

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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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.

1st 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. - 1st Friday: 7.30p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 8.15p.m.

CONFESSION TIMES:

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

1st Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

NEW: After Saturday Evening Mass on the **1st Saturday of the month.**

BALLYGIBLIN: 1st Friday 7p.m. **KILLACLUIG:** before 1st Friday Mass.

CLERGY:

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

V. Rev. Canon O'Leary P.E., C.C. Phone: 025-84088

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

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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

Live Interview and Physical Competency Test Training at the Athlone Institute of Technology on Saturday the **29th of March** in preparation for the next stage of **An Garda Síochána entrance exams.** Go to www.getready.ie for full details on this one day intensive course.

PERSON WANTED to work in local Day-Care Centre must fit Community Employment criteria. Please contact Aileen on 025-86956 for further information.

Plans are at an advanced stage for the **Annual Spring Fair** in aid of **St. Joseph's Foundation**, which will take place on Sunday, April 13th. The next meeting to discuss this event will take place on Tuesday next, March 18th at 8.30pm in St. Joseph's Workshop, Baker's Road, Charleville. Your help with this event would be greatly appreciated. We would be delighted if you could attend the meeting.

Let us think of Our Emigrants:

As we approach the Feast of our National Patron St. Patrick, our thoughts are with all our brothers and sisters, who have emigrated to various parts of the world. In the last six years, as many as 200,000 people have emigrated from our country. Most of our families have at least one and maybe even more members who have gone abroad to work. The Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants was founded in 1957 and is the response of the Irish Church to needs of the emigrants prior to and following departure. Before going to a foreign country, it is wise to get good advice and guidance. Despite the advances in communication, support and help is vital to the Irish communities living abroad. The Annual Collection for emigrants will be taken up on St. Patrick's Day at all Masses. This collection helps the various societies and chaplaincies, who support, help and guide our most needy and vulnerable emigrants. May the Lord watch over all our emigrants and comfort them when they meet difficulties and feel most alone and lonely for home.

ST. PATRICK, Bishop, Apostle of Ireland (March 17—Patron of Ireland): The date and place of St. Patrick's birth are uncertain. He was born about the year 389, the son of Calpornius, a Roman-British deacon, and Conchessa. When he was sixteen, he was carried as a captive into Ireland and obliged to serve a heathen master as a herdsman. Despite the harshness of the life there, he not only held on to his Faith but also learned the science of prayer and contemplation. After six years he effected a miraculous escape and returned home. In a dream, he was told to go back and Christianize Ireland. St. Patrick prepared for his task by studying in the monastery of Lerins from about 412-415 and was ordained at Auxerre by St. Amator about 417. In 431, after a period during which his vacation to Ireland was tested by the hesitancy of his superiors in entrusting such a mission to him, St. Patrick was sent to assist Bishop Paladius in Ireland. On the death of the latter, St. Patrick was consecrated Bishop by St. Germanus (432) after receiving the approbation of Pope Celestine I. He travelled the length and breadth of Ireland, planting the Faith everywhere despite the hostility of the Druids, and succeeded in converting several members of the royal family. On a visit to Rome in 442, he was commissioned by Pope Leo the Great to organize the Church of Ireland and on his return made Armagh the primatial See and established Bishops in various places. After living a completely apostolic life of labour and prayer, St. Patrick died on March 17, 461, in the monastery of Saul, in Own in Ulster, leaving behind his Confessions which give a vivid picture of a great man of God.

PRAYER: God, You send Patrick to preach Your glory to the Irish people. Through his merits and intercession grant that we who have the honor of bearing the name of Christian may constantly proclaim Your wonderful designs to others. Amen

Baby Classes are starting at Bright Sparks on **Friday, March 28th**. Pauline Lonergan will be introducing the health benefits to parents through baby massage...

- ◆ Help settle baby
- ◆ Enjoy bonding
- ◆ Relieve wind issues / colic / constipation
- ◆ Meet new moms and enjoy the chat.

