

**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.

1<sup>st</sup> 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. - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30p.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLAULIG:**

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 8.15p.m.

**CONFESSION TIMES:**

**MITCHELSTOWN:** Saturday, Eves of Holydays: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

**NEW:** After Saturday Evening Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.

**BALLYGIBLIN:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7p.m. **KILLAULIG:** before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass.

**CLERGY:**

V. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Phone: 025-84090.

V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F. Phone: 025-84088

Rev. Fr. Greene C.C. Phone: 025-84077.

Parish Office: 025-84062

**E-MAIL:** [mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net) **DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAY**

**Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday. Parish Website: [www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)**

**Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979**

**HELP AND SUPPORT IN THE MITCHELSTOWN AREA**

*Your GP is an excellent place to start if you have a worry and can work with you or refer you to other health professionals*

**SOUTH DOC** Out of hours 1850 33 59 99

**Living Health Clinic:** 025-52000

**Gardaí, Mitchelstown** 025 84833

**St. Vincent de Paul** 025-84733

**Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS)** 0761 07 2440

**1 Life - 24-hour Suicide Prevention Helpline:** 1800 247100

**Community Drugs Project Worker:** Mary Mackesy 086 – 043 9702 [mary@cdys.ie](mailto:mary@cdys.ie)

**Seniors Helpline** (10am-1pm & 7-10pm) 1850 440 444

**North Cork Domestic Violence:** 022-53915

**Child line (24hr)** 1800 666 666

**Social Welfare Office, Fermoy** Tel.025-49010

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30-12.00 & 2.00-4.00

**Community Welfare Officer, Mitchelstown.** Tel. 025-84238

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Meetings held in Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown every Tuesday night @ 8.45p.m. & every Sunday morning 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Gamblers Anonymous (GA)** meeting in Mitchelstown every Monday night at 8pm.

Please contact GA on 087 2859552 for further details.

**North Cork Alzheimer's Society** (022) 43322 Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**The Abortion Debate:** Legislation to allow abortion in certain limited cases has been passed by the Dáil. For a number of T.D.'s this proposal has caused much agony and even the loss of their senior political positions. What will be the effect of this legislation? Will it make women's life safer? Will it affect the safety of the unborn? Will it open the floodgates to abortion on demand? Will it make abortion more acceptable in our country? What affect will it have on our medical profession and the nursing profession? Many questions remain and only time will answer them. We all accept that for many women and men pregnancy is a great joy, but we also know for a number of women and men, particularly women, pregnancy can be a great crisis. Do we do enough to help parents and women in particular, in a crisis pregnancy? Many women and parents who find themselves in this situation are tempted to act in haste a deeply regret going for an abortion later. For all of us who cherish human life, regardless of this legislation, we must continue to support and encourage those in crisis pregnancy to reflect calmly and to seek help from Cura and other caring agencies. We encourage all in difficulty to go and find a trusted person if a crisis pregnancy occurs. A crisis pregnancy is very understandable, but with help, mothers can get through it without resorting to abortion. It needs also to be stated that any person hurt or affected by an abortion, should know that there is help and support available. Take courage and seek that help and the healing of the Lord.

**Cura National Helpline: Locall 1850 622626 Operates: Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 9.30 pm Saturday 10 am to 5 pm. Email: [curacares@cura.ie](mailto:curacares@cura.ie)**

**Rachel's Vineyard: Bernadette 087 – 859 2877 [www.rachelsvineyard.ie](http://www.rachelsvineyard.ie)**

**Prayer for the Child in the Womb**

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life.

Reawaken in us respect for every human life.

Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator.

Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift.

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives.

May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected  
Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death.

Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all.

Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature,  
Help us to choose life in every decision we take.

