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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

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

STEPS TO CROCHET

A new social group in Mitchelstown for people to learn or advance their crochet skills in a social setting. **Venue:** Community House Stag Park

Date: Tuesday, 28th April 2015 @ 7.30pm

Looking forward to seeing you Contact **086-0815665**

C.B.S. Secondary Parent Council are holding their **CLOTHES COLLECTION FUNDRAISING EVENT** on **Monday, 11th & Tuesday, 12th May**. Items that can be donated are: clothes (new/used), shoes, belts, bags, curtains, bed linen, soft toys, towels and blankets. **NO DUVETS OR PILLOWS**. You can drop bagged items to C.B.S. Secondary School during school hours. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

"CARING FOR OUR WELL BEING" COURSE MITCHELSTOWN

Mitchelstown Community Network in partnership with Ballyhoura Development Ltd are offering a course one night a week "Caring for our well-being"

Course Content: All of the content is relevant to the needs of people who are living in the community and who would benefit from a supportive space to explore topics related to health & wellness. **Commencing Tuesday 28th April 7.30pm-10pm for 6 Tuesday nights**. To book a place contact Ballyhoura Mitchelstown 025-85213

Topics likely to be introduced are: ♦ Communication skills (especially listening) ♦ Self-esteem, ♦ Affirmation ♦ Looking at how our thoughts help or hinder ♦ Feelings
♦ Networks of support – linking in and practising ♦ Wellness tools
♦ Individual support needs & plans

MITCHELSTOWN FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB are having a Club Floral Demonstration with Teresa Collins in the Town Hall on Thursday the 30th of April at 8.00pm everyone welcome.

Experience Magical India with The Hope Foundation, it will change a child's future... HOPE U CAN PAINT, HOPE Walk Himalayas, YOGA FOR HOPE, OCT/NOV 2015. For more information please log on to www.hopefoundation.ie or contact Susan on Tel: 021 429 2990

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Parish Pastoral Council: On Wednesday evening last a meeting of the Nominees was directed by Elizabeth Garry-Brosnan in the Town Hall. She gave a clear presentation on what is a Parish Pastoral Council. She explained that it is solely concerned with the faith life of the Parish and on how that faith life can be supported and developed. The Nominees were given an opportunity to ask questions. The Nominees will reflect for the week and will attend a further meeting on Tuesday evening next in the Town Hall. This is a final meeting for people to make a decision with discernment and prayer on whether to go forward or not. At this point of formation, it is important for us all to pray for the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit. The Church teaches that by virtue of our Baptism, we are all called, priests and people, to participate in the mission of the Saviour of proclaiming the Kingdom of God in the world.

Fr. Andy Keating: Fr. Andrew Keating grew up in Lower Cork Street and attended C.B.S. Primary & Secondary Schools. He joined the St. Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan) and was ordained to the Priesthood on April 18th, 1965. This year he is celebrating his Golden Jubilee. Fr. Andy was the only child to Brigid O'Loughlin and Dan Keating. For a time they ran a restaurant, where the Ladbrokes Bookmakers now are. Fr. Andy spent 20 years ministering in Nigeria, he then returned to Ireland and worked for a number of years in the Diocese of Limerick. He is now back resident in Kiltegan with his community, St. Patrick's Missionary Society. Fr. Andy was also a school classmate of Fr. John Doran and Fr. Joe O'Brien, both of whom are still ministering in England. To mark the Golden Jubilee of his ordination Fr. Andy will be the main celebrant of the **12o'clock Mass next Sunday, May 3rd**. We offer him a big welcome and warm congratulations on reaching fifty years of faithful service as a Priest.

Confirmation: On Thursday next the boys and girls of Bunscoil na Toirbhirte, C.B.S. Primary and Ballygiblin National School, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Mass will be celebrated at **11.00am**. As Bishop Crean is still recovering from a recent illness, Canon Michael Fitzgerald will be the main celebrant of the Confirmation Mass. Let us pray for all the boys and girls and for their families. The boys and girls are asked to be in their places in good time and the Church yard car park is reserved for family members in need of assistance.

Thursday 14th May 7.30pm Holy Mass - Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA. We are privileged to have the opportunity to have Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA come once again to our parish. Fr. Peter was the Spiritual Director to the sisters of The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, Poland for four years. He now travels all over the world, proclaiming and explaining the Divine Mercy Archangel and is editor of The Angels magazine. **On Thursday, 14th May Fr. Peter will visit Mitchelstown** and lead us in reflection and prayer in the Parish Church:

- Holy Mass 7.30pm. Talk 1 The Knighthood of St. Michael the Archangel,
- Enrolment of the new Knights of St. Michael the Archangel.
- Followed by Talk 2 Divine Mercy and the Holy Angels.
- Blessing with First Class Relic of St. Faustina. All are welcome.

Now is the time to go through your Wardrobes!!! **ST FANAHAN'S COLLEGE PARENTS COUNCIL** will be having their **CLOTHES COLLECTION FUNDRAISING EVENT** on the **8th May**. Items that can be donated are: clothes (new/used), shoes, belts, bags, curtains, bed linen, soft toys, towels and blankets. **NO DUVETS OR PILLOWS**. Donations will be accepted in the school from Friday the 24th April up to and including Wednesday the 6th May.

