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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 O'Leary is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Killacluig Church Choir: We are delighted to welcome our new singers who have joined the choir in recent weeks. We are still looking for more singers and musicians, everyone welcome! Choir practices will be arranged to learn the hymns. Come along any Sundays that you are available. Meet us any Sunday at 10.30am Mass or contact Caitríona on 086-3760487 if you are interested.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a worldwide 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, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one.

The next weekend is being held at the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday 10th April to Sunday 12th April, 2015. For further details please contact 0879886480 or email beginningexperiencecork@gmail.com

Thank you from Mitchelstown Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: The above association would like to thank the following people and management, for allowing us to collect outside their premises, on the occasion of our flag day fundraiser held recently: Aldi Stores (Ireland) Ltd, Mitchelstown Credit Union, Farrell's Centra, Roche's Spar, Supervalu Mitchelstown and Tesco (Ireland) Ltd. Thanks also to our many collectors, subscribers and all those who helped in any way. "Go Raibh Mile Maith Agaibh Go Léir".

URGENT REPLY NEEDED: TAX REFUND: A few weeks ago, some of you would have received correspondence from us about the tax refund scheme, at present there are still a number of these **TAX FORMS** not returned, if you have mislaid the form, please contact Patricia the Parish secretary on 025 / 84062, Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon and she will reissue one for you. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing of the refund. Please complete, and return forms, in the stamped addressed envelope sent to you, no later than Wednesday, 15th April.

Mitchelstown GIY: Thursday, April 9th 2015, Ozanam Centre, 8 pm Sharp. Demonstration on Potato Growing (No Dig Method) and talk on my gardening experience. Seed and seedling bring and swap. All welcome.

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Forgiveness:

The Lord is very forgiving. He knows how weak we all are. As we enter Holy Week, let us seek that forgiveness, in the Sacrament of Confession. It is an act of great humility. Let us not allow shame or guilt, fear or length of time, prevent us from taking this important step, closer to the Lord. He wants us to be closer to Him. The television and radio presenter, George Hook, proclaimed to the whole country the great Blessing he found in making Confession. The Lord is waiting for us.

Fr. Marius O'Reilly, from the Diocese of Cork & Ross and who was ordained last November, is returning to us **next Monday night to lead us in the Penitential Rite at 7.30pm.** Seven priests will be available to hear Confession. As you will see from your leaflet, there are a number of other Confession times during Holy Week, including after all ceremonies on Good Friday. In this holy time let us surrender all our guilt to the Lord and unburden ourselves to His Love and Mercy.

Three Special Days:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, are the three most important events in the Christian Life. On the 1st Holy Thursday evening, Jesus gave us the gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist, ordained the first priests and taught us all to wash each other's feet. At 3 o'clock on the first Good Friday, Jesus offered Himself on the Cross for the salvation of humanity. After three days buried in the tomb, He rose from the dead on the 1st Easter Sunday. Through these great events, the condemnation of death was lifted forever. The meaning of human life was revealed to all who would accept it and believe it.

Let us all stop this Holy Week: leave the tractor, put the kitchen work aside, leave the sports field and come and spend this special time with the Lord, to adore, praise and thank Him.

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and finishes on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 12th Feast of the Divine Mercy. Devotions in the Parish Church at 2pm to 5pm.

Chrism Mass:

The Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral in Cobh on **THIS Wednesday April 1st at 7.30pm.** In past years we have brought a bus from the Parish. If you would like to travel, please give your name and phone number to the Parish Office. The bus will leave the Square at 6.00pm.

PARISH OFFICE - Will be closed for Easter, from Wednesday 1st April till Monday 13th April. All articles for the Newsletters on 5th & 12th April need to be in the Parish Office No later than 10am Monday, 30th March.

TO Park Bingo - Bingo will take place on **THIS Sunday 29th March** in TO Park, outside Mitchelstown at 2.30pm in conjunction with Ballyhoura Macra. All welcome. Tea and refreshments will be served. Great prizes to be won.

Charity Coffee Morning on Easter Sunday: A Charity Coffee morning will take place on Easter Sunday, 5th April 2015 after Kildorrery Church 11 am Mass in Kildorrery Community Hall (the hall beside the Parish Church in Kildorrery). This is run annually by Ballyhoura Macra and has been very successful. Last year the club raised over €800 for Muscular Dystrophy Ireland/Eoin Fenton Skydive. Many of our members are climbing Croagh Patrick in May for **Breast Cancer Research** and we intend to donate **the monies raised to this charity**. Everyone is welcome. Please support. Donations welcome on the day. More details on the Avondhu newspaper. If you are interested in joining Macra Na Feirme, contact Maria on 086-3653484.

