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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

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Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Today at **3.00pm**. As we begin this special week, we invite you & your family to contemplate the sufferings of the Lord.

MASSES MONDAY – WEDNESDAY IN THE PARISH CHURCH:

8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm. **No Evening Mass on Monday due to Penitential Service.**

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH: CHRISM MASS in Cobh at 7.30pm. It is hoped that priests & people from every parish in the Diocese attend this Mass. A bus will leave the Square on Wednesday evening at 6.00pm. Names to be given after Mass.

HOLY THURSDAY- 24th MARCH:

MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE READING AT 10 a.m.

MASS AT 5 p.m.: This year's 1st Holy Communion classes will participate in this Mass.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7.30 p.m.: followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose.

ADORATION OF THE LORD at the Altar of Repose until 12 Midnight.

CONDUCTED HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER: 11pm to 12 midnight.

The Perpetual Adoration closes on Wednesday at 7pm & resumes again after the 12 noon Mass on Easter Sunday.

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to be present at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to renew their commitment. They are asked to line up at the sanctuary steps after the Homily.

Trocaire Boxes can be handed in at the Church Door on Holy Thursday & will be presented at the Offertory of the Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY – 25th MARCH:

A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE (We are to abstain from eating meat & to fast in honour of the Lord's Passion). **Good Friday:** Morning Prayer at 10 a.m.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION & HOLY COMMUNION: 3 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7.30 p.m. The usual collection for the ***Christian Shrines in the Holy Land*** will be taken up. The Christian Shrines in the Holy Land are greatly helped by the support we give them. There is a special envelope in your box of envelopes.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. (Novena leaflets available at the Churches)

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Pádraig Pearse's Last Letter – To His Mother.

Kilmainham Prison,
May 3rd, 1916.

My Dearest Mother,

I have been hoping up to now it would be possible to see you again, but it does not seem possible. Good-bye dear, dear, mother. Through you I say good-bye to 'Wow Wow,' (a sister), Mary, Brigid, Willie, Miss B. Miceal, cousin Maggine and everyone at St. Enda's. I hope and believe Willie and the St. Enda boys will be all safe.

I have written two papers about financial affairs and one about my books which I want you to get. With them are a few poems which I want added to the poems in MS in my bookcase. You asked me to write a little poem which would seem to be said by you about me. I have written it, and a copy is in Arbour Hill Barracks with other papers and Father Aloysius is taking care of another copy of it.

I have just received Holy Communion. I am happy, except for the great grief of parting from you. This is the death I should have asked for if God had given me the choice of all deaths - to die a soldier's death for Ireland and for freedom. We have done right. People will say hard things of us now, but later on they will praise us. Do not grieve for all this but think of it as a sacrifice which God has asked of me and of you.

Good-bye again, dear mother. May God bless you for your great love for me and for your great faith, and may He remember all you have so bravely suffered. I hope soon to see papa, and in a little while we shall all be together again. I have not words to tell you of my love for you and how my heart yearns to you all. I will call to you in my heart at the last moment.

Your son Pat;

Holy Week: We remember with faith and devotion, the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ for humanity and for all of us individually, during this week, we call Holy Week. Let us not allow secular events, make us forget what guarantees our place of eternal life in Heaven. Let us make a conscious decision to participate in all or part of the ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Let us remember too, it is the special Year of Mercy. Extra graces and blessings are available to us this year. Let us make a really good confession and renew our commitment to our beautiful Catholic Faith.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR EASTER UNTIL MONDAY, 4TH APRIL.

PENITENTIAL RITE: **Monday Evening,** we will have a Penitential Service & Confession led by Fr. Horgan (Sacred Heart Priest) at **7.30pm**. A number of Priests will be available for confession. We encourage you all and especially the young to avail of this special opportunity to prepare for Easter by sincere repentance.

Cork Tag Rugby will hold a **Charity Tag Rugby Blitz** on Friday March 25th to launch their Spring/Summer league at Highfield RFC on the Model Farm Road. The blitz will begin at 6pm and it promises to be an evening of great entertainment. Teams cost €150 to enter and funds raised on the night will benefit the **Cork Association for Autism (CAA)**. Please come along and support. For further information or to book your place email corktagrugby@gmail.com or visit their website www.corkastrorugby.com.