For more details contact Pauline @ 086 - 0813423

A History of the Medieval Diocese of Cloyne by Paul MacCotter and published by Columba Press is now available. This study deals with the early ecclesiastical history of the diocese of Cloyne down to the early 1600's. The work includes an appendix where core material for parish history is given under the headings of the 133 medieval parishes found in the diocese. **A History of the Medieval Diocese of Cloyne** is for sale at €25 per copy.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima: - September 8th – 15th 2014, flying direct from Cork to Lisbon. Seven nights full board at Tres Pashorhinos Hotel, only 5 minutes from the Sanctuary. Price is €839 per person sharing. Price includes return flights, transfers, seven nights' full board, guided tour of sanctuary area, services of a guide while in Fatima. For booking contact Pilgrimages Abroad Dublin
On 01 - 6359300 or local contact Bernadette on 087 6472983.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Fund – Helping Bring the Sick to Lourdes

Fundraising Draw in Jackie O'Brien's, Mitchelstown,

Sunday night, 4th May

1st Prize: €300, 2nd Prize: Large Hamper, 3rd Prize: €100, 4th Prize: Large Hamper, 5th Prize: Choc & Wine Hamper, 6th Prize: Pampering Hamper.

Tickets €2 each or a book of 3 for €5

Please support this local charity cause.

Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Committee Anyone interested in becoming a "Blue Tie" helper, please forward your name to Paddy (087) 9488359

THANK YOU FROM MITCHELSTOWN PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION: The above association would like to thank the following people and management for allowing us to collect outside their premises on the occasion of our Flag Day last Saturday March 8th 2014. Aldi Stores (Ireland Ltd) Mitchelstown Credit Union Ltd., Farrell's Centra, Mitchelstown Post Office, Reidy's Supervalu and Tesco (Ireland) Ltd. Thanks also to our many collectors, subscribers and all those who helped in any way. "Go Raibh Mile Maith Agaibh Go Léir"

TAX REFUND

A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund for 2013, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish secretary on 025 / 84062, Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon and she will reissue one for you. It is of great financial benefit to the parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing of the refund. Please complete, and return to me, in the stamped addressed envelope provided, before **Monday, 31st March**.

Sunday Forum - Faith Matters: - This programme is broadcast live every Sunday evening from the C103 studios in Mallow at 6.30pm. This is a half hour programme with meditations, reflections, readings, music and interviews. This programme has been on the air for 25 years and now has new presenters. Tune in on Sunday nights - you might hear a familiar voice!!

Appeal from Sue Ryder Foundation: We are appealing for some good quality furniture to sell in our store at Lower Cork Street. Collection can be arranged. Also clothes, shoes, Brics a Brac and books. We are also appealing for volunteers. So if you have any time to spare please call in for an application form. Thank you for your continued support.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday, 11th May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

Cloyne Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 1st to 6th June: Booking contact Joe Walsh Tours, 021-4277959. Sick/Assisted Pilgrim application forms are available from the Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place Mallow, Phone: 022-20276

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: There will be a pilgrimage to the Holy Land **November 10th – 18th**. Spiritual Director Canon Michael Fitzgerald. Details from Marian Pilgrimages or contact Eileen 086 – 3044456 or Nuala 087 – 2313762.

Fermoy Community Network and Cork County Federation Muintir na Tíre presents On Tuesday 18th March - John Lonergan (former governor of Mountjoy prison) will be the main speaker at our event which is being held in "The Palace Theatre" of Fermoy Youth Centre, Ashe Quay, Fermoy at 7.30pm. Local man John Arnold is also a guest speaker at this event. Thanks to joint partnership with Muintir Na Tíre this event is free and all members of the Fermoy and surrounding communities are welcome to attend. Following the talk refreshments will be served and a number for local organisations will have information stands on display.

Also as part of Friendship Week - Fermoy Mens Club would like to extend an invitation to members of the community to attend an afternoon of song, music and storytelling in the 'Anderson Room' at Fermoy Youth Centre on Thursday 20th March from 3 - 5pm.

Ozanam Computer Centre Mitchelstown

025 84733 www.ozanamcomputers.com svpmitchelstown@gmail.com

E-Banking - 13th May Skype - 20th May Facebook - 10th June

Beginners Computers - 21st May Beginners Typing - 22nd May

E Bay & Pay Pal - 27th May Twitter - 3rd June

Please note that classes will only run if sufficient numbers enrol. A non-refundable deposit is required to secure a place on these courses.

The Messenger Magazine: This is a monthly magazine produced by the Jesuit order. It costs €1.35. It is available in the Parish Church each month. It has a lot of beautiful stories and great reflections. We encourage you to bring this magazine and the weekly Irish Catholic Newspaper into your home.