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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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Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

Today is world day of Migrants and Refugees.

Masses During the Week: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

Prayer Service for Christian Unity: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from the 18th – 25th of January. The Church Unity Service this year will take place on **THIS Monday January 18th at 7.30pm in Kingston College Chapel.** We encourage you to go and participate in this special prayer event and to include in your prayers the intention of Christian Unity at this time.

Eucharistic Healing Hour: Thursday evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with Special Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

Time for Prayer & Healing: Br. Johnson, a Catholic lay preacher and healer, well known in India, will lead two days of healing and prayer in **Mitchelstown Town Hall on Friday 22nd January from 7pm – 10pm and Saturday, 23rd January from 10am – 5pm.** He will share his profound insights into the Bible, unveiling the power of the Word of God and will pray with the sick for healing and consolation. Experience the healing and freeing power of the Lord’s word in your own life. For more details contact Claire 085-1532258. If you have a Bible please bring it with you and also on the Saturday, please bring a packed lunch, tea & coffee will be provided.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Second Apparition of the Angel of Portugal: Today we reflect on the 2nd apparition of the Angel to the three Fatima children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francesco. On a summer day in 1916, the three shepherd children gathered the sheep during the hottest hours. They were resting and playing at the Well called Arneiro, in the backyard of Lucia’s home. While they were playing, the Angel appeared to them a 2nd time and with a gentle reproach asked them:

“What are you doing? Pray, pray very much. The most holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices to the Most High”

–“How are we to make sacrifice?” Lucia asked the Angel. He replied: “Make of everything you can a sacrifice and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission the suffering which the Lord will send you.”

A few moments after the Angel disappeared. Francesco asked Lucia what the Angel had said. As in the 1st apparition, Francesco, while he saw the Angel, he did not hear the words he spoke. Lucia, was so overcome, she was unable to speak and asked him to wait until the following day. That night he didn’t sleep, wondering what the Angel had said. The following day, Lucia and Jacinta told him what they had heard.

From this 2nd apparition, the three little shepherds found new way, on many occasions, to make sacrifices of everything that gave them pleasure and offer them up for peace and for the cross they would soon receive. There was among them a natural co-operation. They prayed often the prayer of the Angel gave them in the 1st apparition: **“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You. I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.”** In the first weeks they prayed the prayer a great deal and then little by little they returned to their innocent playing.

Refugees and Migrants: Thousands are suffering and surviving in various refugee camps at present. The relief agencies are under enormous pressures. As we remember them this Sunday we pray for political and diplomatic solutions to the conflicts that has left so many in this difficult situation. May Our Lady, the Queen of peace help the world to resolve these serious problems.

'St. Fanahan's College - A gentle reminder to all sixth class parents/legal guardians that the deadline for submission of Enrolment Forms for St. Fanahan's College is Thursday 28th January, 2016. Please don't hesitate to contact the college on (025) 24314 for any further information.'

Night Classes "How to Trace family Trees at Fermoy Education Centre commencing Monday January 25th for 8 weeks.

Enrol Monday January 18th ~ 6-8 pm. Enquiries to 087.3580734 / Email info@fermoyeducationcentre.ie. Places limited

Genealogy Workshop at Mitchelstown Library on Saturday January 23rd at 11am.

The Pioneer Magazine is published monthly and is full of interesting and informative articles and features. If you would like to get a copy each month, please contact any council member. Price per copy €1.55.

Mitchelstown Musical Society celebrating 10 years presents Oklahoma in the C.B.S. Auditorium from February 16th to 20th. Tickets available from Hylands Bookshop and The Favourite. Please note seating is numbered this year.

The **Galtees Toastmasters** are looking forward to having an **Open Meeting** on **Tuesday 19th January at 8pm at The Firgrove Hotel**. If anyone has ever wondered what we do at Toastmasters, or have made a New Year resolution to make new friends, develop confidence, and gain more skills to speak in public....then come along. These skills enable us to speak at a meeting...maybe ask a question at a parents meeting, respond to interview questions, give more competent presentations at work or in college....

All are welcome, there no obligation and the first meeting is free, guests are never, EVER asked to speak, unless they choose to. So 8pm, January 19th, Firgrove Hotel....see you there!

Sue Ryder Charity Shop - Wishing all our customers and friends a happy New Year. Our January sale is in full swing with reductions throughout the store. So come in and grab a bargain. We are at this time appealing for donations. So if you are doing a New Year clear out- please think of us. We are grateful for Clothes, Bric a Brac, books, toys, DVD's, linen, curtains, footwear and bags. We also take furniture and pickups can be arranged for this. Thank you for your continued support. And to all our volunteers and TUS workers - Thank you.

Mallow College of Further Education: A wide range of evening education courses, are available in Mallow College of Further Education. Courses can be booked on line or by calling to the Evening Education Department of Mallow College. Brochures with all details are available from local shops or at the college on 022-43030. For further information go to: www.evening.mallowcollege.ie

Would you like to Quit Smoking?

A 6 week HSE 'Stop Smoking' support group will start in **Mitchelstown Living Health Centre, HSE 2nd Floor** **Wednesday 27th January 2016, 12md-1pm**

The course, which is Free of Charge, will be facilitated by the HSE, Health Promotion Department and will be one hour a week over six weeks. The course offers smokers support and practical advice and highlights different approaches and techniques that encourage people to reduce and quit smoking. To avail of a place and get further information please contact The Health Promotion Department, HSE South, MPHIC

Telephone 022 – 58634

Counselling: - **Accord** offers a safe, professional and confidential process, facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage and relationship. For appointment please ring Jean 025-31899

Bright Sparks this January

TODDLERS from 12 months upward from €17

Lots of fun at Play Group 9am to 12noon, snack included.

To help your child develop to their full potential, Interactive morning for all ages indoor and outdoor activities.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB; School Pick Up /Hot Dinner / Supervised Homework and lots more activities each evening ... €20

Computer Lab open for children age to 10 years, interactive projects to boost your child's ability and increase their knowledge in a wide variety of subjects. Classes each week for school age kids ...€8

FOR MORE DETAILS OR BOOKINGS CONTACT US ON 0862653839 OR 02586799

Just to remind folks that there is a very interesting meeting on **Wednesday 20th January at 7.30pm. at the Ozanam Centre, Thomas Street. 'The Mitchelstown Silver Lining Support Group'** have invited 2 special guests to give a talk on looking after your mental health. We all need to look after our mental health with so many pressures nowadays. Don't feel that you are alone. Free of charge, for more information, 085-7778375 or 087-9533285.

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Mary Most Holy, you, together with St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, experienced the suffering of exile. You were forced to flee to Egypt to escape the persecution of Herod. Today we entrust the men, women and children who live as migrants and refugees to your maternal protection. Grant us the grace to welcome them with Christian hospitality, so that that these brothers and sisters of ours may find acceptance and understanding on their journey. Teach us to recognize your Son · in the migrant who labours to bring food to our tables · in the refugee seeking protection from persecution, war, and famine · in the woman and child who are victims of human trafficking · in the asylum seeker imprisoned for fleeing without documents May all those who are far from their place of birth find in the Church a home where no one is a stranger. We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.