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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](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)**

**Fr. Burke is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979**

## P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** €1200 Frank O'Sullivan, Fermoy, Co Cork.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** €400 Imelda Leonard/Maureen O'Donnell, Ballina, Co Mayo.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** €200 Sheila O'Connor, Fairview, Dublin 3.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** €100 Frank O'Flynn, Glanworth, Co Cork.

### *Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;*

1. Danny Gorman, Derry City.
2. Margaret Brady, Navan, Co Meath.
3. Noel Boyle, Ballybane, Galway.
4. Paddy Mulhall, Bray, Co Wicklow.
5. Noel Boyle, Ballybane, Galway.
6. Mary Meaney, Leighlinbridge, Co Carlow.

### *The next draw will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015*

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.

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**TROY-BALDWIN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCING**, Winners of World, All Ireland, & Munster titles for decades. Pupils in Riverdance and Lord of the dance. Classes starting every Saturday in FERMOY Community Youth Centre 3:15pm. Classes continue in MITCHELSTOWN Town Hall every Saturday 1:30pm. Also, starting in Cappoquin, every Saturday 11 am. All levels welcome, for further info 0851046957 & on Facebook.

**Bishop Crean's Christmas Message:** My friends, Given the experience of 2014, anger and resentment are the mood in many households. While we are assured that austerity is over, in reality for many families it is not. Further, many families dread the new demands of 2015. The pleas of these families need to be listened to. The overall growth in the economy simply has not yet touched the lives of so many young people on the margins and the families that fret over their homes and accommodation of their families. These families are foremost in our minds, because of the reality of the first Christmas when Joseph and Mary sought shelter for their new born. So also are so many families who are displaced by violence and war, disease and persecution. In the midst of all this suffering and anxiety it is truly heartening to witness the compassion and generosity of so many groups who reach out to those in need. Many groups we know by name, but there are so many individuals whose names we do not know, who give quietly and discreetly, respecting always the dignity of those who receive. This giving goes on constantly, it is admirable and inspiring. It shows that despite the difficulty of these past years, we have so many people of faith, compassion and generosity, who genuinely seek to support and walk with their sisters and brothers on life's pilgrimage. That is why the Advent/Christmas season is so heartening and up-lifting. Its light and hope lifts up our hearts to a new appreciation of our faith in the Christ Child, Emmanuel, God – with us. May I wish you every joy and blessing in the celebration of this Christmas Season. May it be a time to deepen our appreciation of the gift and blessing of our Christian faith, our families and our friends.

**2014 – 2015:** We give thanks for all God's Blessings throughout 2014. We will all remember it as a good year for the weather. Many families will remember the year as the year their loved ones passed from this life. We all have our own story to tell about our lives in 2014, the good and the bad, the joy and the sorrow, the success and failure. As we prepare to enter 2015, a special word of thanks to everybody for their help throughout the year. Special thanks to Patricia, our parish secretary, for helping co-ordinate all the activities and needs of the Parish and the Parishioners, at home and abroad. For the year ahead look to the Queen of Peace and consecrate yourself and your family to her. Just as Noah and his family took refuge in the Ark before the flood, let us take refuge in the Ark of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:** Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Woman Clothed with the Sun, our Mother and our Queen, we thank you from our hearts for all the blessings and graces you have given us. We place our entire lives with our many cares and anxieties in the tender arms of your maternal love, knowing that you will always guide and protect us. Grant us the fire of your Immaculate Heart that we may have a true love for Jesus your Son and that we may always accomplish His Holy Will. Today, I consecrate..... To your Immaculate Heart. Enfold us Holy Mother in your Immaculate Heart, that secure Ark where we will find refuge in every storm. Give us your light Holy Mother and do not leave us until you see us safe in Heaven, there in your presence with all the angels and saints we will sing the praises of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all eternity Amen.  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us  
Saint Joseph, pray for us.

The **Parish Office** is closed for the **Christmas Holidays until Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015**. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our Newsletter during 2014 and look forward to dealing with you in 2015.

