

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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Also on Facebook – Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church at **3.00pm**.

We encourage you and your family to attend.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK: Parish Church: 8.30am & 10.00am

Evening Mass during weekdays of Lent at **7.30pm**

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR: Thursday evening **8.00pm – 9.00pm**, with special reflections on the words and life of St. Pio, Eucharistic Healing Blessing and Blessing with Relic of St. Pio.

SPRING STATIONS:

Mon. 29th Ballinwillin, Linden Hill, Ard-Mhuilinn & Luí na Gréine, **PARISH CHURCH**

MARCH:

Tue. 1st Liam Lynch Park, O'Neill Crowley Tce. Beechwood Grove, Moher Crescent,
Mandeville Park & Ailsbury Court. **PARISH CHURCH**

Wed. 2nd Carrigane **BALLYGIBLIN SCHOOL**

Fri. 4th Marshalstown & Bawnaneonini. **6.30pm** Donal Casey **KILLACLUIG CHURCH**

Fri. 4th Corrogur & Tangresa **6.30pm** **KILLACLUIG CHURCH**

Fri. 4th Skeheen **Dan Lee** **PARISH CHURCH**

Fri. 4th Glenahulla & Cloughleafin **Denis & Betty Myers**

All Station Masses are at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. We encourage you all to participate. **A reminder to return Mass times survey.**

Extra-ordinary Ministers: We thank Team B. Team C. Take over for February.

March Collectors: We thank February Collectors. Collectors for March: **Vigil:**

Brendan Kinsella, Jimmy Walsh & Pat Manning **8.30am:** Con Hogan, Neil Egan &

Seán Finn. **10.30am:** Donal Smith, John Crowley, Billy Ryan & Mike Condon.

12.00pm: Paddy Maloney, Bridget Sherlock & Verling Fitzgerald **7.30pm:** Mike

Boland, Michael Kilkenny & Ger Corbett.

As next Sunday is 1st Sunday, the Diocesan Religious Purposes collection will be taken up at all Masses.

Year of Mercy – The Works of Mercy:

At the National Divine Mercy Conference last weekend, Archbishop Diarmaid Martin, reminded the four thousand strong gathering, that it is important in this Year of Mercy to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy. He emphasised particularly giving counsel to the doubtful.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To harbour the harbourless
- To visit the sick
- To visit the imprisoned
- To bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- To instruct the ignorant;
- To counsel the doubtful;
- To admonish sinners;
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offences ;
- To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

In this Year of Mercy let's reflect on these works and renew our practice of all of them.

Repent or Perish – Third Week of Lent: We are entering midway in the important Season of Lent. Are we taking seriously the call of the Season to turn back to God with all our heart? The fruit tree that produces no fruit is only fit to be cut down. God gave us life to do good and not just live for ourselves. The idolatry of self and the things of the world must be repented of and it must be done seriously. We heard on the 1st Sunday of Lent, you must worship God and worship God alone. If we spend hours in front of our televisions and on Facebook and other such things and have no desire to spend time in prayer, something is seriously wrong. We need to return whole heartily to God and ask ourselves the serious question: Am I living the kind of life God is asking me to live? Could I be using my life and my talents in a way that is enriching others and not just enriching myself? Can I do more to make my home, my parish a more life giving place?

Coming to Mitchelstown – Safe Talk is an evening's training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities. The Safe Talk takes place in the **on Thursday, March 10th, 7 – 10pm**. Whilst this training is suitable for everyone over 18 years of age who wants to help prevent suicide and is prepared to become suicide alert, it is not suited to someone who may be recently bereaved by suicide. The training is provided free by the HSE. One must first submit an application form that is available from Ballyhoura Development Ltd, Baldwin Street or email sallen@ballyhoura.org or Tel: 025 85213.

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The **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** is on Sunday, 8th May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow. 26th July to 2nd August. For young adults 18 to 35 years. Limited places still available. Price €700. Contact Fr Tom McDermott, frtom@cdys.ie 086-1615216 or Fr Pat O'Donoghue, frpat@cdys.ie 087-7857208

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 8th-15th September 2016. Contact Pilgrimages Abroad, Lauri Duffy Travel, Dublin, 01-6359300.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1st – 6th June 2016, 5 nights Full Board. Under the Patronage of Most Rev. William Crean D.D., Bishop of Cloyne. Pilgrimage Directory: V. Rev. Tobias Bluitt P.P. Booking is now open with Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, Cork, Telephone: (021) 4277979. Sick/Assisted Pilgrim application forms available from The Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Tel: (022) 20276.

