary advice
- Role of the Diabetes Nurse in treating diabetes

This is a free information evening open to the general public, people with diabetes, their families and carers.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Window Boxes for Senior Citizens:

The Project Committee of the Mitchelstown Community Council, under the Chairmanship of Seán Finn, recently donated 20 window boxes, filled with various coloured Pansies, to the Senior Citizens of Tearmann Ui Caoimh, who were delighted with them.

The Project Committee are also about to undertake the cleaning of the flower bed and repair to the ground near the flower bed and also the painting of the garden seat in the same vicinity.

The Hon. Sec. Of the Tearmann Ui Caoimh Project, Michael King, thanked the Chairman and his Project Committee members, for this lovely gesture, which will improve the surroundings of the centre, he said.

Mitchelstown Area Community Games, including Araglin, Glanworth, Kildorrery & Kilworth will hold their A.G.M. on **Wed, June 17th**, in the C.B.S. Secondary, at **8.30 p.m.**

Everyone welcome to attend.

I received a lovely Thank You letter during the week from Fr. Gerry White of the Community of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, thanking the Priests & Parishioners of Mitchelstown for our warm welcome & hospitality shown to him during his stay with us over the 31st May weekend. He especially wanted me to thank you all on his behalf for your wonderful generosity shown in his collection, he received €2800 & was very grateful to you all for it. You are all in his Prayers.

Fr. Michael.

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“Come to me”

On Friday next, June 19th, the Church celebrates the feast of the **“Sacred Heart of Jesus”**. This feast originated with a French nun Sr. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647 – 1690). She had four great visions, in which Christ revealed His Sacred Heart to her. Beginning in December on the feast of St. John the Evangelist, in 1673. Flames were rising from the Heart of Jesus, it was crowned with thorns and it was bleeding. He said: **“My Divine Heart** is so inflamed with love for mankind, and for you in particular, that being unable any longer to contain within itself the flames of its burning charity, it must spread them abroad through you”. In the second vision, Sr. Margaret said: “Jesus assured me that we must honour the Heart of God under the figure of this heart of flesh”. The third vision was on a 1st Friday (month unspecified) Christ especially directed her to receive Holy Communion on the 1st Friday of each month. The fourth and greatest vision, took place within the octave of Corpus Christi in the year 1676. Before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Sr. Margaret heard these tremendous words: **“Behold this Heart which has so loved mankind that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself in order to prove its love to them”**. Then Christ asked her that the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi should be set apart for a special feast to honour His Heart, Communion was to be received on that day and reparation made by a solemn act.

A number of promises were also given to Sr. Margaret to all those who venerate and honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus and especially through displaying the picture of the Sacred Heart in the home – that there would be great Blessing for the family.

Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you.

<p>Clergy: Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Phone: 025-84090 Canon O’Leary Phone: 025-84088 Fr. James Greene Phone: 025-84077 <u>Priest on Sick call this week is:</u> Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. <i>Emergency Contact Number:</i> 087 - 2524979</p>	<p><u>Mass Times:</u> <i>Church Of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:</i> Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30 p.m. Sunday & Holyday: 8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m., 12 p.m. & 7.30 p.m. 1st Friday: 7.30 p.m. Weekday: 8.30 a.m. & 10 a.m. <u>Morning Prayer:</u> Mon – Fri. at 8 a.m. <i>Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin:</i> Sunday & Holyday: 9.30 a.m. 1st Friday: 7.30 p.m. <i>St. Joseph’s Church, Killacraig:</i> Sunday & Holyday: 10.30 a.m. 1st Friday: 8.15 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Confession Times:</u> <i>Mitchelstown:</i> Sat, Eves of Holydays & Eves of 1st Fridays. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. <i>Ballygiblin:</i> 1st Friday 7 p.m. <i>Kilacraig:</i> before 1st Friday Mass.</p>	<p><u>Year for Priests:</u> The Church’s ‘Year for Priests’ is due to commence later this month on June 19th. As patron for the year, Pope Benedict has chosen St John Vianney, the Cure of Ars famed for his passionate preaching. During this year, a directory for confessors & spiritual directors will be published, along with a compilation of texts by the Pope on the core issues of the life & mission of priests in the modern times. According to a Vatican communiqué, a key goal will be to address “the need to intensify the permanent formation of priests”. The year should provide a welcome opportunity for the entire Church, priests and people, to reflect on the role of priesthood and responsibility we all share for promoting & fostering the unique vocation of the priest.</p>
<p><u>Eucharistic Healing Hour of Adoration:</u> A public hour of Adoration will be held in the Parish Church. <u>Every Thursday night from 9p.m. to 10p.m.</u></p>	
<p><i>Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.</i> Plato.</p>	

Confirmation Boys & Girls & the Pledge:
For many years when boys & girls were confirmed, on the same day they took a pledge to abstain from alcohol until they were 18 years of age. Then it was decided to give boys & girls a chance to think about taking the pledge before they made their decision. By taking it automatically on Confirmation day this could put pressure on the boys & girls, it was also felt they might be less likely to keep it. **So now we invite the boys & girls to become young pioneers & to take the pledge to abstain from alcohol until they are 16 years of age.** This year the pledge will be given at the **Saturday Evening Mass June 20th at 7.30 p.m.** Because of the dangers of alcohol, we strongly encourage the boys & girls to take the pledge until they are 16 years. They can then decide to extend their pledge or become full members of the Pioneer Association, if they so wish. Respect & temperate use of alcohol is so important in our society today. It is important that we encourage & support the boys & girls in their decision. The Youth 2000 Group will lead the singing at the Mass, instead of the Sunday evening Mass June 21st.

Festival of the Galtees:
The committee of the Festival would like to thank most sincerely all those who helped in any way to make this year’s festival the success it was.
A special thank you, to the Mitchelstown MBA (Claudia Richardson & her team) & Ballyhoura (Sadie Allen) for the wonderful show they put on for the children on the Saturday.
Also to the two contestants who put their names forward for the King or Queen Contest, Mary O’Dwyer & Eddie O’Donnell. On the night Mary O’Dwyer was crowned Queen.
We would like to especially thank our outgoing Queen, Kitty Boland, who raised money for several local charities including the sheltered housing during her year as Queen of the Galtees.
The funds raised, when all bills are paid, go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the sheltered housing project for our senior citizens in James Street.
Finally, Mr. White as Chairman of the Festival, on behalf of himself and the Committee members would like to say thanks again to one and all for the great support we received from the people of Mitchelstown & the catchment areas.