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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](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)**

**Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979**

### **Kilbehenny Cycling Club - Club Notes 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Club Cycle** (meet at Kilbehenny Community Centre) currently scheduled for 7pm on Wednesdays and for 9am on Sundays. On Sunday last our leisure group travelled to Ballyporeen and back via Burncourt, whilst B Group went as far as Cappoquin (by the Vee and Lismore). **Betterlife Cycle (Malin to Mizen)** will take place over four days on the June Bank Holiday Weekend. We have 25 of our members involved in this event which is for a very good cause, St Joseph's Foundation in Charleville. A serious amount of training and dedication has been put in by all the cyclists (and volunteers) involved since late last year and the club would like to urge everyone to make some contribution either directly through the club members partaking in the event or via the bucket collections which will take place in Mitchelstown and Fermoy on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May. The route is in excess of 600km, itinerary as follows:-

Thursday 29th May - Cycle from Malin Head to Enniskillen

Friday 30th May - Cycle from Enniskillen to Birr

Saturday 31st May - Cycle from Birr to Glanmire

Sunday 1st June - Cycle from Glanmire to Mizen Head

**About St. Joseph's Foundation Charleville Co. Cork** Since its inception in 1968, St. Joseph's Foundation has been providing services for people with disabilities from within a 25 mile radius of Charleville, Co. Cork. Presently, in excess of 550 people receive a service from the Foundation. This service is hugely dependant on voluntary fundraising and local support. The Foundation is very grateful to the many individuals, clubs and organisations who work tirelessly to support the work being carried out. Further details <https://www.facebook.com/betterlife.cycle.9> <http://stjosephsfoundation.ie/>

**Annual Club Cycle** Our annual cycle shall be held on **Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>** from Kilbehenny, and we are hoping for a great turnout again this year. Further details in the next few weeks!

**Why not get back 'on yer bike!' with our Leisure Group? New** members are always welcome and the club caters for all levels/abilities. For further details please contact any of the following: - Mary 086 603-3239, Tom 087 268-3587  
Eileen 086 318-0962

Finally, we would like to wish John Clancy a speedy recovery and hope to see him back on the roads with us again soon.

## Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### **NET Youth Ministry Team:**

Karla, James, Emma, Ally and Joseph expressed their deep appreciation of the wonderful support and welcome they received since they came to Mitchelstown last September. They were speaking at a special Mass in the Town Hall last Monday night. A great crowd, of all ages, attended the thanksgiving celebration and great happiness and joy was felt by all.

The five young people gave a year of their young lives to share and witness to the faith in the Risen Lord. They return to Donegal this weekend and spend a week in reflection with the other teams, who were spread around Ireland and Scotland throughout the year. We remember them in our prayers this weekend and wish God's Blessing on their future decisions. It is planned for another team to come to Mitchelstown next September. We keep all young people in our prayers, that the Holy Spirit will guide them in all their decisions.

### **25 Years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:**

In June of 1989 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration commenced in Mitchelstown and the Diocese of Cloyne. Throughout the 25 years, the Eucharistic Lord has been adored day and night by representatives of the Parish and our neighbouring communities.

To mark the Silver Jubilee of this faithful apostolate, Bishop William Crean will celebrate **Mass in the Parish Church on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**. We invite you all to this special occasion, as we remember all our deceased adorers in a special way.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally Knock Shrine:** The Rally will be held in Knock on **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Name and contact number to the Parish Office (*during opening hours of 9am to 12 noon Monday to Friday*), **no later than Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. Adults €20, Children €15, the money can be also paid into the Parish Office. The Bus will leave The Town Square at 7.15am.

### **Diocesan Day of Prayer and Reflection:**

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Diocesan Day of Prayer and Reflection, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June in St. Mary's Church, Mallow. Mass at 10am with Bishop Crean. Reflection afterwards in Hibernian Hotel, Mallow. All Welcome.

**Mitchelstown Flower & Garden Club** evening outing to Kilcoran Garden Centre on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May will see you all there at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be served, everyone welcome.

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**Ballindangan Community Council:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May The Monday Morning Club are hosting Liz Stafford, Killavullen who owns Style On Your Doorstep with the Captain Tortue Group. They specialise in both ladies & children's clothing. Liz will be on hand to give style tips and get ideas for updating our wardrobes. She will also have a selection of items for purchase on the day. Everyone welcome, starts at 10.30am in Ballindangan Hall.