Mitchelstown Community Pre-school are holding their Annual Table Quiz on **Friday, 1st May in the Tavern Bar** (Jackie O'Brien's), Mitchelstown. Table of 4 €40. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Mitchelstown Community Council Notes.

Mitchelstown Community Council Ltd are holding their **AGM** on the **28th April** in the **Town Hall Mitchelstown at 8pm sharp**. All are welcome to attend.

Allotments: Spring has arrived and it is time to get out and get growing. We have 15 allotments occupied and four or five still left to be taken up. Anyone interested in an allotment should contact the Ballyhoura office Baldwin Street or phone 025/85213.

Community Council Elections will take place in six areas over the next few months and nomination papers will be delivered to each household.

April is national spring clean month so we ask you all to keep your street/road and your area clean and tidy. Thanking you all for your help and support in making Mitchelstown a nice place to live work and play.

Mitchelstown Citizen Information Centre,

Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown

Tel: 0761 078030. E/Mail: Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie

Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri. 10am – 1pm. Mon. & Thur. afternoon 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Can Talk Cancer Support. Have you or a family member been affected by a diagnosis of cancer? Do you feel isolated, alone scared, need to talk? CanTalk is a cancer support group held in Mallow. Supporting those fighting cancer of any type, also for their family, friends and carers. All are welcome to attend with no obligation. Attendance is free. Where? Le Cheile Family Resource Centre, Mallow Community Campus, Mallow. When? Fridays; 11am- 12.30pm Group session, followed by tea/coffee 12.30 -1pm. Groups are held alternate weeks. Just turn up on the day. Group 1. Those with cancer, every first and third Friday of each month. Group 2. For family, friends and carers, every second and fourth Friday of each month. The groups' focus is for those affected by cancer to have a safe confidential, supportive environment to talk about their fears, worries, anxieties, and even laugh - supported by facilitators. Contact Jacqueline, Eleanor or Michael 089 2390863. Email: cantalk15@gmail.com. Website: www.cantalk.info

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 10th May, there will be a Bus going from the Parish. If you wish to travel please give your name and phone number to the Sacristan, Pat McEvoy, Adults €20, Children €10.

Bus leaving the Square at 7.15am.

MITCHELSTOWN HISTORIC WALKS - Ballyhoura Walking Festival

SATURDAY 2nd MAY €5 per adult, €10 per family.

WALK A starts Mitchelstown Leisure Centre at 11am. **WALK B** starts Clongibbon at 1pm.

Shapers (Molan's Hair Salon), 4 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, are hosting an **ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY, this Monday, 27th April, 2pm to 6pm**. Everyone most welcome. Please come and support this worthy cause.

Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Information Unit & Nurse

Will be parked @ Abbey Pharmacy, Tesco Centre, Mitchelstown

Tuesday, 5th May, 10.30am to 3.30pm

Cancer information & awareness. Drop by, talk to the nurse and take home information pack.

Service for men & women – free of charge

GROW YOUR OWN COURSE MITCHELSTOWN. Cork ETB in partnership with Ballyhoura Development Ltd and Mitchelstown Community Council are delighted to offer a 6 week grow your own course in Mitchelstown **starting Friday 1st May 10.30am-1.30pm each Friday on the new allotment site**. This course will teach you how to lay out an allotment and grow your own food. To book a place contact Ballyhoura Development in Mitchelstown 025-85213 prior booking needed.

BALLYGIBLIN NATIONAL SCHOOL

CLOTHES COLLECTION FUNDRAISING EVENT:

New and Used Clothes can be dropped to old Ballygiblin School Wednesday, 6th May from 6pm to 8pm. Thursday 7th May up to 10am.

Contact Noelle 087-8158902 if any queries.

Back to Education Initiative (B.T.E.I.) - Adult Education 6 Week Taster Course Wednesdays 10am-1pm. Starts Wednesday May 6th in Fermoy Education Centre.

◆Computers ◆Communications ◆Study Skills & Adult Guidance ◆Everyday Maths
Course Ideal for: ●Early School Leavers ●Long Term Unemployed ●Anyone wishing to return to ●Adult Education ●Anyone unsure of what courses to do
For more information contact: Brendan Glynn, Q Centre Mallow, Tel: 022 55452

Hi to all. **Kilbehenny Cycling Club** are cycling every Sunday at 9:00am and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm from Kilbehenny Community Centre. The Sprocket Rocket programme will be recommencing shortly and this proved to be very popular last year. We are blessed with the beautiful weather and with the advances of Spring, all are buzzing to be on their bikes. We look forward to seeing existing members and the new members that are continuously joining the club. Contact Tom on 087 2683587 to get you signed up to our most exciting cycling club. Kilbehenny Cycling Club can offer all cyclists some of the best cycling routes in the country with various terrains, excellent scenery and to those that are new to cycling, easier more reassuring routes. We aim to accommodate all and take all feedback on board. Live in the moment and join us, we would be delighted to hear from you! New members always welcome. Contact Mary 086 6033239, Eileen 068 3180962, Tom 087 2683587

“The human couple has been blessed by God since the beginning to form a community of love and life, to whom the mission of procreation has been entrusted. Christian couples, by celebrating the sacrament of Marriage, indicate they are willing to honour this blessing, with the grace of Christ, for all their life.” – Pope Francis