

Youth 2000 Mount Melleray Retreat:

A youth retreat will take place in Mount Melleray, Co. Waterford from Friday 18th September to Sunday 20th September.

A weekend fuelled with talks, workshops, Prayer and Adoration.
Donation only.

Bring a sleeping bag and yourself!

For further information contact:

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POPE CALLS FOR RENEWED FAITH IN 'REAL PRESENCE'

Pope Benedict has called on Catholics to renew their faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, reminding them of the words of the Curé d'Ars to his people: "Come to Communion. It is true that you are not worthy of it, but you need it!"

In his homily for the Feast of Corpus Christi Benedict said: "We must not take this faith for granted! Today we run the risk of secularisation creeping into the Church too."

Mass, he warned, can become "formal and empty worship", with celebrations "lacking that heartfelt participation that is expressed in veneration and in respect for the liturgy."

The Holy Father added: "The temptation to reduce prayer to superficial, hasty moments, letting ourselves be overpowered by earthly activities and concerns, is always strong."

He explained that in the Our Father the word 'daily' (epiούσιος) as in 'daily bread' can also mean, in Greek, bread 'of the world to come'.

It was, he said, sometimes seen "as a reference to the Eucharist, the bread of eternal life, the new world that is already given to us in Holy Mass."

Pilgrimage to Knock:

The annual Mitchelstown St. Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 12th September. A Bus will run from Mitchelstown with stops in Ennis for refreshments. Early booking is essential as only one bus will be running. Bookings to the Ozanam Resource Centre, Mitchelstown Tel. 025 - 84733

Newsletter printed in the **Parish Office, Parochial House, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown**

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Back to School!

This coming week all our schools re-open. While it has been a disappointing summer weather-wise, I hope all schools staff and pupils enjoyed the break. As the school community face the beginning of another school year there is naturally a certain feeling of apprehension and maybe even fear. As we all know from experience after a couple of days we get back to normal again.

The Lord tells us not to worry about tomorrow but to handle all worries one day at a time. Begin every day by turning to God in gratitude and trust, ask His help and the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit will give strength to do what needs to be done.

The C.B.S. Primary has asked us to remind parents that school finishes on Monday at 12.30 p.m. for a staff meeting.

God bless all our schools for the coming year and may it be a good one.

Fr. Michael.

YOUTH 2000:

Next **Sunday, August 30th**, will see the Mitchelstown Youth 2000 Group run their eighth monthly Youth Mass (7.30 p.m.). This is an opportunity for young people to come together and celebrate the wonderful gift of faith in a comfortable environment.

The Mass will give the youth of Mitchelstown the chance to come together and partake in the liturgy of the Word, Eucharistic ministry and song.

Anybody wishing to get involved in any of the above please don't hesitate to e-mail Mitchelstowny2k@gmail.com or phone: **085 / 7869943 (Emma)**.

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REMINDER

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

The Church of the Holy Family, Curraghagalla is celebrating its Golden Jubilee with a special Mass on **Friday September 4th, 2009 at 7 p.m.** Followed by Light refreshments in the School
Everyone is welcome

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.
Special Prayers for Healing For the Community & the World.



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.
Killaclug: 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, Killaclug:
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

C.B.S. SCHOOL RE-OPENING
MONDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9 A.M. :
School will finish at 12.30 p.m. for a staff meeting.

Prayers and Sympathy:

We offer our Prayers and sincere sympathy to the families of those who died in our Parish recently.
Margaret Harrington, Church Street.

May she Rest in Peace.

The **Mitchelstown Youth 2000 Prayer Group** meet every Sunday after 7.30 p.m. Mass, in the Marian Hall (opposite Co-op Car Park). Join us for an hour of Prayer and Praise!
New members always welcome.

SCHOOLS RE-OPENING:
GLENAHULLA NATIONAL SCHOOL
Re-opening this Monday 31st August.

Street children need your help!

The Cork Women's Mini Marathon is on 27th September and the street and slum children of Calcutta need your help. Run or walk, you can make a difference. Call The Hope Foundation for a sponsorship card and help to change a child's future.

Telephone: 021 - 4292990
Thanking you in advance.

Continued from last week,

More Facts Regarding the Eucharistic Congress

- The Pope decides the theme for each Eucharistic Congress, taking into account the recommendations of the theological commission established by the Bishop of the host diocese. We hope to know the theme by the end of Summer 2009.
- Based on the theme a preparatory programme will be developed and offered to parishioners all over Ireland in the two years prior to the Congress. It will help to nourish our own understanding of and faith in the Eucharist so that we can participate more effectively in the Congress and welcome those who will come from overseas to celebrate the Congress with us.
- A Congress logo will be designed and a Congress "hymn" will be prepared to give expression to the theme.

Final facts next week!

Bring Your Skills To The Developing World!

Since 1960, Viatores Christi (Catholic lay missionary development workers), has aimed to respond to needs overseas and at home by giving people an opportunity to share their lives and skills with those in need. People from all backgrounds and professions join Viatores Christi - people who want to challenge themselves to make a difference in the world, however big or small.

Viatores Christi lay missionary development workers are assigned to projects which deal with a range of social and justice issues throughout the world including AIDS/HIV projects, displaced peoples, healthcare, intellectual disability, education and indigenous peoples. We need people from all disciplines, from teachers to electricians, doctors to administrators, farmers to childcare workers.

If you are interested in learning more, please come along to our information and recruitment session in Cork on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm in the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, Cork.

For further information and to book your place at an information session, please contact **Colette Rooney** at Colette@viatoreschristi.com or Tel. +353 -1-8749346 / 8728027 or log on to www.viatoreschristi.com
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