

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY**

**Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.**

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

Mark Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> as a very special date in your diary when the newly-formed 60-piece Cork Concert Orchestra will give a Recital entitled 'Mozart To Morricone' in the Parish Church at 8.15pm. The recital is presented by North Cork Classical Music with the help of Cork County Council. Tickets are €15 and are now available at Hyland's Bookshop. Full details on The Avondhu.

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### **Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre**

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown

Tel: **0761 07 8030** E-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie)

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Monday & Thursday: 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

### **Prayer for Healing and Comfort**

O Lord,

Only you know how hard life has been for me.

Only you have seen each moment of my day and night.

Only you feel my pain and understand my discomfort.

Only you are beside me through my grief and sorrow.

Only you have been within each moment to comfort me.

O Lord, break through the loneliness of my suffering.

You have encountered sorrow and laid a glorious path

Of hope, healing and the promise of heaven in my heart.

Amen.

**Sexual Chastity and Purity:** One of the most beautiful and powerful gifts the Lord has given us is our sexuality. But it must be revered and respected. When our sexuality is misused, it can be ugly, destructive to ourselves and others and addictive. It also destroys Christian faith. In our Catholic Christian tradition, chastity is synonymous with sexual purity. Chastity means not having any sexual relations before marriage. Many today would dismiss that as old fashioned and yet we all know, deep in our hearts, there is something beautiful when a couple wait until they are married. It is a major news story now when a celebrity announces that they are waiting until marriage. The loss of chastity in today's world of free and easy sex has caused a lot of pain and heartbreak and for some people it has made them incapable of finding a true and loving relationship. The power and pleasure of sex when misused causes a lot of pain and destruction. The Church will be accused of being old fashioned – yet if we don't teach and preach sexual chastity to young people and remain silent, we are robbing the young people of true happiness in their relationships. The easy availability of contraceptives has destroyed the natural beauty of sexuality and of true pure love.

Chastity also means fidelity to husband or wife during marriage. In catholic morality chastity is placed opposite the deadly sin of lust, and is classified as one of seven virtues. The moderation of sexual desires is required to be virtuous. This also applies to people who have taken vows of celibacy. Jesus teaches us in Mark chapter 7, 20: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of person's heart, that evil thoughts come: sexual immorality etc ....." Jesus also taught in the Gospel of Matthew: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God".

If we want to take Jesus seriously, we must take purity seriously. In today's world where lust and love are one, this is a challenging teaching, but it is teaching of the Saviour. He knows our need for happiness and he knows what will give the greatest joy to the human heart and that is being able to master oneself. He also knows about the immodesty and pornography that is making His teaching see, irrelevant. Let us always remember He wants us to have happy and truly loving relationships, not ones that are based on lust and selfishness. May the Holy Spirit inspire a new wave of purity in Ireland and in the world.

**A word of Thanks** to everybody for participating in last Sunday's Corpus Christi procession. Thanks especially to the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion children, their parents, teachers and helpers. Thanks to everybody who worked behind the scenes to prepare for the event. Thanks too, to all who decorated their home and businesses. You all brought joy to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and for that you have brought the Blessing of God down on our community. Let us always be devoted to the Holy Eucharist and to Mass. In 304, in North Africa in a place called Abitinia, 49 Christians were caught celebrating Mass, they were arrested and put to death by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Before he died one of them said: "Without the Eucharist we are dead ". Let us always be faithful to the Eucharist.

**Sr. Perpetua O'Dwyer, R.I.P.** - When Sr. Perpetua O'Dwyer passed away last month, all of us in Bunscoil na Toirbhirte were very sad. She spent her teaching career in our school, and was school Principal from 1973-1979. After her term as Principal she returned to mainstream teaching and taught Second Class until 1991 whereupon she retired. She moved with the Presentation Sisters to Fermoy in 2002, when the local convent closed down. To honour her memory, we are offering our End of School Year Mass for the happy repose of her soul. This Mass will take place in the school yard on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15 a.m.** weather permitting or in the school hall if it is wet. We invite any parishioners who may be interested to attend this Mass. The Presentation Sisters in Fermoy have been invited. Sr. Perpetua was a lady, and gave her life to the young people of Mitchelstown. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

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**Interior Design Workshop at the Firgrove Hotel.** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 8.15pm – 9.45pm. Admission €10 See examples of “Before & After” Design projects – Discover your home’s true potential. Bring along photos or plans of your home and get professional advice on Colour, Lighting, Spatial planning and much more. There will also be a Question & Answer Session. For more details contact Gerry Condon, Interior Architect on 086-8505984 or e-mail [gerrycondondesign@eircom.net](mailto:gerrycondondesign@eircom.net).

