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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR ALL MISSIONARIES.

Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: 7.30pm
Sunday & Holy Day: 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.
Weekdays: 8.30am & 10.00am
First Fridays: 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30.m.
Bank Holidays: 11am
MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am
CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm
First Thursday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening at **8.00pm – 9.00pm.** With special reflections on the Messages of Our Lady and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm.** All welcome.

AUTUMN STATIONS 2016 - OCTOBER

Town & Country Stations: 7.30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated.

Mon. 24th Clonmel Road, Baldwin Street, Kings Square & Colledge, Castlefarm Road, Castle Lodge, Bank Place, & Castle Park. PARISH CHURCH

Fri. 28th Skeheen Upper & Lower **P.J. & Breda Crotty**
Fri. 28th Marshalstown & Baunnaoneeny **8.00pm Liam & Anne O'Donnell**
Fri. 28th Demesne **Pat & Mairéad Finn**

We encourage all families to participate in the Autumn Station Mass.

Starting **Sunday, November 13th the 7.30pm Mass** will be a Special Mass for the **Youth of the Parish.** Young people between the ages of 13 to 18 are especially encouraged to participate in the Liturgy, by doing Readings, Altar Serving or sharing their musical gifts in the Youth Choir. The Parish would like to invite the Youth to participate in the Mass in a very special way. Please stay tuned to the Newsletter for more details in the following weeks. Thank you.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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25 Years – Pre-schooling: It's hard to believe that there was pre-schooling 25 years ago, but a very forward looking Mitchelstown Community School opened its doors in the grounds of Bunscoil Na Toirbhirte all those years ago. It all happened in a small building at the back of the school. For twenty five years, hundreds of boys and girls have been prepared for 'Big' school in this wonderful facility. All those boys and girls are now in their late twenties and many still keep their friendship, which they made in the school. The Presentation Sisters, who were still in the Parish at this time, gave great support to the school. The school celebrated the milestone last weekend, with a special gathering in the school on Friday, 14th, at which Canon Fitzgerald gave a special Blessing. A number of people associated with the school participated in the Saturday evening Mass and a great party was held in Jackie O'Brien's bar on Saturday night. Many past pupils, Committee and friends shared wonderful memories together. The pre-school would like to thank everybody who put in so much effort in making the celebration such a success. We congratulate the school and all concerned and wish it every success in the future.

All work and no play make Jack & Sheila a dull boy and girl: Whether you are a single parent or two parent family, it is necessary to take care of yourself. Every parent wants the very best for their children and give them every opportunity to develop their talents. But parenting can become very draining for parents and grandparents these days. We can be running and racing, hither and thither, and become worn out from it all and even become resentful to those we love. Balance is needed and there is a limit to us all, there is only so much we can do. One of the worst things we can do is to make our children dependent upon us. We must teach the children as they are growing up to do their share of the work in the home and in the family. It is not always the loving thing to do everything for our children, it may, very well be a need in ourselves, to make them dependent on us. We must all do our share of helping and working within our homes and families. It is not fair to leave all the work to some family members. We must all take care of each other more, in the pressurised world in which we live. We all need more space, holidays and breaks. It could keep your family together.

November Month Of Prayer For The Dead: A Special Mass for all who died in the past year (1st November 2015 to 31st October 2016), will be held on **Thursday, November 10th.** Please let the Parish Office know if you would like a recently deceased relative included in the Mass. Envelopes for list of Faithful Departed are available at Church entrances today. Please take one.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association National Draw 2016-2017:

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. Once again the National Fundraising Committee & Board of Management have decided to run the national members draws, **BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 16TH 2016 & CONTINUING EACH MONTH UNTIL APRIL 2017, INCLUSIVE.** Those wishing to join can do so, by contacting any member of Mitchelstown Pioneer Council or Mitchelstown local Promoter **John Casey 087 / 6477897**. 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"*.

Killacluig Church Choir Notice: Can you sing or play an instrument? New singers and musicians always welcome!! Meet us after 10.30am Mass any Sunday, if interested or contact Caitriona on 086-3760487. Note: No choir today, Sunday 23rd October.