Leaving Cert Students: Worried about your **Oral French?** Classes this Easter in **Ozanam Centre Mitchelstown. Contact:** Michael 087 9027908 **Email:** michaelneau@mac.com

Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance from 3pm to 6pm. Big acts have been confirmed, for what will be a great evening of song and dance in the **Firgrove Hotel on Sunday 19th April**. Louise Morrissey, Jo Cooke and Southern Beat, Dave Mulcahy and Tony Corbett - Southern Star, Jimmy O'Donoghue, The Fogarty Family, Michael Fogarty - World Champion Irish Dancer. All monies raised from this event will go towards bringing the sick and special needs children to Lourdes. All support will be greatly appreciated. Tickets can be got from Eddie Walsh Treasure Chest or O'Brien's Auctioneers Office or on the door for only 10 euro.

An Evening of Easter Celebration & Reflection in Shraharla: Shraharla Church Choir are pleased to announce details of what promises to be a very enjoyable 'Evening of Easter Celebration & Reflection'. This event will take place on **THIS Sunday evening March 29th at 7.30pm in St. Mologga's Church**. The evening will take the format of song, interspersed with meaningful reflections by candlelight and we hope you get a chance to take a half hour out of your busy week to join us. This event, in conjunction with Fr. Michael Lomasney P.P. is a real community effort, with various members of the church rota and locality all lending a helping hand.

"Eucharistic Adoration" We invite you to come and share an hour of prayer and adoration before the Lord in the Adoration Chapel. Share with Him. Let Him give you many wonderful graces and blessings for spending some time with Him. We are looking for extra new adorers to share the following Adoration Hours: Sunday 4-5pm and Saturday 6-7pm. Contact Catherine on 087 7727496.

The Bel Canto Choir will perform Fauré's 'Requiem' and other seasonal, contemplative pieces in the Village Arts Centre, Kilworth on **today, Palm Sunday, March 29th at 7.30pm**. Tickets €15 with proceeds going to local charities.

Youth 2000 Mitchelstown is now changing its meeting time to Tuesday nights, 8-10pm, in the Town Hall. Youth 2000 Mitchelstown is part of an international movement of young Catholics, who have discovered the joy and beauty of their Catholic faith and want to help other young people to discover it too. Youth 2000 Mitchelstown meets weekly for prayer, music, reflection and a cup of tea and a chat afterwards! Youth 2000 is a fantastic way to get to know other young Catholics and learn more about your Catholic faith, and is always open to newcomers from 16 - 35 years of age. For more information on the local prayer meeting or upcoming retreats, festivals and social events, check out the Youth Section of the Parish Website or go to www.youth2000.ie

Enrich your marriage on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Spend a weekend away discovering the full potential of your marriage. Enjoy real quality time together free from external pressures and interruptions. Develop a new way of sharing your thoughts and feelings with your husband or wife. Irrespective of how long you are married, this is a unique weekend experience that every good marriage deserves. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be from the **17th to 19th April 2015** (8:00 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday) at the Cork International Hotel, Cork. For information and bookings visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone [086 8334382](tel:0868334382) or [087-2162436](tel:0872162436).

Ballyhoura Development Ltd - Mitchelstown Easter Camps 2015

Two camps will run in the Mitchelstown area for 5 year olds to 9 year olds.

Camp 1 for Ard Mhuilinn, Ballinwillin, Linden Hill, Lui Na Gréine 1.15pm-3.15pm in the Town Hall. **Camp 2** for Stag Park and Moher Crescent 10am-12noon in the Community House.

Both Camps commencing Tuesday 7th April 2015 each day until Friday 10th April (Tuesday - Fri). Age group: 5 year olds-9 year olds. Cost: €5 per child or €8 for 2 or more children from the same family. This Easter camp will provide a fun environment to play games, interact and participate in arts and crafts. To book a place contact Ballyhoura Baldwin St Tel: 025-85213

Mitchelstown Community Council Elections will be held in the near future in six areas. Also Allotments available: Anyone who would be interested in leasing one of our newly open allotments can contact Ballyhoura office on 025-85213 for more details.

Bingo at T O Park. On Thursday April 2nd the usual Bingo (Money Prizes) will take place at T O Park, Labbamlogga. Proceeds of a Special Raffle will be donated to the Mitchelstown Cope Sensory Garden Fund to help with the maintenance of the garden. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Lovely Prizes for Raffle and a special tea break can be enjoyed. Please Note: Start time will be at 9pm to facilitate attendance at the Easter Ceremonies.

Easter Camps at Bright Sparks starting Monday, 30th March for 2 weeks, 9-12pm €15....full day €35. Lots of activities including Egg making, Dress Up, Easter Arts & Crafts, Bike & Trike Day, Easter Bunny Hunt and lots more.....for details or to book a place please contact 025/86799 or 086/2653839.

National Pioneer Ball, Charleville Park Hotel, Charleville, Co. Cork on Saturday 18th April 2015. Ceol & Craic. Tickets €30 each. For Further information, contact Mary Holland (027) 63384 or Sorcha Ui Laoghaire (086) 3642619. E-mail sorchaol@gmail.com. Special Accommodation Rates Available Phone (063) 33700.