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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)**

Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

### Men's 5-side Soccer Night League

Running for 6 weeks. Teams of 7 players. Thursday Night 7.00-9.30pm

Registration by 27<sup>TH</sup> October in Mitchelstown Leisure Centre

€100 per team. **Contact Eddie: 025 52102**

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**NATIONAL COIN WEEK - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015.** Central Bank announces rollout of rounding of 1c and 2c coins nationally from Wednesday 28 October 2015. **Don't let the banks keep your coppers... Donate them to Change for Charity!!** Drop your coins into any AIB or Bank of Ireland. No queuing or counting... Simply drop your coppers into one of the Change for Charity Collection Units!

There are **35 MILLION EURO** in coppers sitting in Irish homes unused

Don't waste them... Let us put them to work for Irish charities!

What is Change for Charity: "Change for Charity" is based on the Central Bank's rounding initiative which has been confirmed for Wednesday 28 October 2015. We are asking you to donate your unwanted 1c and 2c coins to us to help support a number of Irish charities.

Retail Outlets and Banks: We have a number of retail partners on board, who are supporting the campaign by allowing collection units in their outlets. The units are NOW in all our retail stores, banks, shopping centres and schools.

Where does the funding go? The profits of the campaign will be divided 6 ways – equally to the 5 charities listed and the 6th strand of income will be reserved for smaller charities, community projects, and youth groups who would like to apply for smaller amounts of funding but don't have the resources to be involved in the overall project.

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**FUNNY FRIDAY TRAINING:** Aspiring athletes invited to novel training on Funny Fridays in Leisure Centre, Mitchelstown.

Session Times Fridays: Athletics @7-8 pm, Spikeball @ 8-8.30 pm.

It's €30 for 10 weeks and €20 for a second child in family, paid in advance. Age 7 is the minimum. Places are limited.

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

**Volume: 7 Issue: 17 Date: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Garda Tony Golden:** While many were enjoying the Rugby World Cup match of Ireland against France last Sunday evening, a great evil act was unfolding in the home of a quiet country village of Omeath, Co. Down. A young twenty-four year old man, Adrian Craven Mackin, violently shot and injured his girlfriend Siobhán (age 21) and then shot dead Garda Tony Golden (age 36) husband of Nicola and father of two young girls and a little boy, all under 8. The young man then killed himself. His girlfriend, and mother of his two young children, is now fighting for her life. The couple, Adrian & Siobhán, were in an unhappy and violent relationship and Garda Golden was protecting Siobhán when the terrible evil deed happened. An unhappy and disturbed young man, Adrian Craven Mackin, has brought untold sorry and heartbreak to many adults and children, and shaken Irish society generally.

All concerned are most especially in our prayers this weekend. May Christ, who suffered the cruel death of the Crucifixion bring the light of His Resurrection to this cruel act of darkness and evil. This degeneration of our society is a deep concern and worry to us all. We all need to work with greater urgency to address our own problems of insecurity. We need to provide every support for our families and family members and as a society to be alert in addressing the evil influences that led to the evil deed of last Sunday evening.

Garda Golden did everything he should and could have done in the circumstances and he and his family have paid a very high price. May the loss of his precious life be a new incentive to us all to be more diligent in caring for our own families and let us all work for a safer society and community and help individuals who are drifting into a dangerous place.

**Towards Peace** is a new spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time.

Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie), phone 01 505 3028 or email [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie).

**World Youth Day 2016** – Cloyne Young Adult Pilgrimage to Krakow: From 26<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 join young people from all over the world in celebrating our faith with Pope Francis. Flying from Cork, we will join in the celebrations in Krakow for this very special event during the Year of Mercy! For young adults between 18 and 35 years. Cost €700. For more information contact Fr. Tom McDermott at e-mail [frtom@cdys.ie](mailto:frtom@cdys.ie) or mobile 086-1615216 or Fr. Pat O'Donoghue at e-mail [frpat@cdys.ie](mailto:frpat@cdys.ie) or mobile 087-7857208

## **SPECIAL FRIENDS MITCHELSTOWN - TABLE QUIZ & AUCTION Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

The Hunters Rest 9pm. Teams of 4 €40 | Auction follows Quiz. Sean Rowland is completing a 4500km cycle from Dublin to Istanbul in aid of Special Friends Mitchelstown. To finish the fundraising efforts we are holding a Table Quiz & Auction on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in the Hunters Rest Mitchelstown at 9pm. **DONATE ONLINE FOR SEAN ROWLAND**  
**www.rotharchallenge.com** All money raised goes directly to charity.

