

### Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd.

1. *Fáilte Ireland in conjunction with Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd* are running two Return to Work Programmes free of charge to all over 18 years. 1. **Bar Service Skills**. 2. **Cookery Skills**. For more information contact 086/6083680.
2. *Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd planning* a 6 week course **Transition to Employment** for adults 25+ currently unemployed. For more information contact 086/6083680.
3. If you have lost your job, information can be got from Citizen's Information Board helpful website: [www.losingyourjob.ie](http://www.losingyourjob.ie)
4. **Need help with your CV or Job Interview?** New service opening Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> May from 10a.m. to 12.30p.m. in The Showground's Fermoy. More information contact 086/6083680.
5. **Brazilian Community Fermoy** invites everyone to a LIVELY Brazilian Fiesta on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May from 7p.m. to 11.30p.m. in The Adair Hall, Christ Church of Ireland, Fermoy. For more info contact 086/6083680

### Irish Heart Foundation:

The Irish Heart Foundation would like to thank the Parishioners of Mitchelstown for their kind support of their last church gate collections in Kilacluig, Ballygiblin & Mitchelstown. Total raised was €1676.59

### LOOKING FOR MORE MEANING IN LIFE?

Our Lady's School of Evangelisation, Knock, C. May are now inviting applications for Sept. '09. The vision of the school is to empower young men & women for Life and Mission. It is a unique 1 year opportunity for any young person to experience during a career break or a gap year. For more details log onto [www.olseknock.com](http://www.olseknock.com) or Phone: 094/9388245 or 087/2351294

**TEEN SPIRIT Hour for Exam Students:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 8 – 9 pm, Mitchelstown Parish Church. Take time out for perspective, for inspiration, for calm.... Great music, audio visual reflections, prayer ..... featuring Doneraile and Killarney Youth Choirs (who performed at the recent "Teen SpiriT" concert in the INEC Killarney - check out [www.bebo.com/teenspirit2009](http://www.bebo.com/teenspirit2009)) Special invite to all students preparing for Junior Cert. / Leaving Cert. and end of year exams, as well as family members and friends.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### The Healing of the World:

This was the theme repeated over and over again by Fr. Peter Byrne, Redemptorist Father, during the Eucharistic Healing Mission this last week. Fr. Peter reminded us again and again that every time we celebrate Mass and adore Christ in the Eucharist, the world is being healed of war, violence, sickness and hurt. It was a great blessing for the parish of Mitchelstown to have Fr. Peter with us for five days. We thank God and our Blessed Lady for this Blessing and thank you all for your response.

After a number of months the Parish Radio is in working order again. The reception is better for some than others. Please contact the parish office, if you are having difficulty at 025/84062.

As this is the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the weekly Parish Newsletter, I would like to thank Patricia in the office. We hope the Newsletter will help community groups to publicise their various activities and encourage us all to practice the Gospel. Please pass the Newsletters on to your neighbours, especially those confined to their homes.

God Bless.

Fr. Michael.

### Eucharistic Healing Hour:

In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Healing Mission, there will be an hour of song, reflection, prayer and silence, before the Blessed Sacrament, next Thursday evening May 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. All are welcome.

### Clergy:

Fr. Michael Fitzgerald. P.P. Phone: 025-84090  
 Canon Timothy O'Leary. Phone: 025-84088  
 Fr. James Greene. Phone: 025-84077

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 Mitchelstown, Co. Cork. Phone: 025-84062 Fax: 025-84062  
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Office Hours: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mon. to Fri.

**Priest on Sick call this week is;** Canon Timothy O'Leary

Emergency Contact Number: 087 - 2524979

**Mass Times:**

***Mitchelstown:***

Vigil (Sat): 7.30 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.  
 12 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30 p.m.

***Ballygiblin:***

Sunday: 9.30 a.m.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30 p.m.

***Killacluig:***

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

**Confession Times:**

***Mitchelstown:***

Sat. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. & 7  
 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

***Ballygiblin:*** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7 p.m.

***Killacluig:*** before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday  
 Mass.

**Prayers and Sympathy:**

We offer our most sincere  
 and prayerful sympathy to  
 the families of those who  
 died in our Parish this week.

Frances Lyons – Robert  
 Street.

Eamonn McSweeney –  
 Cooleregan.

**Recent First Holy Communions:**

We would like to congratulate the  
 Children & Teachers of Glenahulla  
 School who received their First  
 Holy Communion on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>  
 May in Killacluig Church.

**Naomi**

Pre Marriage Courses:  
 Full day Saturday: €90  
 per couple.

Also counselling to  
 achieve / postpone a  
 pregnancy.

More information  
 contact: 021/4272213  
 Mon to Fri 9.30 a.m. to  
 1 p.m.

**Confirmation:**

We look forward to the Parish celebration  
 of Confirmation on Tuesday next May  
 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Our own Canon O'Leary  
 V.F. will administer the Sacrament to the  
 Children of the Parish. It's a time of great  
 blessing for the Parish. **Confessions for  
 Families Monday evening next at 8  
 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Healing Mission**

Our mission had for its theme "The Healing of the World". All ages were present in big numbers. We sang together and prayed from the heart, priests and people together. As the missionary, I felt a Divine Energy pouring out through the congregation to the whole world. I was personally uplifted by the singing and praying together. My sincere thanks to the priests who invited me and to all who helped to make this a week to remember. All God's Blessing.

Peter Byrne C.Ss.R.

**Mitchelstown Pioneers to Receive Gradam Award:**

The Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, have been honoured with the 2009 Gradam Na Réadóirí Award. The award granted to outstanding pioneer groups, rewards units of the association for the strength of their membership, recruitment, youth participation, community and parish participation and fundraising, amongst other criteria. The association's council members with Rev. Fr. Michael Fitzgerald P.P. (Spiritual Director) will go to Dublin on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009, to receive the award at the presentation ceremony, in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner Street, Dublin, where the Pioneer Association was founded in 1898.

**"RESTORING DIGNITY"**

**By Laurence Boland Photojournalist**



"Restoring Dignity"-Kitovu Hospital 09  
 Photo by Laurence Boland

These photos tell the courageous story of young African mothers and how they are helped to move away from a life where they merely endure and exist without hope to having their dignity and self respect restored thanks to the Medical Missionaries of Mary and the Obstetric Fistula Project at Kitovu Hospital, Uganda. This Exhibition is open to all and is available to view for the month of May at the Livinghealth Clinic, Fermoy Road, Mitchelstown.