

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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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)

**Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979**

## **Cairde Maithe**

**We get by with a little help from a friend**

**Interested in becoming a volunteer?**

- We want to match volunteers with a person with dementia in their area and we hope to create lasting friendships in the process.
- So if you are kind, caring, compassionate and friendly you may be just the person we are looking for.

**Why not come along to our open day**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015, Mallow Primary Health Care Centre, 11am-1pm**

**To register interest or for more information call Christine on  
086 0255205 / 022 58727 Or email: [info@crystalproject.ie](mailto:info@crystalproject.ie)**

The Crystal Project is a joint initiative between the HSE, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, The Carers Association, UCC, families affected by dementia, local community groups and GPs. The Crystal Project is the trading name for Mallow Dementia Project Ltd., a company limited by guarantee without a share capital registered in Dublin No 545740, CHY No: 21361 with a registered office at Memory Resource Room, Mallow Primary Healthcare Centre, Mallow, Co Cork. Directors: Sheena Cadoo and Yvonne Finn Orde. Secretary: Dr Cormac Sheehan. The Crystal Project is funded by the HSE, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Genio and the European Foundations Initiative on Dementia. [www.crystalproject.ie](http://www.crystalproject.ie)

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**The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady:** As Catholics, images and statues are reminders to us of God's presence and love. We don't worship statues, but we hold them and place them in our homes and in other buildings, to remind us that the living God is with us. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available for visitation to the homes of the parish. If you would like to have the statue for a week, contact the Parish Office, the Sacristy or a Legion of Mary Member.

## **The Referendum:**

People are asking what should we vote on the Marriage Referendum. The Irish Catholic Bishops Conference statement reminds us that, marriage down the ages has consistently held that marriage is a union of man and woman, open to the procreation of children, it is a gift of God. The Bishops guidance to us is that they cannot support an amendment to the Constitution that will put the union of two men or two women on a par with a marriage relationship between a husband and wife which is open to the procreation of children.

What we must also ask ourselves is, will the passing of this referendum seriously affect a child's right to and knowledge of his/her father and mother? Already, in The Children and Family Relationships Act 2015, it is proposed to remove mention of mothers and fathers from a whole raft of previous legislation.

One gay man writing publicly during the referendum said, "This referendum isn't about signals or about feelings or being nice to people like me, it is about family law and children". There will be many other serious consequences as well and this is why the Bishops are asking us to reflect carefully on this very serious issue. A copy of their statement is available on your way out of Mass.

## **Parish Pastoral Council:**

Fifteen Parish Nominees have now formed the Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council. At a meeting during the week, the Council worked on a Mission Statement. At the next meeting on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, they will agree that Statement and elect a Chairperson and Secretary. The sole purpose of the Council will concern itself with the faith life of the Parish and we ask you all to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance for the Parish and for the Council. Thanks again to everybody who helped to bring us to this point of formation.

## **Corpus Christi Procession:**

The Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>. A short meeting to help prepare for the Procession will be held next Wednesday evening May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Parish Church Sacristy. Anybody who would like to help with the Procession is most welcome to attend.

"Lord, take me as I am, with all my defects, my sins, and make me become what you wish."

**Pope John Paul I**

**MITCHELSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL** are holding an information meeting on **COMMUNITY TEXT ALERT** in **St. Fanahan's college on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm**. Diarmuid Cronin head of Community Alert with Muintir na Tire will give a talk on how to set up a community text alert group. Tom Howard Chairman of Carrignavar Community Council will attend and will give the reasons why Carrignavar set up such a group, Also anyone interested in neighbour watch are welcome to attend. All are welcome and admission is free.

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**"St Thérèse – The Little Flower" Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years.** The aim of the camp is to give children the opportunity to form a personal relationship with Jesus, through activities such as Arts & Crafts, Drama, Dance and Action Songs, Music, Team Games, prayer and plenty of fun! The leaders for the week are local volunteers supported by local clergy and members of the Family of Mary Community, and also members of Youth 2000, young people who are deeply committed Catholics and all give voluntarily of their time. In accordance with Cloyne Diocesan Policy, all volunteers will be Garda Vetted. **The Faith Camp runs from 10am – 3pm daily from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

**COST OF CAMP: €40 for first child & €25 per additional child from the same family.** Application forms available at the back of the three Churches, from the Parish Office or from any of the Primary Schools. **Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

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#### **Annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass**

Will be held in Whitechurch on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments.

