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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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WEEKDAY MASSES: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

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

FEAST DAYS: Tuesday is the Feast day of Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Friday is the Feast day of St. Martha.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Every Friday in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

Lord God in Heaven Creator of all things. You have all power to heal those who are struggling with the devastating disease of addiction. We pray God you would intercede in their lives and flood their eyes with light. So they can know and understand the hope to which You have called them. Give them strength and courage, take away their fears, grief, anxieties, and resentments. Send your word God heal them, rescue them from the pit of destruction. Allow them to live and not die. Heal their broken hearts and bind up their wounds curing all of their pains and sorrows. Allow them to hear your call, allow them the grace to never ever give up and to always stay focused on you. Fill their hearts with your word, for your word is life to all who find it and health for the whole body, mind, and spirit. I pray these things in Jesus Holy Name. Amen

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The Drug Situation: It gives none of us any joy to see people suffering because they got caught in the delivering of illegal drugs – ecstasy tablets. It gives us all relief and time to reflect on the damage these drugs can do to vulnerable young people in our community. Vulnerable young people are easily drawn to experiment with drugs – try them out – not realising the dangers they may bring with them. Young people can be lonely, bored and with very little sense of self value, the possible excitement of drugs can be very attractive, for someone in this state of mind. The first sample may be offered free, but down the road you will pay. People make a lot of easy money dealing in drugs, but they do so, on the back of weak young people – that is abuse. Drugs are very addictive and those who use them become dependent on them in a very short time. Very soon the debt for them builds up and the strain on an individual and on a family is enormous. This is when dealers and pushers turn nasty. We congratulate the Gardaí on work well done and we encourage them to continue to root out this evil in our community, but they cannot do it alone – family and community life needs to be strengthened and supported. A Youth Café gives healthier options to young people who are bored. Faith in the Lord needs to be encouraged by everybody, for the Lord is the True One who satisfies the emptiness of our hearts and he gives it free.

The Parish will employ a young man in the Autumn, Kevin from NET Ministry to support young people in the Parish. We will also have access to a Youth Worker and a Drugs Worker. The Community needs to work together to confront this evil, before any more of our young people come to tragedy. Thank the Lord for the success of the work of the Gardaí. It is a responsibility on all of us to make our homes and our community a safer place for young people. We appeal to all who are pushing and dealing in drugs to get off the bus and stop preying on the weakness of our young people. If you don't, the punishment that you are facing will be justly deserved.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, protect our Parish and especially our young people.

Faith Camp: The Lord sent wonderful weather this week and we thank Him. It was a special blessing for the Faith Camp and the 92 children and 50 leaders who took part in the Town Hall. The children had great fun and learned a lot about their faith, and helped to bring out the beauty and the joy of the faith they already have. Thanks to Martha and to all the adult committee who worked throughout the year to prepare the event. Thanks to all the young and not so young volunteers. Special thanks to Fr. Patrick and to the Brothers & Sisters of his Community who make the Camp so special. Thanks too, to Ger, the Hall Caretaker, and to our Parish Secretary, Patricia, who do so much behind the scenes. Our Parish is so blessed. Thank God!

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in
The Firgrove Hotel, MITCHELSTOWN.

Monday, 25th July, 5pm - 8.30pm & Tuesday, 26th July, 3pm - 5pm & 7pm - 9pm

Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need.

One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on www.giveblood.ie or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

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Annual Knockadoon Music & Liturgy Course, Knockadoon Camp, Co. Cork: We are delighted and privileged to announce the **Knockadoon Music & Liturgy Course 2016** will take place this summer from **August 7th – 13th**. For more details please see website www.knockadoonml.com

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Get your Summer Holiday Reading at the Ozanam Shop, Thomas Street, Mitchelstown, 025 84733. Fiction €2; Non-Fiction €1; Children's Books 50c. Opening Hours: Mon – Fri: 10am–1pm & 2pm–5pm, Sat: 10am–1pm. All proceeds go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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After an initial meeting with Special Olympics Development Officer, Sandra O'Donoghue, we are now looking for interested members of the community to volunteer their time or become active committee members of a new **Special Olympics Club**. Volunteers and Committee members are essential to the formation of this club. Please contact MLC on 025 52102 to register your interest **on or before Saturday the 30th of July 2016**.

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CPR and Defibrillator Training available Wednesday, 10th August and Wednesday, 17th August. Must be available both nights and must be pre-booked with Michelle on 085-1502008. Spaces limited, so please book early.

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Pioneer Association Members Raffle: Results of Raffle held recently. **First Prize: €2000:** D. Connolly, Foxford, Co Mayo. - **Seller:** M. Butler, Foxford, Co Mayo. **Second Prize: €500:** J.& K. Kinane, Tipperary Town. - **Seller:** P. Kinane, Tipperary Town. **Third Prize: €250:** M. Clarke, Mullingar, Co Westmeath. - **Seller:** R. Clarke, Mullingar, Co Westmeath. €40 to seller of each winning ticket. *Many thanks to all who supported this raffle.*

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The Irish Cancer Society's 'Volunteer driver Service' is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. We are looking for volunteers from all over North Cork to pick local patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and all drivers' expenses are paid. Telephone Rebecca on 01 2316 642 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

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The Crystal Project, the community dementia project in north Cork, led by the HSE, are currently looking for volunteers in the area. We are looking for kind, caring and dependable people to join our team of social volunteer visitors. 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 / Sheena Cadoo 086-7871818

Visit: www.crystalproject.ie Email: christine@crystalproject.ie

Mallow Level 3 General Learning VTOS Course:

The Q Centre Mallow is currently enrolling for its VTOS Level 3 General Learning Programme which starts in September. The Programme runs five mornings per week and is intended to give those on Social Welfare who may have left school early an opportunity to develop their competency levels and gain practical skills in Computers, Communications and Mathematics, along with a number of other options including Nutrition, Upholstery, Woodwork, Art, Study Skills and Photography. Those eligible to apply must be 21 years of age or over and be receiving a Social Welfare Payment for at least 6 months. We welcome learners of all ages, abilities and nationalities and promise to provide a learning environment which is both innovative and supportive. The aim is to give learners an opportunity to combine a return to learning with family, work and other responsibilities. Programmes offer progression to further education and training. You may also be eligible for a travel allowance, depending on how far you are travelling. This VTOS course is FREE. For further information contact the Q Centre, Mallow on 022 42322 or 087 7011041. Limited places are available.

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The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task,
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on grey and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me;
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock;
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.

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"Hell Unleashed"

Hell Unleashed is the only way you could describe the events in Nice, France, on July 14th last. We witness similar things on our Television screens regularly from Syria and Iraq – but to witness a 20 ton truck being driven deliberately at 90km/hr into a crowded promenade of innocent people is to witness Hell itself and to witness it so near home. A terrible evil has been unleashed on humanity. Who can save us? We all need to pray very much and to heed the Message and the Secrets (now revealed) given at Fatima almost a 100 years ago. We must drive this evil back and it can only be done by penance and prayer. Let us pray for France and for all who have suffered and are suffering so much.