

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. 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 **DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAY**

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon - Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Priest on Sick call this week is: Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Pharmacy Rota:

Murphy's Pharmacy open this Sunday, 17th February 11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

Retrouvaille Ireland: A lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Do you know someone whose marriage is stressed, unloving and cold? Someone who has separated, divorced, or is thinking of doing so, but wants to try again? The Retrouvaille programme can help them recover their marriage. For information on the next programme, contact www.retrouvaille.ie. Completely confidential

Exciting Volunteer Mentoring Opportunities in Mitchelstown.

Le Chéile Mentoring and Youth Justice Services is a child-centred, non-judgmental service which recruits and trains volunteers from local communities to work with young people and their families involved in Young Person's Probation.

Le Chéile are currently looking for Male and Females in the Mitchelstown and North Cork area to become:

Young Person Mentors and Parent Mentors.

- A Le Chéile youth mentor is a role model who through weekly meetings supports a young person to make positive choices. Activities could include, cinema, eating out, snooker, evening classes, etc. or simply chatting with and guiding them with issues affecting their lives. Activity costs will be covered.

- As a parent mentor you can help a parent through a difficult period in their life and help them to make positive changes in their home.

For more information, call or e-mail;

Claire Carroll (087) 201 6801 / recruitment@lecheile.ie

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Date: Sunday 17th February 2013

Pope Benedict to Retire: Pope Benedict surprised us all with his announcement that he to retire at the end of this month of February. The proposed date for a Conclave to elect his successor is between the 15th and 20th of March. We pray for Pope Benedict at this time and that the Lord will send us a leader to take his place. Church leaders are instruments of the one and only leader: The Lord Himself. May God continue to bless us and guide us. Many will pass judgement on Pope Benedict's leadership, but he will only have one judgment to answer to: The Lord Himself.

Attending Mass for Lent: There is no better practice during Lent, than attending Mass, it is the great act of worship and adoration to God. The scripture readings for Mass during Lent are also very enlightening and nourishing for our souls. We will have **three** Masses everyday in the Parish Church throughout Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity and not to be taken for granted. As and from this Monday, during Lent the 8.30am Mass will be at **8.15am**, to help workers and those going to school. Morning Prayer and Bible reading will be at 7.45am. Then we will have 10.00am Mass as usual each day, and evening Mass every evening at 7.30pm.

Stations of the Cross: St. Faustina tells us in her diary that one hour of meditation on the Passion of Jesus is of greater value in the eyes of God, than a whole year of mortification. Another great practice during Lent is meditation of the Stations of the Cross. Throughout the Sundays of Lent, the priests will lead the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church at 3.00pm, except Sunday, March 10th. On Sunday, March 10th the Parish has been asked to lead the Stations of the Cross up the hill of Corrin in Fermoy. We encourage you all to make a special effort to come that Sunday.

Bible Class will resume next Tuesday morning in the Marian Hall at 10.30am. All welcome.

Answers to Catholic Questions: Have you ever wondered if you can confess via telephone or internet? What actually happened during the crusades? Does the Catholic Church believe in the devil? Do children who die in the womb have souls? Why do we call priests Father when Jesus told us not to?

If you want to find out the answers to these and many other interesting questions if you want to understand your faith more deeply, go to www.catholic.com. Let us continue to discover the treasures of our faith which will explain the reasons behind what we believe. From the homepage go to library and 'browse quick questions' or check out the link to www.chastity.com for questions on morality.

World Day Of The Sick – **BINGO. In aid of the Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group.** Town Hall, **TODAY Sunday, 17th February** at 3.00pm. Great Prizes on the day. All welcome. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

TABLE QUIZ: Ballygiblin Parents Council will hold a **Table Quiz** at 9pm on **Friday 22nd February** in the **Hunters Rest**, Mitchelstown. €40 per table. Prizes and raffle on the night. Proceeds in aid of Ballygiblin National School Playground.

IRISH DANCE CLASSES commencing in **BRIGHT SPARKS**
On **MONDAY AFTERNOONS, starting 18th FEBRUARY**
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES..... ALL CHILDREN WELCOME ..

For more details or to book your place, call 025- 86799 or text 086-2653839.

Ballygiblin National School now enrolling: If you are interested in enrolling your child in Ballygiblin National School for September 2013, please contact the school at 025 / 24933 by February 19th, if you have not already done so.

Eucharistic Adoration – adorers needed for the following hours
Monday 8-9am.

