

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week;  
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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](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)**

E-mail address for Parish Pastoral Council is

● **Children's Faith Camp:** will take place in the Town Hall, **Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. For children aged 6-13, limited places. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496.

● **Peter's Pence Collection:** The Annual collection for the Pope (Peter's Pence) will be taken up at all Masses **next Sunday**. These offerings help the work of the Church throughout the world. Your support is appreciated.

## Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

**MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day:** 7.30pm  
**Sunday & Holy Day:** 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.  
**Weekdays:** 8.30am & 10.00am

**FIRST FRIDAYS:** 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

**Bank Holidays:** 11am

**MORNING PRAYER:** Monday – Friday: 8.00am

**ROSARY:** Monday – Saturday: 9.45am

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm  
Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

**We encourage families to practice monthly Confession**

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS:** Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:** Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm**  
with Reflections on Divine Mercy and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

## Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **9.30am**. First Friday: **7.30pm**.

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **7.00pm**.

## St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday & Holy Day: **10.30am**. First Friday: **6.30pm**.

**CONFESSIONS:** First Friday: **6.00pm**.

**Lessons to be learned:** The Bible begins with the story of Adam & Eve. Their daughter happened because they disobeyed, they were in perfect harmony in the Garden of Eden, but they were warned under pain of death, not to eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. But they were tempted and they ate and they suffered the consequences. The lesson is, that it is foolish for us not to heed the warnings. Twelve Thai soccer players and their assistant coach were successfully rescued this week. There is a warning sign at the Cave's entrance of the dangers during the monsoon rains, which flood the famous cave from time to time. That day the head coach had an appointment and he asked the 25 year old assistant coach to take care of the boys. Eke was a very generous young man and the boys loved him, but that day in the end of June, they ignored the warnings and went on an adventure into the dangerous cave. The rains came and flooded the cave chambers, leaving the boys and their coach to take refuge on a cave ledge. It was a miracle they survived, with one light and little food for nine days. It was a miracle that they were all safely rescued this week. But it must be remembered, that a 38 year old retired Thai navy seal lost his life while bringing the boys bottles of oxygen. That young man gave his life to rescue those boys. The lesson to be learned is for all of us to take "warning signs" seriously. They are there for a reason. We live in a wonderful world, but there are dangers to be alert to. The Way of the Gospel is not always easy, it demands self-denial and discipline, but it protects us from foolishness. As St. Paul reminds us, "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life" We rejoice in the recovery of the Thai soccer players, but there are many lessons to be learned.

**The World Cup:** The World Cup Tournament is coming to an end and some of you will be saying, "Thanks be to God!" We also thank God for the gift of sport, the players, the skills, the management, it is a wonder to watch and appreciate. The prize is the honour and acclaim of one's country and, of course, the magnificent trophy and a place in the history books. All these things drive people on to achieve at the highest level. God too must enjoy watching his children organising it all. God is often forgotten by his children, but during these matches, many eyes and hearts raised to God, in the most intense moments. It was a great tournament and well done to them all. Thanks for the joy and excitement that all sports players brings us. In a world that is so often ruthless, sport is a welcome relief.

**PRAYER FOR DIVINE PROTECTION:** Grant me, **O Lord, your protection. Within your protection, strength.** And within your strength, understanding. And within your understanding, knowledge. And within your knowledge, the power of justice. And within the power of justice, the love of all of Creation. Guide and protect my body, my mind, and my best judgment in all things. For you, O Lord, will never leave my side. In this I trust. Amen.

**LIAMS LIFTS – TRANSPORT FOR CANCER CARE:** Volunteer Drivers needed in the Mitchelstown Area, to drive people to and from their cancer treatments in Cork Hospitals. If you have time and would like to join our pool of existing drivers, who provide this service, we would be delighted to hear from you. For more information contact Pat Walsh 087 – 215 8874

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**Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018:** Cost 899euro – 7 nights full board. Flight from Cork to Faro return. Insurance 29euro extra for those who wish to avail of it. Single room supplement is 30euro a night. Contact Pilgrimage Abroad 01 6359300 or for further information Fr. Patrick Winkle 024 92270, Fr. John McCarthy 021 4815619 or Nora 087 2509184.

