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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

Friday next is New Year's Day, it is the Feast of **Mary Mother of God** and **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**. We invite you all to begin the New Year with Mass **at 11.00am.**

Masses during the week: Mass each day throughout the week at **11.00am.**

Friday next is also 1st Friday: Evening Mass in **Parish Church** at 7.30pm

Killacluig: Evening Mass at 6.30pm (Confessions 6.00pm)

Ballygiblin: Evening Mass at 7.30pm (Confessions 7.00pm)

Eucharistic Healing Hour: Thursday evening (New Year's Eve) **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with Mass of thanksgiving and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

A word of thanks: The Priests of the Parish wish to thank everybody for the Christmas Offerings received. We are grateful for your support throughout the year.

Envelope System: We thank everybody who used the envelope system of offering this year. As the tax refund is of great benefit to the Parish, we encourage you to continue to use the system again the coming year. **Anyone who would like to join the system should contact the Parish Office.** Every contribution is appreciated no matter how they are given.

THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday, The Diocesan Religious Purposes Collection will be taken up.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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2015 Comes to an End: This is the last weekend of 2015. We all have our own history to write about the past year. For some this year has been marked by the passing of a loved one and other deeply personal events, like getting married, moving house or getting a job. For others it may be the struggle with an illness or a family difficulty. Some events and experiences we remember and others have profoundly changed us and moulded us. For many sports fans, it will be the goal that beat Germany and the qualification for the European Cup. It was an interesting year in boxing too! Some will remember the "Gay Marriage" Referendum for different reasons and others will cherish the Canonisation of the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Louis and Zélie Martin.

It was a horrific year for aeroplane disasters and for the battle between good and evil. The tragedy of Syria and the fleeing of millions from their homes has dominated our news this year. The loss of so many lives in crowded and unsafe boats is an unforgettable sorrow for the world. As indeed too was the revelation of abortion clinics selling the body parts of aborted children.

We live in a strange and beautiful world. Pope Francis led the world this year in reflecting on how we care for our planet. The term Climate Change and the call to all of us to be more conscious and respectful of our use of electrics, water and waste disposal. We have an obligation to the Creator to care for one another and to care for the planet earth we live on.

But we end the year with the beginning of the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis calls us to contemplate the tenderness of God in our broken and wounded humanity. Let us lift up our hearts and eyes to the merciful face of God and may He embrace us and our world and bring us to a new place in 2016.

Parish Pastoral Council: We ended the year with a beautiful Carol Service on Sunday, December 20th. It was a most touching celebration as we heard the Gospel of the Birth of Christ with lighted candle in hand. The service brought together some of the best musical talent in the Parish, in an atmosphere of reflection and peace. Well done to all in the Council, thank you for bringing us together for this beautiful event. May God continue to inspire you to enrich the faith life of the Parish throughout 2016. *Happy New Year to all.*

Church Door Collectors: We thank those who collected during December. The Collectors for January take over next weekend. They are;

Vigil: Patrick Twomey, Jimmy Walsh & Patrick Manning.
8.30am: Mike Boland, William Fox, Niall Egan & Con Hogan.
10.30am: Eddie Lynch, Matt O'Sullivan & Seamus Mannix.
12 noon: John Casey, Bridget Sherlock & Mossy Lane.
7.30pm: Verling Fitzgerald, Tom Lucey & Michael Kilkenny.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We thank **Team "D"**. **Team "A"** take over for the month of January.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Meeting this Monday, 11th January 2016, at 7 p.m. In Marian Hall, Convent Hill.

New Members always welcome

Looking for a Christmas Gift for someone or even a treat for yourself, why not buy a ticket and support the **Carmelite Lourdes Fund Mitchelstown** in the processes. Tickets €15

Christmas Cracker Dance on December 30th in the Firgrove Hotel. Enjoy the music of Michael Collins and His Band and Special Guest Louise Morrissey.

Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre will be closed for the Christmas holidays, from Thursday, 23rd December and will reopen on Monday, 4th January.

The **Parish Office** is closed for the Christmas Holidays until **Thursday, 7th January 2016.**

Physiotherapy-led Pilates classes in the Ozanam Centre commencing Wednesday 6th January at 6.30pm and 7.30pm and Thursday 7th January at 7pm all levels catered for. Please contact Catherine on 085-7076585 to pre book.

