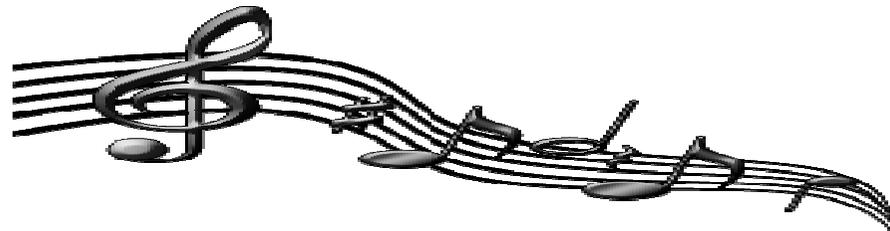


THE Mitchelstown branch of Youth 2000 would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed to the very successful charity waxathon held in Aunty Mae's pub last weekend. Over €800 was raised in aid of the national Youth 2000 Youth Festival in Clonmacnoise, Co Offaly which many local youths will be taking part and helping to run.

Some of funds raised were also given to Fr John Keane, a well loved and known priest in the locality who is working amongst the poorest of the poor in Ecuador.

A special thanks to the proprietors Aunty Mae's who welcomed the group into their pub and also provided DJ Johnny for the night.

The festival is a great opportunity for people aged between 16-35 years to get together and enjoy a break from the norm. It is an action packed four days with a Catholic rock concert, inspirational talks, group sessions and a chance to meet lots of other people. The festival is also a great opportunity to enjoy some time of peace and reflection. **Further details are available from www.youth2000.ie or the parish notice board.**



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1st Saturday Devotions:

On the 1st Saturday of every month, special devotions are held in the Parish Church after the 10 a.m. Mass. This Devotion was requested by Our Lady in Fatima in 1917. She said to the little children, Lucia, Jacinta & Francesco that God wished to establish in the world, Devotion to Her Immaculate Heart. In a later apparition to Lucia, December 10th 1925, Our Lady said **“Look at My Heart surrounded with the thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least, try to console Me, and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, go to confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep Me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to Me”.**

The following are examples of offences against Our Lady: denial of her Immaculate Conception, denial of Her Virginity, denial of Her Divine Maternity, disrespect for Her Statues and images & downgrading of devotion to Her, especially among children.

**1st Saturday Devotions in the Parish Church
Next Saturday, August 1st after 10 a.m. Mass.**

Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P.
Phone: 025-84090
Canon O'Leary
Phone: 025-84088
Fr. Greene
Phone: 025-84077

Priest on Sick call this week is: Fr. Fitzgerald P.P.
Emergency Contact Number:
087 - 2524979

Mitchelstown & Fermoy

District Lourdes Fund

would like to thank most sincerely everyone who contributed to their Church gate collections held 11th & 12th July, and especially thanks to all the collectors who gave up their time so willingly to help. An outstanding €1520 was collected for which we are most grateful.

Thanks from Cope:

Thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Flowers of Hope & Church Gate collections held recently for Cope. Thanks also to our friends who helped with the collections, we are truly grateful to everybody.

Confession Times:

Mitchelstown:
Sat, Eves of Holydays & Eves of 1st Fridays.
12 noon to 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Ballygiblin: 1st Friday 7 p.m.
Killacluig: before 1st Friday Mass.

Mass Times:

Church Of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30 p.m.
Sunday & Holyday: 8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.,
12 noon & 7.30 p.m.
1st Friday: 7.30 p.m. Weekday: 8.30 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin:

Sunday & Holyday: 9.30 a.m.
1st Friday: 7.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30 a.m.
1st Friday: 8.15 p.m.

Morning Prayer in Parish Church:

Monday to Friday at 8 a.m.

Rosary in Parish Church:

Mon. to Sat. at 9.45 a.m. Before 10 a.m. Mass

Prayers and Sympathy:

We offer our Prayers and sincere sympathy to the families of those who died in our Parish recently.

Kathleen Linehan, Ballinamona.
Dan O'Brien, Tearmann Ui Chaoimh.
Ellen Brennan, Liam Lynch Park.

May they Rest in Peace.

Eucharistic Healing Hour of Adoration:

A public hour of Adoration will be held in the Parish Church.

Every Thursday night From 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Parish Radio:

Some months ago an electrical storm and other contributing factors seriously damaged the Parish Radio System. Since then many efforts have been made to restore it, without success. It has been a great loss to many of our Parishioners confined to their homes. I'm glad to announce that it is now restored to working order. Please pass the word to all our Parishioners, especially those living alone.

I want to thank especially Pdraig Russell who worked tirelessly over many hours to restore the radio. I want to thank those who assisted him, especially Pat McEvoy, our Sacristan, who was so helpful at all times.

If there are still difficulties, please contact the Parish Office during the week, at 025 - 84062 (between 10 am & 12 noon Monday to Friday).

Mitchelstown Youth Advisor Group

A supervised teenage disco for 13 year olds up to 17 year olds, will be held in the Clongibbon, next Thursday July 30th from 9 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Admission €10.

All profits from this event will be used for Local Youth Services.



A PRAYER

For Those Growing Old

Lord, Thou knowest I am growing old. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep me from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not nosey; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all. But Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Amen.