

**LOCAL MACRA NA FEIRME CLUB- BALLYHOURA**

**Ballyhoura Macra Club covers Mitchelstown, Ballyporeen, Kildorrery, and surrounding areas.** On October 10<sup>th</sup> a team of Valerie Rice, Richard Sherlock and Gerard Griffin headed to the Impromptu Debating National Semi Finals. Valerie Rice won the prize of the best debating speaker on the night. Caitríona Fox competed in the Impromptu Public Speaking National Semi Finals on the same night. The **Macra rally in Bantry is from 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.** If you are interested in weekend tickets or accommodation please contact club treasurer **Maria on 086 3653484.** If you are interested joining the local Macra club, Ballyhoura, please contact **Gerry on 0876534567** or [ballyhouramacra@o2.ie](mailto:ballyhouramacra@o2.ie). Check out [www.bebo.com/Ballyhoura\\_Macra](http://www.bebo.com/Ballyhoura_Macra) and Ballyhoura Macra on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

**THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE – 19<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

**MUNSTER REGIONAL CENTRE BLOOD DONOR CLINICS:**

St. Finbarr's Hospital, **Cork, Mon. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** 11.30am – 2.30pm  
St. Finbarr's Hospital, **Cork, Tue. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> & Thurs Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>,** 5.00pm–8.00pm  
St. Finbarr's Hospital, **Cork, Fri. Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>,** 10.00am – 12.30pm

**MUNSTER MOBILE BLOOD DONOR CLINICS:**

The Firgrove Hotel, **MITCHELSTOWN, Mon. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>,** 5.00pm – 8.00pm  
The Firgrove Hotel, **MITCHELSTOWN, Tue. Oct 20<sup>th</sup>,** 3pm–5pm & 7pm–9pm  
The GAA Hall, **MILLSTREET, Co Cork, Wed. Oct 21<sup>st</sup>,** 3pm–5pm & 7pm–9pm  
Actons Hotel, **KINSALE, Co Cork, Thur. Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>,** 5.00pm – 8.00pm

**COMMUNITY TOWN HALL**

*Dates for your diary!*

**1. COMEDY:**

**WILLPOWER**

Taking place **Friday, Saturday & Sunday,**  
**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm**

**By The Galtee Players**

Admission €10

**2. COOKERY DEMONSTRATION:**

**A DUTCH & WATERFORD FLAVOUR OF CHRISTMAS**

By Chef: **MARTIJN KAJUITER**

**from CLIFF HOUSE HOTEL, ARDMORE**

**On Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

Tickets €15

**ALL PROCEEDS IN FAVOUR OF TOWN HALL REFURISHMENTS**

*Tickets available from Jim Hyland Bookshop Lower Cork Street.*

Any information required re Town Hall

Telephone: **Mary 086 - 8213626** or **Michael 025 - 85377**

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**Deadline is 12 noon Wednesday** Office Hours: 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday to Friday

**Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**TOWN HALL**

The Town Hall is one of the oldest buildings in the Town. It was once the Parish Church. Over the years it has been very well maintained and supported by the people of the Parish.

The present Hall Committee are working hard to continue its development into the future as much more renovation and refurbishment is needed.

The Committee has organised three fundraising events:

- a) A Comedy Play - **Willpower** by **The Galtee Players**
- b) A Cookery Demonstration- By Chef: **Martijn Kajuter, Cliff House Hotel Ardmore**
- c) **MONDAY NIGHT NEXT OCT 19<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL BE A BINGO NIGHT IN THE HALL.**

The Bingo will be conducted by T.O. and his helpers. **IT STARTS AT 8.30 pm.** A great night assured. The committee would welcome your support.

*Fr. Michael*

**On the advice of the HSE regarding the Pandemic H1N1 Influenza, the following precautions will apply:**

1. People, and indeed Priests, should not attend Mass if they feel ill with influenza like symptoms. They should not attend for 7 days from the onset of illness to avoid spreading the infection.
2. While this pandemic threatens, it is advisable to consider receiving Holy Communion by hand rather than on the tongue, as this would significantly lessen the risk of spreading the virus.
3. Shaking hands at the Sign of Peace should be temporarily suspended.

**N.B. These measures are temporary in nature and will remain only while the Influenza Pandemic lasts.**

**Mission Month – Reach Out**

October is the traditional month of universal mission & is an opportunity for Christians to demonstrate solidarity with their missionary brothers & sisters.

Mission Sunday, organised on the second last Sunday in October each year, is the focal point of Mission Month. Mission Sunday 2009, the theme for which is *Reach Out*, takes place on **18<sup>th</sup> October.** Through the celebration of Mission Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity, through Prayer, Sacrifice and Financial Contribution.