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40 Hours Adoration in Celebration of the Year of Mercy. As part of the Year of Mercy, the Parish of Mitchelstown will hold the 40 Hours Adoration Devotion in the Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar of the Church during the 40 hours. **This devotion will commence on Thursday 31st March with Holy Mass at 7.30pm followed by a conducted Holy Hour and conclude on Saturday 2nd April at 7.00pm followed with Holy Mass at 7.30pm, the vigil of Divine Mercy.** Each station area will be given an hour to spend with the Lord. Rota details will be delivered to each home with their Easter envelopes. We invite all in our parish community and surrounding areas to take part in this devotion for the Lord's great mercy, protection and the many graces that the Lord wants to give us.

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The Crystal Project, the **COMMUNITY DEMENTIA PROJECT** in North Cork, led by the HSE, are currently looking for volunteers in the area. We are on the lookout for kind, caring and dependable people to join our team of social volunteer visitors. If you are interested in volunteering with the project or would like to find out more about what we do: Phone: Christine O'Riordan 086-0255205 / Sheena Cadoo 086-7871818

Visit: www.crystalproject.ie Email: christine@crystalproject.ie

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A Vision for Change, Advancing Mental Health in Ireland. Fermoy/Mitchelstown Area. Are you currently a Mental Health Service User? Are you interested in having your voice heard? Come and be part of a new mental health service users group; this group will provide a space for mental health service users to have their voice heard. The first meeting of our group will take place in the **Fermoy Resource Centre, 42 McCurtain Street on Tuesday 5th April at 7.00pm.** Please contact Martin Scully on 087-6599581 for further information.

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Mitchelstown Library, Sutton's Court, Clonmel Road. (025)41939

mitchelstownlibrary@corkcoco.ie <http://www.corkcoco.ie>

25th Mar (Fri) @ 4pm: Ciorcal Cainte - if you have a grá for gaeilge, no matter what your level why not come and enjoy some conversation with some like minded souls? Every 2 weeks. Please contact the library for the next meeting. **Exhibitions:** March Exhibition is by Jay Whitehead of O'Ceannobhain's Art Studio and comprises x7 portraits in pencil of the Signatories to the Proclamation.

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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 Fundraiser held last Saturday, March 12th: Aldi Stores (Ireland Ltd), Mitchelstown Credit Union Ltd., Farrell's Centra, Roche's Spar, and Farrell's Supervalu. Thanks also to our many collectors, subscribers and all those who helped in any way. "Go Raibh Mile Maith Agaibh Go Léir".

HOLY SATURDAY – 26th MARCH:

Holy Saturday Morning: Morning Prayer & Bible reading at 10 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL MASS: 9 p.m. (candles will be provided) **Please note that there will be no 7.30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday Evening.**

CONFESSIONS IN THE PARISH CHURCH:

Wednesday: 23rd March 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.
Thursday: 24th March 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.
Friday: 25th March 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & after Good Friday Ceremonies
Saturday: 26th March 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. & 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Confessions: In Ballygiblin after 9.30am Mass Palm Sunday
In Killacluig after 10.30am Mass Palm Sunday

BALLYGIBLIN & KILLACLUIG:

HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7.30 p.m.
Adoration until 9 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY: Passion of the Lord & Holy Communion: 3 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7.30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL: 9 p.m.

Word of Thanks: To everybody who helped with Lenten Stations and for Offerings received.

Reminder: To return Tax Refund letter as soon as possible.

EASTER OFFERINGS for the priests of the parish will be taken up on *Holy Saturday night & Easter Sunday morning.*

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Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage 2016. Those of you who are interested in travelling to Lourdes this September, please contact Paddy Seery on 083-8098286 or Declan Masterson on 086-4005727, for a booking form.

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BINGO Special: T.O. Park, Labbamologga, **Holy Thursday, March 24th at 9pm** (to allow for Church Services) Usual Bingo Cash Prizes. Proceeds of Raffle to the **Mitchelstown Cope Sensory Garden Fund.** Bumper Prizes for Raffle. Refreshments served at interval.

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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

MITCHELSTOWN CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE for all your information needs. Marian Hall, Convent Hill. **Opening Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am to 1 pm. Monday & Thursday 1.30pm to 4.30pm. No appointment necessary.

Tel: 0761 07 8030. **E-mail:** mitchelstown@citinfo.ie **Website:** www.citizensinformation.ie

The Aware Support Line: Tel 1890 303 302

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

Seniors Helpline (10am-1pm & 7-10pm) 1850 440 444 **Child line (24hr)** 1800 666 666

North Cork Domestic Violence: 022-53915