



**MITCHELSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL** are holding an information meeting on **COMMUNITY TEXT ALERT** in **St. Fanahan's College on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm**. Diarmuid Cronin head of Community Alert with Muintir na Tire will give a talk on how to set up a community text alert group. Tom Howard Chairman of Carrignavar Community Council will attend and will give the reasons why Carrignavar set up such a group, Also anyone interested in neighbour watch are welcome to attend. All are welcome and admission is free.

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**"St Thérèse – The Little Flower" Summer Faith Camp. For Boys & Girls aged 6-12 years.** The aim of the camp is to give children the opportunity to form a personal relationship with Jesus, through activities such as Arts & Crafts, Drama, Dance and Action Songs, Music, Team Games, prayer and plenty of fun! The leaders for the week are local volunteers supported by local clergy and members of the Family of Mary Community, and also members of Youth 2000, young people who are deeply committed Catholics and all give voluntarily of their time. In accordance with Cloyne Diocesan Policy, all volunteers will be Garda Vetted. **The Faith Camp runs from 10am – 3pm daily from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

**COST OF CAMP: €40 for first child & €25 per additional child from the same family.** Application Forms have been given out through the schools, they are also available in the Parish Office and in the Porch of the three Churches. **Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

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**Annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass** will be held in Whitechurch on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments.

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**Bus to Lough Derg June 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.** Contact 087-7660942 for more details.

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**Mitchelstown PTAA Mass and Presentations:** Presentation of Ten Year, Golden and Silver Jubilarian Badges, Fr. Cullen Medal, 10 Year Certificate, 40 Year, 60 Year, 70 Year Diploma's, will take place at a **SPECIAL MASS** in the **Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown, On Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.** If you think you are eligible, please contact Catherine Hanley (Secretary) 087-7727496 or any member of the local Pioneer Council. For more details please see Church notice board.

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**NCBI SHOP MITCHELSTOWN** would like to make an appeal for donations, we take ornaments, tea sets, glassware, household, ladies and men's clothes etc. The NCBI shop is situated at the top of the Square, easy parking. The shop sells a variety of goods new and pre-owned, well worth a visit. **The shop supports The National Council for the Blind of Ireland, we would appreciate your help in increasing our donations.** Contact Isobel tel: 0871254900

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**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.

### **Heritage Society Guided Walk of Galtee Castle Woods**

**"Revealing Galtee Castle Wood"**. Mitchelstown Heritage Society is beginning its series of summer outings **next Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**, with a guided walk of Galtee Castle Wood lead by local historian and photographer Bill Power. Open to the general public as well as Heritage Society members, the group will assemble at the main Car Park at 7pm sharp. Sensible shoes & clothing are required, suitable for most ages & fitness levels. There is a small cover charge of €2 for non-members. The car park will be supervised during the duration of the walk. Located outside Kilbehenny village, the Galtee Castle is as magical and endearing as when it was first planted by the Kingstown's in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, today it is a popular walking area, one of the many entrance points onto the Galtee Mountains.

Bill first visited Galtee Wood over thirty years ago. Since then he has been fascinated by the history and beauty of the locality. Over the past five years he has captured images in the wood which have won international photography awards. This walk will combine Bill's unique knowledge of the history of Galtee Castle with his passion for photography to reveal hidden aspects of the woodland, past and present. Locations to be explored include Lord Kingston's seat, the old tennis court, the beautiful bridge and its riverside paths, Coopers Wood, the hidden mill and much more. Bill will reveal much of the hidden flora and fauna which thrives in this estate wood.

If you'd like to know more about the area or if you simply enjoy Galtee Wood as a place to walk, then this walk will shed new light on a very special corner of the Galtee Mountains.

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### **Marymount Hospice Sunflower Collection on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June in Mitchelstown.**

A big thank you, to Patricia Casey who has organised the Hospice Sunflower Collection for as long as we can remember, but unfortunately is unable to continue doing it. She has asked Seán Finn and me, if we could help with the collection this year, so we are very much looking for your help and support. Patricia gave us the list of names, but no contact numbers, of the people who have helped with the collection down through the years. If you would like to continue helping with this very worthy collection, on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, we would be most greatly if you would contact Seán Finn on 086 4021369 or Liz Downes on 087-7689875. Let us put our best foot forward and make this year's collection another great success.

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**Thanks from Mitchelstown Community Pre-school:** The Committee & Staff of Mitchelstown Community Pre-school wishes to thank all those who supported their recently held Annual Table Quiz in The Tavern Bar. As always the Quiz-master John Hickey, ensured it was a challenging but enjoyable night. The support from the Teams and especially the generous businesses of the town, who sponsored the prizes for the bountiful raffle, ensured the night was a great success. A very special word of thanks needs to go to Mary, Aidan, Willie, Declan & Staff of the Tavern, who so generously provided the food on the night. To each and everyone who made the night such a resounding success - Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.