Contact Nora Hogan 025–24149 or Catherine Hanley 087- 7727496.

Glenahulla National School ENROLMENTS for September 2013.
From Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February.

For more details contact (022) 25476

Mitchelstown Ladies Football: Training has started again on Tuesdays in St Fanahan’s Hall U6/U8 (born in or before 2005) is at 6:30pm - 7:30pm & U10 (born in 2003 -2004) is at 7:30pm - 8:30pm. Please come along and give it a try. All new players welcome

Ozanam Centre Courses and Classes 025 / 84733

Pilates: Tuesday evening 19th February 6pm-9pm.

Contact: Eilish Fitzgerald 086-3579081

First Aid Refresher Course: Saturday 2nd March 9.30am - 4.30pm

Contact Eileen Maher 087- 9270020

Seasons for Growth (Living with Grief, Loss and Change in Life)

This is an **8 week** programme for **Teenagers (1 1/2 hours per week)**

Commencing Tuesday 26th February 4pm - 5.30pm at the Ozanam Centre.

This programme is facilitated in small groups and focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision making and communications. To book a place, **Contact** 025 / 84733

Computers: Advanced Typing: Thursday night 14th March 7pm - 9.30pm,

Beginners Computers Monday night 25th March 7.00pm. - 9.30pm

The **Irish Heart Foundation and other Charities** as well, would be delighted to have your company at our **charity Cookery Demonstration** with Author, Broadcaster and Chef Instructor Frank Moynihan at **T.O. Park, Labbamolloga**, on **Wednesday, 20th March**. Commencing at **8.00pm Sharp**. Admission just €10.00. Your support would be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Diane Casey (087) 1478030

WHY NOT STUDY THEOLOGY? The Dominicans are offering affordable distance learning programmes in theology, which can be followed either for academic credit or for personal enrichment. People study from home, with occasional study days at weekends, and with the support of on-line academic tutors. Hundreds of people completed some or all of the programme. Perhaps you would like to know more? Contact us at: **The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Telephone: (01) 4048124** enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

Spring Stations for the coming week.

Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

FEBRUARY:

Mon.18 th	Church Rd. Church Rd. Flats, Mulberry, Mulberry Crest, Kali Magdan, Woodlawn, Brigown Cottages, Abbey Farm, Abbey View, The Meadows, Stonewell & Sliabh Alainn.	PARISH CHURCH James & Geraldine O’Brien
Mon.18 th	Kildrum & Garryleigh	TOWN HALL
Tue. 19 th	Robert St. Thomas St. George’s St. & Edward St.	Steve & Mairead Pendle
Tue. 19 th	Knockagarry	PARISH CHURCH
Tue. 19 th	Derylahan	PARISH CHURCH
Wed. 20 th	Upper Cork St. Lower Cork St. New Square, Arch Avenue, Railway Road, Fermoy Road & Carraigroe	PARISH CHURCH
Wed. 20 th	Carrigane	BALLYGIBLIN SCHOOL
Thur. 21 st	Clonmel Rd. Baldwin St. King’s Sq. Bank Pl. & Castle Park.	PARISH CHURCH
Thur. 21 st	King’s St. James St. & Tearmann Ui Chaoimh.	Tearmann Ui Chaoimh
Fri.22 nd	Demesne	John & Antoinette Keane
Fri.22 nd	Skeheen	PARISH CHURCH

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Wednesday 16th January 2013:

- 1st Prize:** €1200 A. M. Feely, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh
- 2nd Prize:** €400 R. Glackin, Derry City.
- 3rd Prize:** €200 Paddy Ryan, Garryleigh, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork
- 4th Prize:** €100 C. Power, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

- Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;
- 1. R. Crocock, Beaupark, Navan, Co. Meath
 - 2. Robert Shannon, Bantry, Co. Cork
 - 3. John Casey Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
 - 4. M. Tuffy, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
 - 5. A. Dorgan, Watergrasshill, Co. Cork.
 - 6. M. Byrne, Drogheda, Co. Louth

The next draw will be held on Wednesday, 20th February 2013

"A variation on Dibley"- **Mitchelstown Heritage Society** are hosting a talk by Rev. Eileen Cremin, on **Wednesday 27th February at 8pm in Mitchelstown Town Hall**. Rev. Cremin is Rector of the Fermoy Union of Parishes, which includes Mitchelstown. Her talk will look at the changing faces of the Church of Ireland, from her unique perspective as a female Rector. This promises to be an enjoyable and entertaining beginning to our lecture season, all welcome!