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, KILLACLUIG: 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. KILLACLUIG: before 1st Friday Mass. CLERGY: V. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Phone: 025-84090. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F. Phone: 025-84088 Rev. Fr. Greene C.C. Phone: 025-84077. Parish Office: 025-84062 E-MAIL: mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAY Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon - Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Back to Education Initiative (B.T.E.I.) Retail Skills (F.E.T.A.C. Level 4)

<u>Components:</u> Level 4 Customer Service Level 4 Retail Skills Techniques Level 4 IT Skills Level 4 Team-working 3 mornings per week (over 20 weeks from mid-September)

No Fees

Targeting the unemployment

Part time course

Recommended for those without a Leaving Cert

For early school leavers already working

Social Welfare payments are retained

For Medical Card/GP Only Card Holders

Ideal for Jobseekers

Venue: Q Centre, IDA Industrial Estate, Quartertown, Mallow.

To register, or receive information: **Tel. Q Centre: 022 55452/42322**

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Catholic Grandparents Association: This Association was founded a number of years ago by a lady called Catherine Wiley, who now lives near Knock. Originally she and her husband lived near the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham in England. She is a grandparent herself and was inspired to organise a special pilgrimage for Grandparents to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock. The motto of the association is to pass on the faith by keeping prayer at the heart of the family. <u>The Annual Pilgrimage will be held in Knock on Sunday. September 8th</u>. If you are interested and if a number of people are interested, it may be possible to organise a bus. Please give your name and phone number into the Parish Office by this Wednesday, 28th August. Grandparents have a powerful role to play in their grandchildren's lives and especially in the encouragement in their prayer and faith. At a time when faith is severely challenged, the wisdom and strength of grandparents was never so much needed.

Blessings of August:

Thank God for the fine weather, it has brought us rain and sunshine and warmth. Congratulations to AROMA and the Mitchelstown volunteers for the array of flowers in bloom throughout the Town. Keep up your great generous and selfless work.

Convent Hill is a stir with construction machinery, with the Leisure Centre development in the Canon's Field. It has been a long time coming, but God has the best time for everything. The patience of the community has been tested, but great things are yet to come.

The Aldi Distribution Centre, again after a number of years, is about to open its doors and provide some badly needed commercial and employment activity in our area. All in all, we have a lot to be thankful for just now. May God be praised for His many blessings to us.

Schools Re-open: This week many of our schools re-open. We welcome everybody back. It always takes a few days for teachers and pupils to settle back, our prayers are with them. May the Lord help everybody and may He bless this coming school year, that it will be a happy and safe year for everybody.

GRANPARENTS KNOCK PILGRIMAGE:

Are you interested in going to the Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock? Contact the Parish Office with your name and number by this Wednesday, 28th August, between 9am and 12 noon at 025 84062.

C.B.S. Primary reopens for new school year, Next Thursday, 29th August at 9am

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SPECIAL FRIENDS ANNUAL 80/40/15K CYCLE AND 5K WALK taken place on 31st August. All cycles will leave from the CBS Mitchelstown at 10.45/11.45/12.30.The walk will leave Abbey Farm at 12.30. The parents of special friends would greatly appreciate if anyone has spot prizes to donate that they can be given to any committee member or Bright Child Care Centre.

Special Friends visited Trabolgan on the 20th August this was our annual family day which is a great for us to know our new members .We bring plenty of helpers so all member of each family enjoy the day. We all started with swimming after the younger children enjoyed the playground or crazy golf while the older children variety of adventure sports. The children and parents really had a great day that we finished with a picnic and fell asleep on the bus home after a long and busy day.

Extra Readers Needed: Extra Readers for the **Sunday 10.30am and 12 noon Masses** in the Parish Church are needed. We encourage you to come forward and put your name on the rota for readers. It is a great privilege to serve in Church and to proclaim Gods Word. All age groups are welcome and an opportunity to train and prepare will be given. Contact Catherine at 086 – 3369377 or the Parish Office.