NOVEL PRESENT - Night Course on "How to Trace family History / Trees at Fermoy Education Centre commencing Monday January 25th ~ 7.30-9.30pm Registration Monday January 18th ~ 6-8 pm. 8 weeks. Enquiries to 087.3580734 info@fermoyeducationcentre.ie

BRIGHT SPARKS CHILDCARE CENTRE - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL PAMPER DAY FOR KIDS ... 4 years upwards. Pyjamas and movie / crazy hair /foot massage /nails and lots more. Check us out on Facebook for more details.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ENGLISH/MATHS PROJECTS back after the Christmas Holidays, January 12th extra classes added for new students age 4 upwards.

DROP IN SERVICE available for the Christmas rush.... 025 86799 for bookings

Wishing all our wonderful children, families and friends a very Happy & Fun Christmas from all in Bright Sparks Childcare Centre.

C.B.S. Primary Carol Singers would like to thank the people of Mitchelstown and surrounding areas for their generous support of their recent Carol Singing in aid of the Local Branch of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, outside Supervalu, **New Square**, Mitchelstown on **Thursday, 17th December.**

Enrolment for Evening Courses in Mallow College of Further Education will take place on Tuesday, 12th January 2016 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Mallow College of Further Education, Annabella, Mallow. Brochures with all details are available from local shops or at the college on 022-43030. For further information go to: evening.mallowcollege.ie

P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results - Wednesday 16th December 2015:

1st Prize:	€1200 B Fegan, Warrenpoint, Co Down.	Card No: 48 Line: 5
2nd Prize:	€400 A M Cuddy, Glinsk, Co Galway.	Card No: 102 Line: 6
3rd Prize:	€200 M T Geraghty/C Monaghan, Westport, Co Mayo.	Card No: 64 Line: 7
4th Prize:	€100 E Connolly, Graiguenamanagh, Co Kilkenny.	Card No: 2 Line: 1

Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1.	M McCarthy, Dublin 13.	Card No. 98
2.	A Henehan, Kiltoom, Co Roscommon.	Card No. 37
3.	N Sweeney, Achill Sound, Co Mayo.	Card No. 64
4.	S O'Kane, Cookstown, Co Tyrone.	Card No. 77
5.	B Burns, Granard, Co Longford.	Card No. 65
6.	J Dowling, Mountmellick, Co Laois.	Card No. 15

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 20th January 2016

The private members monthly draw, which anyone may feel free to join, has been held over the last number of years, proved most successful as a national fundraising event. Membership is €7 per month. Those wishing to join, can do so by contacting any member of Mitchelstown Pioneer Council or local promoter John (087) 6477897. We thank you for your financial assistance in the past and look forward to your support in the future. Best of luck to all in the draw. Wishing all our friends & supporters a very Happy & Peaceful New Year.

HELP AND SUPPORT IN THE MITCHELSTOWN AREA: Your GP is an excellent place to start if you have a worry and can work with you or refer you to other health professionals.

SOUTH DOC Out of hours 1850 33 59 99

Living Health Clinic: 025-52000

Gardaí, Mitchelstown 025 84833

St. Vincent de Paul 025-84733

MITCHELSTOWN CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE for all your information needs. Marian Hall, Convent Hill. No appointment necessary. Tel: 0761 07 8030.

Opening Hours: Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri: 10am to 1 pm. Mon. & Thurs. 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

E-mail: mitchelstown@citinfo.ie **Website:** www.citizensinformation.ie

FÁS Office open 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Ozanam Centre from 9.30am.

Social Welfare Office, Fermoy Tel.025-49010 Open: Mon-Fri 9.30-12.00 & 2.00-4.00

Community Welfare Officer, Mitchelstown. Tel. 025-84238

Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) 0761 07 2440

1 Life - 24-hour Suicide Prevention Helpline: 1800 247100

Community Drugs Project Worker: Mary Mackesy 086 – 043 9702 mary@cdys.ie

North Cork Alzheimer's Society (022) 43322 Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

Seniors Helpline (10am-1pm & 7-10pm) 1850 440 444

North Cork Domestic Violence: 022-53915

Child line (24hr) 1800 666 666

Alcoholics Anonymous: Meetings held in Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown every Tuesday night at 8.45pm & every Sunday morning 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Gamblers Anonymous (GA) meeting in Mitchelstown every Monday night at 8pm. Please contact GA on 087 2859552 for further details.