

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.

1st 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. - 1st Friday: 7.30p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 8.15p.m.

CONFESSION TIMES:

MITCHELSTOWN: Saturday, Eves of Holydays: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

1st Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

NEW: After Saturday Evening Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month.

BALLYGIBLIN: 1st Friday 7p.m. **KILLACLUIG:** before 1st Friday Mass.

CLERGY:

V. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Phone: 025-84090. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F. Phone: 025-84088

Rev. Fr. Greene C.C. Phone: 025-84077.

Parish Office: 025-84062

E-MAIL: mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net **DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAY**

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Priest on Sick call this week is: Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Pharmacy Rota:

Doody's Pharmacy open this Sunday, 23rd Sept 11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

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 Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri 10am-12noon, Thursday 2pm-4pm & Friday 7.30pm-9pm. No appointment necessary. Tel: 0761 07 8030.

E-mail: mitchelstown@citinfo.ie Website: www.citizensinformation.ie

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

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

North Cork Domestic Violence: 022-53915

Child line (24hr) 1800 666 666

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

Alcoholics Anonymous: Meetings held in Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown every Tuesday night @ 8.45p.m. & every Sunday morning 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

Volume: 4

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Date: Sunday 23rd September 2012

Year of Faith:

Faith today is a bit like this year's harvest, it is still there but not in a great condition. Just like any crop or plant, faith also needs certain things in order to flourish. The excessive wet weather did a lot of damage to all crops this summer. Faith too has greatly suffered because of an anti-priest climate, total economic disorder and an excessive pre-occupation with the things of this world. Our own sins and the sins of others, greatly does damage to our faith. All these things quench our desire for prayer, keep us from receiving the Sacraments or leads us to receiving them half-heartily. With this background, Pope Benedict has timely announced a special year dedicated to faith beginning on October 11th, which is the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the 2nd Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In his homily in Lebanon last Sunday, he said that he hoped we would all reflect again on our own personal faith throughout this coming year. By renewing our own personal faith and courageously proclaiming it and witnessing to Jesus Christ, could greatly change the present hostile atmosphere and change the whole country for the better.

Mitchelstown Parish Healing Mission 4th – 25th November 2012:

Mission Prayer:

Lord, we ask You to bless our forthcoming Parish Mission.

We ask You to bless the Céilí Mission Team.

We ask You to help all of us, priests and people, to open our hearts to Your Grace and Blessings, during this special time.

Lord grant us Your Healing, increase our faith and bless our families.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.... Glory Be....

Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us.

St. Fanahan pray for us.

Extended opening hours in the Parish Office:

Office will now be open 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club is holding a night of cookery 'Come dine with me' with Eileen Drinan on **Thursday 27th September at 8.00pm** in the Ozanam centre everyone welcome.

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**TOASTMASTERS: Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.00pm.** In the Firgrove Hotel.  
New members always welcome.

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HEALTH SEMINAR takes place on **Thursday, September 27th at 7pm** in the Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown, when Fergus Heffernan (esteemed Psychologist) will speak to the public on improving our mental well being. This event is a joint initiative between Mitchelstown Community Forum Ltd and the local Mitchelstown Family Co-ordinating Group. Other attractions on the night will be an exhibition of local community and voluntary services. These may be of interest to people looking to join a new group or find out information regarding the vast array of voluntary groups in the town. This event is free and everyone is welcome.

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**Friendly and Welcoming Keep Fit Classes** every Wednesday morning in the old school hall Ballygiblin. Never the same routine with a wide variety of exercises. 9.15am to 10.15am. For more information you can call Sandra Quinn On 087-9766098 or just join us any Wednesday soon.

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CLASSES AND COURSES IN OZANAM CENTRE MITCHELSTOWN

Computer Classes Ring 025 - 84733 or visit website www.ozanamcomputers.com (Note if you are entitled to funding, contact your Social Welfare or Fás office asap)

Due to demand, the Ozanam Computer Centre will put on an extra ECDL course on Tuesday evenings commencing 25th September, names to the office 025 84733

Yoga Monday 17th September 9.30am - 10.45am Orla 087-7972199

Emergency First Aid Wed 3rd October 10.30am-4.30pm
Eileen Maher 087 - 9270020

Paediatric First Aid Wed 3rd & 10th October 7pm-10pm
Eileen Maher 087 - 9270020

Sewing Classes Wed Nights 17th October (3 weeks) Eileen Dineen, 087- 6603698

Cookery Classes Wed Nights 7th Nov (5 weeks) Mary O'Farrell 087- 9431258

eBanking Wed 5th December (1 day course) 10am - 12.30pm Siobhan 025- 84733

Nutrition and Weight Loss Classes for both male & female.

Every Wednesday 7 - 8pm at the Ozanam Centre. Call or text Lynsey 087/3169078 or Kathleen 087/3551675 for further details.

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**Mitchelstown Golf Club Membership Offer:** €500 to be a member of the club until the end of 2013 for new members or those whose membership has lapsed for two or more years.

**MITCHELSTOWN SPORT / LEISURE OPEN NITE** At The FIRGROVE HOTEL, THURSDAY SEPT 27<sup>th</sup> 7- 9 pm. ALL CLUBS / GROUPS be they Business, Charity, Cultural, Educational, Environmental, Family Support, Heritage, or Sporting, are invited to DISPLAY and DEMONSTRATE their wares for only €10. Apply to Sadie Allen, Ballyhoura Ltd. 025-85213

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A Special Enriching Weekend: Give your husband or wife a special gift of an enriching weekend away with you on the 9th - 11th November 2012, in the Lake Hotel, Killarney. A weekend with a difference, that will help deepen your commitment to one another, enrich the joys you share together, whether you are recently or many years married. **For details visit:** www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 064 - 6644319 & 087 - 6670418

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**Guitar Lessons** available from experienced Teacher. All ages, all styles from beginner to advanced. One to one or groups of 2-3. Contact Phil on (086) 3920798. Based in Ballygiblin.

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Youth 2000: Every Tuesday night at 8.30p.m.in the meeting room in the Parish Office. The prayer group is open to all young people, between the ages of 16 and 35. There is a time to pray, reflect, sing, share, adore and socialise. The meeting gives support to young people as they try to grow in their commitment to God.

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**The Sacred Heart Messenger:** Local promoter is; Anna Maria Russell, (025) 84151 Copies are also available in the Porch of the Parish Church Price €1.20

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MITCHELSTOWN RFC MINI & YOUTH RUGBY:

Mini & youth rugby training is back for 6 to 11 year olds in Currabowen.

Training times are: U8's, 10's and 12's - Tuesday from 7.00 - 8.00pm.

U15's and 17's - Monday and Wednesday from 7.00 to 8.30pm.

Please contact 087-6298170 for more information.

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**HELP SOMEONE TO MAKE THE DIGITAL SWITCHOVER:** RTE television is switching from Analogue to Digital Transmission on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012. What can you do to help your community with this important change? Television is a lifeline to many people and it is important that they can continue to access its services. Use your own community, sporting or social networks to make sure the people you know, care about or work with are prepared for the Digital switchover. For more information contact: East Cork Digital Outreach Champion, Veronica Gubbins, Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd, on 025/33411 or 086 3697396 or email [veronica@avondhublackwater.com](mailto:veronica@avondhublackwater.com)

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

John Paul I