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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

Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

#### PRAYER FOR PREPARATION TO STUDY

Lord, I know you are with me and love me. Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study. Help me to focus on my books and notes, keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use of this time that is available to me. Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying, and help me to remember it when the time comes. Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study and for the many gifts and talents you have given me. Help me always to use them in such a way that they honour you and do justice to myself. Amen

### \*\* All Ireland Rosary Rally Knock Shrine:

The Rally will be held in Knock on **Saturday**, **June 6th**. A bus will be going from the Parish, if you would like to travel, please give your name and contact number to the Parish Office (*during opening hours of 9am to 12 noon Monday to Friday*), **no later than Wednesday 3rd June**. Adults €20, Children €15, the money can also be paid into the Parish Office. The Bus will leave The Town Square at 7.15am.

LOUGH DERG - 4 day pilgrimage 2015. Leaves Cork Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am returning Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>. Booking & Information Phone 021-4893453

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# **TODDLERS CLUB at Bright Sparks**

Children over 12 months can enjoy 3 hour play session together, with lots of play therapy, music, water, etc. We have lots of fun and enjoy our morning/afternoon snack with others. The interaction supports speech sharing and turn taking... For more details contact 086-2653839 or 025-86799

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Corpus Christi Procession:** <u>The Annual Procession will take place after the 12</u> <u>o'clock Mass on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>.</u> The route is down Chapel Hill, turning left on to Upper Cork Street, turning right at the traffic lights, up Church Street, turning right onto George's Street and then right onto King's Street. The Procession will enter the Town Square from King's Street and turn right down to Main Street and conclude with Benediction in New Square.

We encourage you all to come and participate and bring the family. It is a special public walk with our beloved Eucharistic Saviour, Jesus Christ. All First Holy Communion children are invited to walk directly in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We also invite the owners of homes and shops to welcome the Procession with

suitable decorations. By means of the Procession we ask the Lord to bless our Town and the whole Parish.

**Prayer Group:** The Prayer Group would like to invite you to next Wednesday nights Prayer meeting in Marian Hall (near Supervalu Car Park) at 8.00pm. John & Jackie O'Brien from Cork will lead the meeting. John and Jackie have been involved in the Prayer Ministry in Cork since they were teenagers.

He died for the Faith: Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was shot dead in El Salvador, while celebrating Mass on March 24<sup>th</sup> 1980, was beatified this weekend and is now declared a Martyr for the faith. El Salvador is a country in which the land and the wealth is in the hands of a few and protected by the military. The vast majority of the population struggle to survive and this was particularly the situation when Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop in 1977. His predecessor Archbishop González was a strong supporter of peasants and workers organisations. The ruling families regarded him as a communist. So when Oscar Romero was appointed, they worked to influence the appointment of someone they thought would not challenge the establishment.

But a short time after the appointment of Oscar Romero as Archbishop, his close friend a Jesuit Priest, Rutilio Grande, was murdered by state agents. Much to everyone's surprise, the new Archbishop proved to be a determined man. He cancelled Sunday Mass throughout the Diocese and convened the Salvadoran Church in the Cathedral for a single Mass, there; he publicly blamed the Government for Grande's death and demanded justice. From that moment until his own death, he condemned the poverty, social injustice, assassinations and torture that were destroying the people and the country. Blessed Oscar Romero pray for us. **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.

"St Thérése – 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.

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

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

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.

**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  $28^{th}$ , 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  $\in 2$  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 Kingston's in the  $18^{th}$  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, or 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.

**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.

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