

Mitchelstown Macra are organising a 'Cycle for Calum' in aid of the Calum Geary Trust on Saturday March 31st. The route will start in Mitchelstown taking in a distance of approx. 50km including Fermoy, Ballyhooly, Glanworth, Kildorrery and Mitchelstown. Entry is €30 per person and is open to all. If you would like to take part, please contact 085-1150440 or 087-1485999. For more information see

[www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra](http://www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra) or email [mitchelstownmacra@gmail.com](mailto:mitchelstownmacra@gmail.com).

All welcome.

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 2012.

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"

### *Ballygiblin National School*

*Enrolments now being taken for September 2012*

*Please phone (025) 24933 by March 30<sup>th</sup> if possible.*

### Local Heat of Over Sixties Talent Competition

At T.O. Park

Wednesday 21st March

At 8.30 p.m.

Great night of entertainment

All Welcome

Admission €5

M.C. Mr. Paddy O'Brien (Cork)

### LIAM LAWTON 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR

Church of Mary Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Doors open 7.30 p.m. – Concert 8.00 p.m.

Plus Special Guests – Bel Canto Choir

Tickets €20 available from The Favourite, Hylands Book Shop, Parish Office,

Farrell's Centra and [Irishtickets.ie](http://Irishtickets.ie).

### St. Patrick & St. Joseph:

We have just completed our annual celebration of the Feast of our great patron Saint, St. Patrick. It is believed that St. Patrick died in 461 and was buried at Downpatrick. The Confessions (*Veritas Bookshop, Cork*) of St. Patrick are an inspiring read. In them we find the human St. Patrick, struggling and growing in faith. St. Patrick was very conscious of his own sinfulness and he was full of praise and gratitude for all that God, in His Goodness and Mercy, had done for Him.

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Joseph also struggled with his trials and grew stronger in faith and humility. When he appeared at Knock in 1879 with Our Lady and St. John the Apostle, he had his hands joined and his head bowed in deep respect and prayer. The Church's liturgy refers to him as the just man and the protector of the Holy Family. May he intercede for us and our Parish.

### Eddie Stones:

Eddie Stones is a lay Catholic, evangelist. Eddie and his wife and family have dedicated themselves to work for the strengthening and renewal of the Catholic faith in Ireland. He has developed a centre of prayer at Clonfert with the approval and support of the local Bishop, Dr. Kirby.

On Saturday afternoon next, (24<sup>th</sup> March), he will lead an afternoon of Prayer in the **Parish Church, 2 – 5 p.m.** There will be Rosary, Talk, Mass and Eddie will lead special prayers for healing. There will also be an opportunity of Confession. Eddie strongly encourages people to be devoted to this Sacrament. As this Lent moves on, this is a special opportunity of God's Grace, don't miss it.

### A LENTEN PRAYER CALLED THE PASSION

Dear Lord Jesus, by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion. You laid down Your life willingly and gave up everything for us. Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross. Your clothing became the prize of soldiers, your blood ebbed slowly but surely away, and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple. Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, You cried out to Your Father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given You, and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift, the little life that remained to You. Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions after the example You have given. Let me place my death in Yours and my weakness in Your abandonment. Take hold of me with Your love, that same foolish love that knew no limits, and let me offer myself to the Father with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life.

**CONFESSION TIMES:**

**MITCHELSTOWN:** Saturday, Eves of Holydays:  
12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.  
**NEW:** After Saturday Evening Mass on the **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.**

**BALLYGIBLIN:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7p.m.  
**KILACLUIG:** before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass.

**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.  
1<sup>st</sup> 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. - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30p.m.

***ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILACLUIG:***

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

**CLERGY:**

V. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P.

Phone: 025-84090

V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS**

**12 NOON WEDNESDAY**

**Office Open:**

10 am to 12 noon - Monday to Friday.

**Parish Website:**

[www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)

**Priest on Sick call this week is:**

**Fr. Fitzgerald**

**Sick Call Contact**

**Phone Number:**

**087 - 2524979**

***Mitchelstown Parish***

***Website***

[www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)

**IMPORTANT DATES -**

**PARISH CHURCH:**

**Sat March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Eddie Stones of Clonfert, from 2 - 5 p.m.

**Thurs. March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Presentation on Fatima by Solvita & Thomas McCormack at 8 p.m.

**Mitchelstown Credit Union Ltd wants your help on Daffodil Day:**

This year, as is tradition, Mitchelstown Credit Union will host a **COFFEE DAY** to coincide with **Daffodil Day** on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, to help raise funds for the fight against cancer. Please support.

**Mitchelstown IFA Computer Course for Farmers**

In Glenahulla National School  
End of March  
Subsidised by Ballyhoura  
Development.

Contact; Martin (087) 6850315  
Pat (086) 8298680

**Christian Brothers Secondary School Mitchelstown**

Closing date for receipt of enrolment forms for incoming First Year students is

**Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Enrolment forms available from school office

**MOTHERS DAY CONCERT for SERGIO O'CONNOR.**

**FIRGROVE HOTEL**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March,

Starts 8.30pm sharp.

Featuring Bobby Gardiner; Eoghan & Luca O'Sullivan; Martin Power & friends; Jimmy Morrison & Ceol Coolroe; Farrelly School of Dancing; Fermoy Set Dancers Billy Clifford & Tommy Kennedy; Eistigi; 'The Cross 'Keys.

Tickets available at Jim Hyland's Bookshop & the Favourite Newsagent. Thornhill's Kildorrery & Volunteer salespersons.  
Adult €15. Child €10.

**Carmelites Monastic Weekend Searching?**

**Come and See!**

23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> March

Single Women (22 - 38 years)  
St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery,  
Tallow, Co Waterford.  
Telephone: (058) 56205

E-Mail: [carmeltallow@eircom.net](mailto:carmeltallow@eircom.net)

[www.carmelitetallow.org](http://www.carmelitetallow.org)

**Recycle and support your local National School**

Ballygiblin National School will be holding a **Used Clothing Collection** on **Thursday 3rd May** in aid of the **School Playground Development Fund**. If you have old clothes, shoes, curtains or household textiles to recycle over the next few weeks, we would be grateful if you could donate them to this collection. Full details of drop off times at a later date.

***Pharmacy Rota:***

**Fitzgibbon's Pharmacy**  
Will be open this Sunday,  
18<sup>th</sup> March  
11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre**

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown

Tel: **025 / 84600**

E-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie)

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:**

**10 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Thursday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Friday 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Forms for the Household Charge are available at the Citizen's Information Office.

Closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Kate's Montessori, Derrynanool, Mitchelstown  
Now enrolling for September 2012**

Contact:

Hannah Kate O'Brien  
(086) 8237272

**Names for Eucharistic Congress**

A number of names were handed in for the Busses for the Eucharistic Congress: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June. It is a once in a lifetime event and we encourage you to come and to book your seat now by contacting the Parish Office (025) 84062.