**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 Church of the Oaks Choir (Kildorrery Church Choir) accompanied by local musicians present 'Natures Little Symphony', an evening of music and song on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm in Kildorrery Church.** Special guests: Dordán Choir (Waterford Male Voice Choir) and Rachel Lynch (All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil Finalist). Tickets €10 are available from Thornhills Kildorrery & Mitchelstown, Kildorrery Post Office & Choir Members. Profits in aid of Church Painting Project

**Pioneer Pledge for November for the Holy Souls:** November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice in honour of their deceased loved ones! You can do likewise. Take the short-term Pioneer pledge this November. If interested please give your names to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan or any of the Pioneer Council members.

**Pioneers Total Absence Association:** Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? Would you consider becoming a Pioneer? Through prayer and this self-sacrifice, you can help someone. If you would like any information on becoming a Pioneer and what it entails, please give your name to Pat McEvoy, the Parish Church Sacristan and one of the Pioneer Council members will contact you.

**The Cork Association for Autism needs Volunteers!** The Cork Association for Autism will be holding a collection day on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> and need volunteers in Mitchelstown on this date. If you are available to help raise much needed funds for adults on the autistic spectrum please email c.walsh@corkautism.ie or call 021 4533642. For more details log onto www.corkautism.ie

**A Marriage Encounter Weekend** is designed to enrich a couple's relationship. The next Weekend takes place on November 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> 2015, at the Lake Hotel Killarney. To enquire about availability on The Weekend please phone 064-6644319 / 086-6095168 or email www.marriageencounter.ie

**THANK YOU!** A very successful coffee morning was held recently at the home of Assumpta Roche, Ballybeg in aid of Marymount Hospice, **€2,810** was raised. We would like to thank everyone for their generous support.

**TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:** Dear hearts and gentle people, it's that time of year again when we are asking you to fill a shoe box for a child less well off. There are children in the poorest countries of our world who have never experienced the joy of receiving a Christmas present, many of these children are orphans whose parents were killed in war or who died from illness. You can help these children by filling a shoe box with practical items i.e. something to WRITE with (pen, copybook, markers, crayons etc), something to WASH with (toothbrush, toothpaste, facecloth, soap), something to WEAR (hat, scarf, gloves, socks) and WOW a treat or a toy (sunglasses, skipping rope, small doll or cuddly toy, a toy car). When closing the box; please include €4 in your leaflet envelope either on top of the gifts or taped to the inside of the lid. Please secure the box with elastic band - please don't seal with tape as we need to check contents to comply with regulations. If you would like to help a poor child this Christmas please visit the Team Hope website, www.teamhope.ie or contact your local co coordinator **Christine** on **087 2514099**. The drop off points in Mitchelstown are Farrell's Supervalu, Price Savers and the Ozanam Centre. The closing date this year is **10<sup>th</sup> November**. For those of you who haven't the time or dislike covering boxes, there will be a limited number of pre-covered boxes in Supervalu or Price Savers this week. First come first served. We would like to thank you for last year's response.

## **Pioneer Total Abstinence Association National Draw 2015 - 2016:**

Mitchelstown Branch P.T.A.A. are major promoters of the private members national fundraising draw to help in the promotion of temperance, especially among young people here in Ireland & pioneers in the developing world. The private members monthly draw which anyone is free to join, has been running for the last number of years, has proved most successful as a national fundraising event, so once again the National Fundraising Committee & Board of Management have decided to run the national members draws again, **BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 2015 & CONTINUING EACH MONTH UNTIL APRIL 2016, INCLUSIVE.** The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize each month will be €1200, 2<sup>nd</sup> €400, 3<sup>rd</sup> €200 & 4<sup>th</sup> €100. There will also be 6 promoters' prizes of €40. Each membership is €7 per month, subscribers who pay for the 6 months in advance of the 1<sup>st</sup> draw, need only pay €40. Those wishing to join can do so by contacting any member of Mitchelstown, Fermoy or Rathcormac Pioneer Councils or any pioneer council member in their area. Mitchelstown local Promoter **John Casey 087 / 6477897**, Fermoy – **Emer Howard 086 – 8459439** or **Catherine Morrison 025 - 31519** or **Pioneer Association, 27 Upper Sherrard St. Dublin (01) 8749464**. We thank you for your financial assistance in the past, and look forward to your support in the future. Best of Luck to all in the draw. *"If you're not in you can't win".*

**Kids & Coffee** - all parents/ grandparents/ childminders with children aged 0-4years are welcome to the new Parent and Toddler group which meets from 10.30am to 12 o'clock on Thursdays in Ballindangan Community Centre. Drop in any time for a chat. For details of the group, visit Ballindangan Kids & Coffee on Facebook.

**CIORCAL NA GAELIGE:** The next fortnightly meeting will take place on **Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** in Mitchelstown Library from 4.00pm to 5.20pm. Our meetings are held in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. Please join us if you are interested in using or just listening to Irish. Beidh céad míle fáilte romhat.

**Senior KEEP FIT:** Keep Fit classes for Seniors (50 +) Wednesdays in Tesco Training room at 7pm. Standing, circuits, light weights, chair exercises , yoga. Wellness is your wealth. Contact 087.3589734.