We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, *pray for us.* All the Saints of Ireland, *pray for us.*

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

### Special Friends 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cycle & Fun Day

Will take place on the 31<sup>st</sup> August

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**ANCESTOR RESEARCH:** Anyone wishing to trace their Family History and wish to see the Parish Records, **MUST** make an appointment through the **Parish Office, on (025) 84062** During office hours 9am to 12noon only. Or e-mail:

**mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net**. *There is a fee for this service.*

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**Marriage & Relationship Counselling:** ACCORD offers a safe, professional and confidential process facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage & relationship. Accord Counsellors are trained to the highest professional standards. Our training is accredited by the National Association of Pastoral Counsellor and Psychotherapists. Counselling is arranged by contacting any one of our centres throughout Ireland. Mitchelstown Area contact: St Coleman's Hill, Fermoy, Co Cork. **Telephone:** 025 31899 **Email:** accordcloyne@eircom.net

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### **Thinking of a way to celebrate this Year of Faith? Visit Lough Derg.**

*Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage* every day from now until Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August. Boats between 11am and 3pm daily. Organised Pilgrimages and Public Bus service available.

For further information contact Maureen in the Lough Derg Office. Tel. 071 986 1518. E-mail: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org).

Online: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

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Get your Summer Holiday Reading at the St. Vincent de Paul Shop, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown.

Fiction €2, Non-Fiction €1 and Children's Books 50cent.

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm  
Saturday 10am -1pm

Phone 025 – 84733

All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul.

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**Youth 2000 Summer Festival**, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people. This Festival has been nicknamed the “Holy Oxygen” with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone 01 6753690 or from NI 07598 876399, or join us on Facebook (youthtwothousandIreland).

**International Gathering Conference 2013 hosted by the Pioneer Association**

**‘The Spirit That Sets Us Free’ — Overcoming Addiction**

**All Hallows College, Drumcondra Dublin 9**

**Saturday and Sunday, 28-29 September 2013**

**Speakers include:**

Campaigner for Social Justice, **Fr Peter McVerry, SJ**

**Fr James Harbaugh, SJ**, American author of A Twelve-Step Approach to the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius

**Majella Coyle** - Addiction Counsellor, White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre,

Plus open forum discussions, a service for healing and wholeness, lunch, dinners and evening entertainment on the Saturday provided by harpist and singer, Deirdre Seaver, and a host of traditional Irish musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann.

Mass on Sunday will be celebrated by Most Rev Diarmuid Martin, DD, Archbishop of Dublin at noon.

**TICKETS: €70.00 per person.** Credit Card bookings being taken on **01 874 94 64**

For the full itinerary and more information, please contact the Pioneer Association by email at [pioneer@jesuit.ie](mailto:pioneer@jesuit.ie) or visit our website [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)

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### **MITCHELSTOWN GATHERING**

- **Trevor Bowen Literary Festival** Mitchelstown July 19<sup>th</sup> 3pm to July 21<sup>st</sup> 12.30 pm
- **Araglin Carnival Sports** Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm GAA Pitch
- **Genealogy course** - 3 hour course to explain genealogy and show you how to do own research, locate graveyard, census, church, civil and land records. Show skills how to do research & use computer to find family history documents online & offline. To book phone 087-3589734.

See [www.thegatheringireland.com](http://www.thegatheringireland.com) / [www.irelandxo.com](http://www.irelandxo.com). To help those seeking roots and diary of events

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### **Results of Pioneer Association's Members' Raffle 2013:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize €3000 C. Morris, Dublin 9. Seller: Phyllis Morris, Dublin 9  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize €500 Sonny McDermott, Roslea, Co. Fermanagh. Seller: S. McDermott.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize €250 Kathleen Lockwood, Palmerstown, Dublin 20. Seller: K. Lockwood  
Congratulations to our winners. Thank you to everybody who supported our draw by selling raffle tickets and for purchasing them. This annual draw is a major fundraiser for the Pioneer Association each year and your assistance in taking the time to sell the tickets on our behalf, not to mention the financial support is greatly appreciated.

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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) Website: [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

**Opening Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 10am-1pm,  
Thursday 1.30pm – 4.30pm & Friday 7.30pm-9pm. No appointment necessary.

Whatever your information needs, we can help you. Application forms for most entitlements and assistance to complete forms available. We have a wide range of information literature and booklets. Our service is free, absolutely confidential and available to everybody.