Dates for your Diary: St Fanahan's Parent's Council will hold their hugely popular **Christmas Cookery Demonstration** with the award winning **Chef's from O'Cruaioi's on Friday, 2nd December 2016**. A great night is ensured to get people into the festive spirit! Tickets will be available shortly! Also St Fanahan's College will be holding their **Open Night** on the **Thursday, 10th November 2016**, where primary school students and their parents will have a chance to meet the new Principal. Mr Edward Cronin, staff, students and members of the Parents Council. The ever popular and entertaining **Fame 2016** will be held on **Friday, 25th November**, which also promises a great night out and superb performances from the schools talented students!! So those are some dates for your Diaries, more information to follow in the coming weeks.

Fermoy Musical Society are delighted to present "Hot Mikado" from Saturday 5th to 12th of November (excluding Wed) at The Palace Theatre Fermoy. Due to demand you can pre book via email - - hotmikadofms@gmail.com. Box Office number 086-2499721. Tickets selling fast, you do not want to miss this show.

The local branch of the **MS SOCIETY** would like to thank all who contributed to our recent flag day and annual church gate collections. Your generosity and support is much appreciated. A very special thanks to all who helped with the collections.

The **Crystal Project**, the community dementia project in north Cork, led by the HSE, are currently looking for volunteers in the area. 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. Visit: www.crystalproject.ie Email: christine@crystalproject.ie

Training for **Mitchelstown Altar Servers** on Tuesday, 25th October at 6.30pm in the Parish Church for 40 minutes.

Presentation Secondary School - Our **OPEN EVENING** for 5th and 6th class girls is on **Wednesday, 26th October** from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Registration begins at 6pm. Principal's address starts at 7:30pm.

"How to support your child with Anxiety" information evening will take place in the Firgrove Hotel on Thursday, November 17th at 7.30pm, this will include all the support services available in the area. This is a free event, everybody is welcome to attend.

Breakfast with Partners in Learning (PiL) - Sharing Cultures: On Saturday 29th October PiL are holding one of their legendary breakfast mornings in the Hunter's Rest from 10.30am till Noon. Speaking at the event will be John Arnold, local Seanchai. John can give a flavour of our Irish traditions, while Bernard Omuse and Naku Charles, both active members on the PiL Uganda team, will relate our traditions to those in Uganda. Tickets for this event are €10 and are available at 087-8305649

Toddler Club now open, fun interaction for toddlers over 12 months. Indoor and outdoor learning opportunities. Messy play. Music and movement. Pretend play. Sand/ water. Snack included 3 hours €20. Please contact us at Bright Sparks 025-86799 or 086-2653839

T.O. Park Sunday Evening Dance. This Sunday, October, 23rd from 9.00pm to 12.00am in Barn. Music: Peter Burke. Tea and Refreshments served.

FUNDRAISING FOR CANCER CARE: Cancer has touched the lives of many individuals and families, of young and old alike. 6th Year students at Mitchelstown CBS will hold a fundraising event in the school on Friday October 28th for cancer care. This will consist of: ● A non-uniform day for students. ● A **Coffee Morning in the school hall on Friday from 9am to 11am.** The Coffee Morning is open to the public and we invite you to help us raise money for this very worthy cause. ● Shave or Dye from 11.15am-1pm. Participating students will be asking for the support of friends and neighbours over the coming week - please help by sponsoring them.

Rest With The Lord: The 24/7 Adoration Chapel has been supplied with Adorers for over 27 years. Many from the Parish and a good number from the surrounding Parishes. In the Gospel last Sunday, Jesus spoke of the need to pray continually and not to lose heart. That instruction of Jesus has been practiced in the continuous prayer before the Lord in the Adoration Chapel all these years. We can never calculate the Blessings it has brought to our area and the whole Church. But we can be confident that it's been a means of enriching many souls.

At present we have need of a few extra Adorers and if you or your family could take on an hour between you, it would be fantastic for yourselves and for the Community—be it day, night or morning. Contact Nora Hogan 025-24149 or the Parish Office 025-84062. Life passes very quickly and what better way to pass it, than in the company of Jesus.

Marriage Encounter – Weekend in Killarney: Husbands and wives why not gift one another with a unique weekend away, that can enrich your communication, rekindle your romance, deepen your love and help rediscover the rich Christian Spirituality of your marriage. **The weekend will take place at the Lake Hotel, Killarney on 18th – 20th November.** Phone/Text 087-2162436. www.marriageencounter.ie. We would encourage couples to consider the weekend, many couples have been greatly enriched by these weekends.