Each year the Mission Sunday collection is organised by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In 2008 the Irish people contributed over €2.6million. Funds raised are distributed to mission projects throughout the world & assist missionaries in reaching out to communities in need, both spiritually & materially. **Please support the Mission Sunday collection on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

**CLERGY:**

Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P.  
Phone: 025-84090  
Canon O'Leary  
Phone: 025-84088  
Fr. Greene  
Phone: 025-84077  
Parish Office: 025-84062

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

**Fr. Fitzgerald  
Emergency Contact  
Number: 087 - 2524979**

**Eucharistic Healing Hour of Adoration:**

A public hour of Adoration will be held in the Parish Church.

**Every Thursday night from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Special Prayers for Healing For the Community & the World.

Information Session on  
**BREASTCHECK & CERVICALCHECK**  
Living Health Centre

**Mitchelstown  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November  
At 7.45 pm  
All Welcome**

**GLENAHULLA  
NATIONAL  
SCHOOL PARENTS  
ASSOCIATION  
AGM**

is being held in the school next **Monday October 19th at 8.30pm**. All parents/guardians are invited to attend.

**CONFESSION TIMES:**

**Mitchelstown:** Sat, Eves of Holydays & Eves of 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays.  
12 noon to 1pm & 7pm to 7.30pm  
**Ballygiblin:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7 p.m.  
**Killacluig:** before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass.

**MASS TIMES:**

**Church Of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:**

Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30pm  
Sunday & Holyday: 8.30am 10.30am 12 noon & 7.30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30pm - Weekday: 8.30am & 10am

**Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin:**

Sunday & Holyday: 9.30am - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30pm

**St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig:**

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30am - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 8.15pm

**Morning Prayer in Parish Church:** Monday to Friday at 8am

**Rosary in Parish Church:** Mon. to Sat. at 9.45am

Before: 10am Mass



**CBS PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL** are organising a **BAG PACK at Tesco on Thurs, Fri, & Sat, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

All proceeds will go towards meeting the cost of the new classroom / access area, built over the summer holidays.

The Council Reps are grateful for the continuing support of Mitchelstown Community for their fundraising ventures. Thanks to Tesco for facilitating the collections.

**COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN  
Mitchelstown Branch AGM**

will be held  
On **Tuesday 20th October**  
At the **Ozanam Centre**  
At **8.30pm**  
All are welcome.

**THISABILITY**

“Thisability” is Mitchelstown’s disability and access interest and support group. The group usually meets on the **third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Ozanam Centre**, Thomas Street Mitchelstown. The group is inclusive and meetings are open to all. The **next meeting is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.30 pm.**

At its last meeting the group began to review access audits which had been commissioned by Cork County Council. The audits included the three cemeteries within the town, Ballinwillin Park and the town playground. Common problems identified by the audits included a lack of accessible parking, inaccessible or obstructed entrances and poor footpath surfaces. It is intended to complete reading the remaining reports during the October and November meetings.

Should you like to know more about the group you can contact the Chairperson, **James Kenneally, on 025- 85725 after 6 pm, or the PRO, Lisa O’Sullivan, on 025- 85381 or 087- 0570234.**

**BTEI SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE**

BTEI are running a short FETAC Level 5 Social Studies course in Mallow in early November to service the increased demand for part-time education. With a huge increase in unemployment, the need for certified up-skilling in a changing workplace is more apparent.

This introductory course offers FETAC Level 5 Social Studies one night per week (7-10pm) over 10 weeks, which aims to give participants an understanding of the core theories and methodologies of Sociology and prepare them for further study at Post Leaving Certificate Colleges in this area. It is hoped that a second FETAC Level 5 module (Human Growth and Development) will be offered in the New Year.

The Back To Education Initiative (BTEI) addresses the need for much greater flexibility in delivering courses to adults who want to achieve certification in their chosen area of study. As the negative effects of our recession are becoming more real, up-skilling and retraining are crucial. Accreditation with FETAC acknowledges these skills. Completion of this course would give the student much greater understanding of Social Studies, especially if pursuing the Level 5 Applied Social Studies course in a PLC College.

BTEI aims to give students an opportunity to combine a return to learning with family, work and other responsibilities. Anyone who has left full-time education can take part in a BTEI course. Free courses are given to those who have left school early, those in receipt of Social Welfare payments and Medical Card holders. All others are charged a fee.

Anyone interested in this Social Studies course should contact BTEI, Mallow Return to Education Centre on **022 - 55452.**

**BINGO – TOWNHALL**

Bingo in aid of Town Hall refurbishments, will be held in the hall on **Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm**  
Great Prizes & a Great Night guaranteed.  
*Your support would be greatly appreciated.*