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**Inspirational CDs from Lighthouse Catholic Media:** We have an exciting new program starting here in our Parish with Lighthouse Catholic Media. Inspirational CDs are available with stories of conversion and teaching regarding the Catholic Faith. These CDs are practical and effective in helping Catholics know their Faith, keep their Faith and share Faith!. All of the recordings are by people who are genuinely excited about their Catholic Faith and their energy is wholly contagious. We would encourage everyone to take time and listen to some of these CD's. After listening you will feel a deep appreciation for the gift of our Catholic Faith. Many people are concerned today about family members who have fallen away from the Church and wonder if there is anything they can do about it. The answer is 'Yes'! Just hand them a CD and ask them if they would like to listen to it. A suggested donation of €2.00 per CD covers the basic costs. The CD's are available in the Porch at the back of the Parish Church.

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**Young Adult Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago** – Sarria to Santiago. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June. For people between the ages of 18 and 35. Find yourself on the way. For more details contact Fr. Alan on 086 – 7857955 or e-mail [fralan@msctheaway.com](mailto:fralan@msctheaway.com)

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**Enrich Your Faith:** Come to a Day of Prayer, Knock Shrine, 31<sup>st</sup> May Feast of the Visitation. Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyers of Charity. Theme Called to be a Light to the Nations. 10am to 5pm. For Information and Buses contact 087-1198594 or 086-1678027. [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)

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**Irish Church Music Association - 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer School:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014. St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 'The Joy of the Gospel' Guest Director: David Saint (Birmingham) if any choir or individual is interested, please contact the Parish Office for more details. Also see [www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com](http://www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com)

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**Mitchelstown Community Games:** Hurling U11 May 24<sup>th</sup> at Douglas, U10 boys /U12 girls Football at Cobh June 7<sup>th</sup>. For details contact Seamus [087.3589734](tel:087.3589734). No entry fee

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**BRIGHT SPARKS:** Toddlers 12 months and over are welcome to join our **Toddler Group**. 3 hour fun sessions where toddlers are interacting with others of the same age. Activities include WATER PLAY, SAND PLAY, MUSIC & DANCE, PAINTING, OUTDOOR & LOTS MORE. Prices from €20

For more details or bookings please call 025 86799 or text 086 2653839

**BINGO for Fionn Doyle Fund, on this Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May in the Town Hall, Mitchelstown, at 8.30pm.** Your support would be greatly appreciated. Great prizes on the night.

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A **Genealogy Family History Workshop** will be conducted at Mitchelstown Library on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Why not attend all for free.

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**The Little Flower Summer Faith Camp – The Town Hall, Mitchelstown,** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. 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 members of Youth 2000 - a group of young people who are deeply committed Catholics and all give voluntarily of their time, together with local volunteers supported by local clergy and members of the Family of Mary Community. In accordance with Cloyne Diocesan Policy, all volunteers will be Garda Vetted. The Faith Camp runs from 10am – 3pm daily. €40 for first child & €20 per additional child from the same family. Should cost be a concern, please talk to Canon Fitzgerald. The number of places available is limited. This is a non-profit venture – money will be used for materials, equipment and subsistence of visiting youth leaders. 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.

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**Sue Ryder foundation** is at present holding a raffle. Please call in and buy some raffle tickets and you could win a beautiful dolls house. Tickets costs, 1 strip €2 and 3 strips are €5. We are also having a book sale. All adults books are 50c and children's books are 3 for €1. We are always grateful for any donations you may have. These include clothes, shoes, Bric a Brac and books. Furniture is also very welcome and collection can be arranged. We are also appealing for volunteers. So if you have any time to spare, an hour a couple of hours a day whatever we would be delighted to meet you here at Lower Cork Street. Thank you for your continued support.

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### **Bealtaine 2014 in Mitchelstown Library**

**Exhibition:**

- Circle of Friends & Active Retired have an exhibition in place until the end of May
- Model of Mitchelstown Railway. Bill Pigott will be in the library in the afternoons to answer any questions about his model railway.

**Workshops:**

- Book Mark Making workshops with Carmel Smyth Tuesdays 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2.30pm – 4.30pm
- Clan Search genealogy workshop with Seamus Fox Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm
- Flower arranging demonstration by local Flower and Garden Club and Jam Jar Flowers. Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 11am. If you wish to do something creative on the day you can bring a small bunch of flowers and a clean empty jam jar. Places for the workshops are limited so please call into us or telephone us on 025 41939 for more information and to book your place.

**Regular events:** The Book Club will be meeting at 11am on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May and Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. The Writer's group will be meeting at 10.30am on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Please confirm with the library. Our Ciorcal Cainte has gotten off to a great start. They will be meeting again at 4pm on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. This Month's exhibition is a joint exhibition of works by the Active Retired group and Circle of Friends. Story time is at 11.30am on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. The Library will close at 3pm on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May and re-open at 11am on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. If you are interested in displaying in the library please call in or phone on 025 41939.