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#### **Summer Camps at Bright Sparks.....for July & August.**

Different line up of activities each week.9am-12pm daily cost €15 per day or €60 per week. Ring 025/86799 to book in your child or text 086/2653839.

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**Killacluig Church Choir:** New members always welcome. Talk to any choir member after 10.30am mass each Sunday. Please note, there will be no choir on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Choir practices will be arranged over the summer months. More details to follow.

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**Mitchelstown PTAA Mass and Presentations:** Presentation of Ten Year, Golden and Silver Jubilarian Badges, Fr. Cullen Medal, 10 Year Certificate, 40 Year, 60 Year, 70 Year Diploma’s, will take place at a **SPECIAL MASS** in the **Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown, On Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.** If you think you are eligible, please contact Catherine Hanley (Secretary) 087-7727496, Pat McEvoy (Sacristan) or any member of the local Pioneer Council. For more details please see Church notice board.

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**NCBI SHOP MITCHELSTOWN** would like to make an appeal for donations, we take ornaments, tea sets, glassware, household, ladies and men’s clothes etc. The NCBI shop is situated at the top of the Square, easy parking. The shop sells a variety of goods new and pre-owned, well worth a visit. **The shop supports The National Council for the Blind of Ireland, we would appreciate your help in increasing our donations.** Contact Isobel tel: 0871254900

**ALL WELCOME** to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for their **Annual End of Year Mass**, to thank God for a wonderful school year. This Mass will be celebrated in the **Parish Church on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11.15am.**

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**ZUMBA Classes** will commence in Ballindangan Hall on Saturday mornings at 11am from June 20<sup>th</sup> next. Suitable from the age of 12 years old & upwards. Cost €7 per class. Everyone welcome.

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#### **Darkness into Light Open Meeting, Firgrove Hotel,**

**8.00pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

*By Michelle Butler Cooke*

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of May I walked from Darkness into Light for Pieta House. It was a very moving experience. The message was “Let the Light Shine” and it did, as thousands of people wound their way around Thomand Park in Limerick. To me they flowed like a steady stream of consciousness, calling people to join in solidarity with the hundreds of people and families struggling with depression in our country.

If we are to let the Light Shine we must acknowledge that each of us has a light inside us. This Light can be dimmed by fear, anger, jealousy, hate and malice. It can be ignited by love, encouragement solidarity, patience, kindness, gentleness and trust. The latter embodies the qualities of the society which I want to live in and bring up my children in.

All over the country people are taking action. They are running, cycling, walking for their chosen charity. These charities give support, healing, hope to people who are often suffering in isolation and in silence. We get so much back when we give a little of ourselves to others and it is empowering to be part of a movement such as ‘From Darkness into Light’.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm, in The Firgrove Hotel, a Public Meeting will take place to discuss the possibility of Mitchelstown hosting Darkness into Light in 2016. I know many people in the community have participated in the walk in venues such as Mallow, UCC, Kilmallock and are keen supporters of Pieta House and the work that they accomplish.

I believe that bringing Darkness into Light would be beneficial for Mitchelstown; it would strengthen our community, spiritually, emotionally and socially.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> we will discuss if there is a desire amongst people in Mitchelstown, to host this event. If there is, we will proceed by setting up a working committee and making an application to Darkness into Light before their August closing date.

All are welcome to attend and any advice about moving forward with this project are welcomed to be emailed to; [mcooke35@hotmail.com](mailto:mcooke35@hotmail.com)

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Look and you will see, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened onto you