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**Parishioners are encouraged to participate in our Pilgrim Virgin's Home Visit Programme.** Families are asked to set up a little home shrine where our Blessed Mother's statue will be placed. The Recitation of the Rosary by a family gathering is granted a plenary indulgence when all requirements are met. Recitation of five decades of the Rosary in the group with meditation on each decade. The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence are also needed, Confession, Holy Communion and prayers for the Popes Intentions. You can make arrangements for the Legion of Mary Pilgrim Statue visit, which is usually a week visit by contacting the parish office or a member of the Legion. Legion Members will bring the statue to your home and pray the welcoming Rosary with you, your family, and friends. Closing prayers are said when the statue moves from your home to a new location.

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**Children's Liturgy:** There is a children's liturgy at the 12 noon Mass each Sunday in the Parish Church. All children from pre-school to second class are welcome to attend. The Liturgy takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and begins at 12 noon. The children return to their parents in the main church at approximately 12.15pm. The aim of the children's liturgy is to present the Gospel of the day, in a fun and exciting way. Please note that the Children's Liturgy will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of December and will return after Christmas on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of January.

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**Presentation and CBS Secondary Schools, Mitchelstown** proudly presents "Come to the Cabaret". 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 in CBS Secondary Hall at 8pm. Tickets are available from Presentation Secondary School (025-24394), Centra and Hylands Bookshop. Adult: €10 Student/Child: €5

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### **Ozanam Computer Centre, Thomas Street, 025-84733**

The following courses will commence in January:

Book-keeping: Wednesday Night, 7<sup>th</sup> January

Advanced Typing: Thursday Night, 8<sup>th</sup> January

Web Design: Monday Night, 26<sup>th</sup> January

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**SENIORS KEEP FIT:** New year tone up classes resume for seniors 50's plus at Tesco, Mitchelstown on Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7-8pm. Prevent ailments, improve mobility, balance etc. Book 087.3589734

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**Night Class - Learn How to Do your Family Tree.** Enrolment with Tutors present on Monday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Davis College, Annabella, Mallow. Enrol online at [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie) and receive a discount, 022-43030 / 087.3589734

**Mitchelstown Library, Sutton's Court, Mitchelstown. Tel: 025 41939**

[Mitchelstown.library@corkcoco.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown.library@corkcoco.ie) Tues – Sat 9.30am to 5.30pm. Closed Saturdays of Bank Holiday weekends.

### **Mitchelstown Library Activities:**

◆ The next meeting of the Bookclub will be on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February at 10.30am.

◆ The Writer's Group meet every second Friday at 10.30am. Please call the library to find out the date of the next meeting.

◆ The Irish language group meet every other Friday at 4pm. This group is open to everyone and is a great way to keep the cupla focail you remember from school! Please call the library to find out the date of the next meeting.

### **Got a new Kindle or tablet for Christmas?**

Why not deck it out with the latest eBooks or audio books? Download the BorrowBox app and sign in with your Cork County Library membership to enjoy free eBooks.

Just what you need to soothe your soul and wallet after the Christmas Season!!

**If you are, or know of someone who is interested in using the exhibition space in the library give us a call on 025 41939**

### **Christmas Hours:**

**Open:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 9.30am – 5.30pm

**Closed:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015. Back to normal from Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2015

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**Physiotherapy-led Pilates Classes** in the Ozanam Centre commencing Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January for 6 weeks. Classes at 6.30pm, 7.30pm and 8.30pm, all levels catered for. Please contact Catherine on 085-7076585 to pre book."

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**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre** will be closed for the Christmas holidays, from Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January.

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**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, 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

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**Cork County Council** recently held its launch of the **Cork Age Friendly County Programme** and is now undertaking a series of consultation events with older people across the County, as part of formulating the Cork Age Friendly County Strategy. We would like to engage with as many older people as possible or with individuals or groups involved with older people or who support older people in their local community. We have undertaken four consultation events to date and unfortunately attendance has been relatively poor. Therefore, for the next six events, which are taking place in January and February, we are trying to target as many people as possible through as many routes as possible (*including press and local advertisers*). **Dates for**

### **Public Consultation Age Friendly County Programme 2015**

Municipal District	Dates	Location
Blarney/Macroom	11am 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Macroom Castle Hotel
Cobh	11am 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Carrigtwohill Community Centre
Fermoy	11am 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Fermoy Youth Centre
Ballincollig/Carrigaline	11am 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Douglas Rochestown Park Hotel
East Cork	11am 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Midleton Park Hotel
Bandon/Kinsale	11am 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Bandon Munster Arms Hotel