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**What is Alpha?** Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores the basic truths of the Christian Faith in a fun, friendly, and informal environment. Topics include “Who is Jesus?” “Why Did Jesus Die?” “Does God Still Heal Today?” **Who is Alpha For?** Alpha is for anyone who would like to engage in conversations about faith, life and God. It’s a chance to revisit what you learned about God as a child, but never really understood. Or for those who have given up on Church or have never been and are a bit curious to explore what it’s all about! No question is too big or too small .... And no laugh is too loud! **What Happens at Alpha?** Each session involves a short talk, nice food and small group discussion. There is no charge for Alpha. The Parish Pastoral Council will hold the Alpha Sessions in the Town Hall, beginning on Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be eleven sessions. If you are interested, give your name in the Parish Office. It is a very enriching experience.

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**Get your Summer Holiday Reading at the Ozanam Shop,** Thomas Street, Mitchelstown, 025 84733. Fiction €2; Non-Fiction €1; Children’s Books 50c. Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 10am–1pm & 2pm–4.45pm, Sat: 10am–1pm. All proceeds go to your local Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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**Youth 2000 Summer Festival,** Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018.** For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

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**St Thérèse – The Little Flower” Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years.** This year’s Faith Camp will run from Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall. For more details contact Catherine Hanley 087-7727496

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**Bus to Knock for Popes Visit on 26<sup>th</sup> August** leaving Mitchelstown at 2am. Returning from Knock at 3pm. Contact Brigit on 086-3594571 for booking and details.

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Contact **Irish Clan Search** to solve a family mystery / guide to find living cousins, tracing family trees, property records, civil & church , emigration , wills / DNA ~ 087.3589734

**Pioneer Association Members Raffle:** Results of Raffle held recently. **First Prize: €2000:** J. Mulligan, Carlow. - **Seller:** J. Mulligan. **Second Prize: €500:** C. Maher, Co Kilkenny. - **Seller:** R. Grant, Co. Kilkenny. **Third Prize: €250:** P. Page, Co. Meath - **Seller:** P. Page. €40 to seller of each winning ticket. A big ‘THANK YOU’ to everyone who purchased and sold tickets for this most important fundraising initiative. We are most grateful for your ongoing support.

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**Healthcare Support Studies(QQI Level 5). First Component - Care Skills (5N2770). Fridays, 9.30am-1.45pm.From Mid-September 2018**

- Part time course
- FREE for those without a Leaving Cert
- FREE for early school leavers already working
- FREE for those on Social Welfare payments
- FREE For Medical Card/GP Only Card Holders
- Ideal for Jobseekers in Healthcare
- Full QQI Level 5 Award Offered

**VENUE:Cork ETB Adult Education Centre, Rathealy Road, Fermoy**  
**To apply, please contact:(025) 49932 or (022) 55452**

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#### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Party.**

The **Cork Association for Autism** will open their extensive **Greenville Gardens and Grounds** to the public on **Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-5pm.** Visitors are invited to come along and explore the sensory gardens, woodland trails and all that Greenville has to offer. Guided tours and light refreshments will be available throughout the day. Additionally, plants and pottery that have been both cultivated and handcrafted at the service campus will be available for sale. This is a family friendly event and guests are invited to bring along a picnic and soak up the sun in the haven of oasis Greenville is. It’s also the perfect day out for any gardening or horticultural enthusiasts. Entry fee is €5 p/p with children under 12 going FREE. For more info on this event and for directions to Greenville please visit [www.corkautism.ie](http://www.corkautism.ie) or call Carol on 021 453 3642.

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of –

Margaret (Peggy) O’Sullivan, (*née English*), Liam Lynch Park

John Keane, Gurrane

Who died recently. *May They Rest In Peace*

#### **NEWLY BAPTISED:**

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Luci Walsh.

Noah Lenihan