

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, KILLAULIG:

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. **KILLAULIG:** before 1st Friday Mass.

CLERGY:

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

Priest on Sick call this week is: Fr. Greene C.C.

Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Pharmacy Rota:

All Pharmacies open this Sunday, 23rd December from 11a.m.

MITCHELSTOWN GATHERING:

Enter a relative / friend abroad in a free draw to win a flight home up to €350 value in 2013. Entries of named persons abroad ~ e-mail **address**, **postal** address, **telephone** number to Ballyhoura office, Baldwin Street or email to mitchelstowngathering@gmail.com.

DISPLAY a picture of your house /shop front as it looked up to century ago. Attend CLAN GATHERING Workshops taking place in the New Year. Celebrate over 50 events in Mitchelstown with clans meet, music, school reunions, tracing workshops, Characters / Ship passenger list Display, Caves, Walks/cycle/runs, Hurling faction fight, Sports, festivals, tug-o-war, High Nelly Cycle, Old Style Dance, Irish Night, Point to Point, Talent show, dances, Community Games, Car Rally, Tea Party, Mystery Tour, Carnival, Writers, storytelling & culture, choirs, National Welly throw, Heritage week, Model Mania, St. Fanahan's Well Novena, cemetery tours:

E-mail ideas to mitchelstowngathering@gmail.com, See Mitchelstown pages at Facebook/mitchelstowngathering2013. www.thegatheringireland.com.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Confession

The greatest attribute of Almighty God is His Mercy. He understands how weak we all are, despite our best efforts we offend Him and drift away from Him. But He is always calling us back to humbly repent of the sins we have committed and He is always ready to forgive. This was why He sent His Son Jesus, born in the stable at Bethlehem. This is the merciful God reaching out to us and calling us to turn our eyes to our Creator and Saviour.

Our first and greatest sin is idolatry, the worship of what God has given us and the things we have made ourselves. We all must worship God in first place in our daily lives. We do this by giving time for worship and prayer: Daily prayer, morning and evening, attendance at Mass every weekend, Eucharistic Adoration, reading the Bible.

Our second principal sin is our selfishness and our failure to really and truly love each other, love ourselves and love those who are troubled and in need. When we put God first our ability to love one another is greater.

Let us begin anew this Christmas time of Grace and New Year to follow the Lord and to serve Him in one another.

Expert Groups:

In September 2007 an independent group recommended that all Government ministers be given a €30,000 rise in pay. It was madness, the ministers of the time were embarrassed into refusing it. The whole suggestion was madness. Now we understand where that madness led us.

Another expert group has now recommended our Government should legislate for abortion in our country – this too is madness. The protection of all life, mother and child must never be weakened by our legislation – to do so would destroy our society and greatly displease Almighty God. Let's not be misled by expert groups and others who do not realise the damage they will do to our society. Let us support our T.D.'s in maintaining an abortion free country. Other nations in the world have huge guilt hanging over them by the approval of abortion – let's lead them, not follow them. "You shall not kill" is one of the Commandments of God, the giver of life.

Any payments being made to the parish by cheque, should be made payable to "Mitchelstown Parish"

happy and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to 2013 - pencil these dates in your diaries! **25th January 2013, Table Quiz at The Hunters Rest & 5th March 2013, Annual Fashion Show at the Firgrove Hotel.** We thank you for your ongoing support of the school and its endeavours.