Catholic Grandparents Association: Are holding their Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock On Sunday, 8th September 2013. Ceremonies commence at 2.30pm

FAITH CAMP – LOST & FOUND: A number of items were left in the Town Hall after the Faith Camp. Any lost items can be collected from the Parish Office 9am to 12 noon.

Barnardos Ireland's leading children's charity is recruiting for Volunteer Coordinators and Volunteer Collectors for their National Collection Day taking place on **Friday**, 25th **October 2013** in the following Tesco Stores in Co Cork - Douglas, Mahon, Mallow, Midleton, Mitchelstown, Wilton and Paul Street, Cork City. The role of the Volunteer Coordinator is to take overall responsibility for the Flag Day collection in one of the Tesco Stores (in liaison with Barnardos Volunteer Support & Community Engagement Service). The role of the Volunteer Collector is to collect money at one of the Tesco Stores during an agreed 2½ hour time slot. If interested in either role please contact Suzanne on 01-7080431 or email volunteers@barnardos.ie for more information.

Ballygiblin gathering June 2013: Ballygiblin gathering DVD covering all the events in June now available from Úna Fitzgerald at Flowers by Úna and Pat O'Sullivan Cycles, Mitchelstown. Cost €15. It's a memorable present for those at home or abroad. If you have any queries contact Noelle Luddy 087-8158902.

MITCHELSTOWN LIBRARY:

Angelina Ballerina story time and dance show will take place in the Library on Tuesday the 27th of August at 2pm. This is a free session provided by Angelina Ballerina Dance School. FÁS e-learning at the library will begin a new session in September. This will be a 2hr class once a week based in the library. It lasts for 16 weeks and the student will be awarded with a FETAC minor award - level 3 in computer literacy. Please contact the library for an application form.

Any further queries please feel free to contact Liz in the library on 025 41939.

PLAY GROUP SPECIAL AT BRIGHT SPARKS CHILDCARE CENTRE

Age 2½ years upwards. Available from MONDAY to FRIDAY 9am to 12 noon Healthy Snack included. €65 per week.

A Fun filled learning environment for your child, where all needs are fulfilled. During class each morning we work on the Holistic Development of the child, through fun and experiences. We work together to ensure your child becomes an independent learner.

For more details / bookings 025-86799 or text 086-2653839.

Ballyhoura Macra held a very successful Annual BBQ and Fun Evening on the 17th August. Many competitions took place on the evening including "the cube", tug-of-war and a crossbar challenge. The first event to kick off was the crossbar challenge. Many people competed in this event in the glorious weather we thankfully had on the evening. The joint winners of the men's event were Jack from Suirvale Macra and Connor from Fermoy Macra. The winner of the women's event was Nicole from Limerick City Macra. The tug-of-war competition also took place and many supporters attended this popular event and had enjoyed the craic at this event. The winners of the competition were the Graig team and the runners up were Fermoy Macra. Amongst all these competitions, the cube was also played. This game proved popular amongst the younger people in attendance on the evening. Once the competitions had commenced, the barbeque was already started as it was heating up during the competitions, so food was ready for all the hungry competitors and supporters. The food proved very popular and so much so that the food was cleared out! After the barbecue was finished, the night's entertainment started. Music was played by Erin's Own, and many thanks to Paddy and Mary Irwin who provided us with the entertainment. Great support was given also for the raffle. Many thanks to all the sponsors of the prizes for the raffle without them, the raffle could not have taken place. Many thanks to Premier Asphalt & R&W Fuels, Scott Jebb &Sons, Doneraile Tea Rooms, JJ & Ellen O Driscoll, O'Farrell's, Dairygold and other members who donated prizes. Finally, a word of thanks must extended to all the members who helped with the organising and promoting of the event, without them the event would not have been such a success.

Ozanam Computer Centre

Intermediate Computers commencing Monday night 9th September Beginners Typing commencing Thursday night 26th September For a full list of our courses, visit our website <u>www.ozanamcomputers.com</u> Or phone the office 025 84733