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Year of Mercy Pilgrimage: July 5th – 13th 2016. Visit the Shrine of St. Maximin & St. Mary Magdalene in France. Visit the Holy Family Shrine in Cotignac, where Our Lady appeared with the Child Jesus on August 10th, 1519, and where St. Joseph appeared on June, 7th 1660. Visit Apt to venerate at the Shrine of St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Followed by a visit to Lourdes and Garabandal. Contact Nuala (087) 2313762.

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C.B.S. Primary Parent Council present our 30th Annual Fashion Show: Firgrove Hotel, **Friday, 4th March** at 8pm. Models by **Ursula Stokes Model Agency** & some "Familiar Faces". Local Stands on Display. Cheese & Wine Reception. Raffle on Door Ticket. Tickets €15 available from the School Office or any member of the Parent Council. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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It's a Happy 10th Birthday for the **NCBI CHARITY SHOP** at the top of the Square, Mitchelstown. Can you help us celebrate by bringing along some baked goodies for our day. Cakes, biscuits, scones etc can be brought in on Wednesday 2nd March or on our birthday Thursday the 3rd March. Come join us for a coffee/tea on our birthday. Raffle and some spot prizes on the day. One of our volunteers Mary McCarthy has been with the shop for 10 years, a big thank you to Mary and we will be presenting her with a service award on the 3rd March.

Hope you can join us as it is with your support that we continue to raise funds for the National Council For the Blind of Ireland. Thank you.

The **Cork Association for Autism** (CAA) will hold their Annual Light it up Blue Gala Ball on Friday April 1st at the Maryborough Hotel & Spa, Douglas. Tickets for this wonderful evening of fine food, entertainment and dance cost €75 with tables of 10 available for group bookings. If you would like to purchase tickets or get more information about this event contact the CAA on 021 4533642 email fundraising@corkautism.ie or log onto www.corkautism.ie.

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“Eucharistic Adoration” Appeal: We invite you to come and participate in Eucharistic Adoration by taking on an Adoration hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Let the Lord give you many wonderful graces and blessings for spending time with Him. We are looking for people to share the following hours; Sunday 4pm, Monday 4pm, Friday 12 noon. Please contact: Nora 025-24149 or Catherine 087-7727496.

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Mitchelstown Community Pre-School: Enrolments are now being taken for August/September 2016. Operating E.C.C.E. Scheme (*free school year*). Experienced and Fully Trained Staff. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Mary at 086-8832533 or home 025-24697, or Tina at 086-8454870.

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Grove Wellness Centre, Shanballymore, Mallow. March 5th / 6th. Twice Cancer Survivor Bernadette Bohan shares her wonderful programme for diet & lifestyle change which has helped thousands of people to get back to better health. Call Jacqueline Mary 086 8135805 (Free 1-1 Nutrition & health consultation.)

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MITCHELSTOWN SENIORS TONE UP: Mitchelstown Seniors (60+) Tone Up classes at Tesco Training Room, 7pm, Wednesdays. 087.3589734 See Facebook.

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Ballyhoura Development in partnership with **Mitchelstown Network** are offering a six week programme called **WRAP** in Mitchelstown commencing the 1st March 10am-12 for 6 Tuesday Mornings. **Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP)** is a self-designed prevention and wellness process that anyone can use to get well, stay well and make their life the way they want it to be. It was developed in 1997 by a group of people who were searching for ways to overcome their own mental health issues and move on to fulfilling their life dreams and goals. It is now used extensively by people in all kinds of circumstances, and by health care and mental health systems all over the world to address all kinds of physical, mental health and life issues. The course is free and open to everyone. To book a place contact Ballyhoura Development, Baldwin St 025-85213

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Computer Classes at Ozanam Centre Mitchelstown - 025 84733: Due to high demand, extra classes for On-line Collaborations – Cloud Computing will take place Wednesday morning 6th April and Thursday evening 7th April. Deposit of €30 will secure a place.

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Beginning Experience is a specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process in a safe and confidential environment.

The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday 8th April to Sunday 10th April 2016 .For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or email beginningexpeirence@gmail.com