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**Mitchelstown Library:** This month included into our programme of events we will be marking Bealtaine Festival with a free music morning on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May and The Year of Light with a talk on the Milky Way presented by Peter Household on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May.

All events are free of charge and are open to everyone - not just members.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Songs from the Wireless - a free morning of music presented by Fil Campbell and Tom McFarland. A chance for a laugh and a good old fashioned sing-along guaranteed to have everyone leaving with a smile on their face. With favourites from John McCormack, the McNulty Family, Delia Murphy, Ottalie Patterson, Ruby Murray, Bridie Gallagher and Josef Locke.

11am to 12pm. - To Mark Bealtaine 2015

- 23<sup>rd</sup> May Story Time at 11.30am
- 28<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm to 7.30pm - A few Curious Facts About The Universe. A free public lecture on the Milky Way presented by Peter Household, Chair of the Cork Astronomy Club.

Exhibition Water Safety Posters created by local schools.

Please note that we will be closed on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May for the Bank Holiday Weekend and will re-open as usual on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.30am.

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**Bus to Lough Derg June 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.** Contact 087-7660942 for more details.

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**THE SACRED HEART MESSENGER** Is still here, better than ever and looking for subscribers and promoters. One of our local promoters is; ANNA MARIA RUSSELL, (025) 84151 Copies are on sale in the Porch of the Parish Church

**Get Ireland Walking – Walk for Health. Walk for Fun. Walk for Life.**

**Mitchelstown Walking for Health, every Tuesday from Tesco Front Door at 7pm.** 6 weeks for beginners with trained walk leaders, which will end with a walk in local woods. Starts Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May and every Tuesday thereafter at 7pm. It's free and open to all. For more details contact Mary Fox, Walk Leader, on 087-9320062.

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**Mitchelstown Citizen Information Centre,** Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown

Tel: 0761 078030. E/Mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie)

Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri. 10.00 - 13.00

Mon. & Thur. afternoon 13.30 - 16.30

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**Mitchelstown PTAA Mass and Presentations:** Presentation of Ten Year, Golden and Silver Jubilarian Badges, Fr. Cullen Medal, 10 Year Certificate, 40 Year, 60 Year, 70 Year Diploma's, will take place at a **SPECIAL MASS** in the **Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown, On Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.** If you think you are eligible, please contact Catherine Hanley (Secretary) 087-7727496 or any member of the local Pioneer Council. For more details please see Church notice board.

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#### **HELP AND SUPPORT IN THE MITCHELSTOWN AREA:**

Your GP is an excellent place to start if you have a worry and can work with you or refer you to other health professionals.

**SOUTH DOC** Out of hours 1850 33 59 99

**Living Health Clinic:** 025-52000

**Gardaí, Mitchelstown** 025 84833

**St. Vincent de Paul** 025-84733

**FÁS Office** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month in the Ozanam Centre from 9.30am.

**Social Welfare Office, Fermoy** Tel.025-49010.

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30-12.00 & 2.00-4.00

**Community Welfare Officer, Mitchelstown.** Tel. 025-84238

**Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS)** 0761 07 2440

**1 Life - 24-hour Suicide Prevention Helpline:** 1800 247100

**Community Drugs Project Worker:** Mary Mackesy 086 – 043 9702 [mary@cdys.ie](mailto:mary@cdys.ie)

**North Cork Alzheimer's Society** (022) 43322 Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

**Seniors Helpline** (10am-1pm & 7-10pm) 1850 440 444

**North Cork Domestic Violence:** 022-53915

**Child line (24hr)** 1800 666 666

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Meetings held in Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown every Tuesday night at 8.45pm & every Sunday morning 11.30am to 12.30pm.

**Gamblers Anonymous (GA)** meeting in Mitchelstown every Monday night at 8pm. Please contact GA on 087 2859552 for further details.