

MASS TIMES:

CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, MITCHELSTOWN:

Sat & Eve of Holyday: 7.30p.m. Sunday & Holyday: 8.30am. 10.30am. 12noon & 7.30p.m.

1st Friday: 7.30p.m. - Weekday: 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in Parish Church: Mon. to Fri. at 8a.m.

Rosary in Parish Church: Mon. to Sat. at 9.45a.m. Before: 10a.m. Mass

Perpetual Adoration: Sunday 12.30p.m. & Saturday 7p.m.

Eucharistic Healing Hour of Adoration: Every Thursday night from 8p.m. to 9p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:

Sunday & Holyday: 9.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 7.30p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLAULIG:

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30a.m. - 1st Friday: 8.15p.m.

CONFESSION TIMES:

MITCHELSTOWN: Saturday, Eves of Holydays: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

1st Thursday of month: 12 - 1p.m. & 7p.m. - 7.30p.m.

NEW: After Saturday Evening Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month.

BALLYGIBLIN: 1st Friday 7p.m. **KILLAULIG:** before 1st Friday Mass.

CLERGY:

V. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald P.P. Phone: 025-84090. V. Rev. Canon O'Leary C.C. V.F. Phone: 025-84088

Rev. Fr. Greene C.C. Phone: 025-84077.

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E-MAIL: mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net **DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAY**

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday. Parish Website: www.mitchelstownparish.ie

Sick Call Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Pharmacy Rota:

Murphy's Pharmacy open this Sunday, 31st March 11.30a.m. To 1.30p.m.

Apostolate of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock celebrating the Year of Faith on 20th April 2013. See notice board for details. Bus going from the Diocese. Contact Catherine on 087 - 7727496.

If you received a **PAYE CHY2 form**, please complete, and return to me, in the stamped addressed envelope provided, before **Monday, 8th April. It is vital we receive this form back from you.**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: Feast of Divine Mercy, Next Sunday, 7th April in the Parish Church from 2pm to 5pm. Confessions with a number of Priests Hearing, Guest Speaker Mr. John Delaney, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet of Mercy, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. All Welcome.

MITCHELSTOWN COMMUNITY GAMES: COUNTY TALENT FINALS at DONERAILE PRESENTATION THURSDAY APRIL 4th 2PM
U/14 Group Dance Modern & Disco /Irish. 2 to 6 perform one dance
U/14 Group Singing, sing two songs. U/14 Group – Drama or Comedy
U/14 Group Music one or two pieces.
Solo Singing under 14, Solo Music under 13, Solo Recitation under 12, Choir u13/16
ATHLETICS Wednesday 7-8 pm & Spikeball 7.45pm. CBS
Contact Facebook [mitchelstowncommunitygames](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelstowncommunitygames), John Casey 085-1639833,

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Date: Sunday 31st March 2013

Unforgettable Lent 2013: Lent 2013 was about to begin when Pope Benedict dropped a bombshell on us all and on the whole world. He announced on the morning of February, 11th, Feast of Our Lady Lourdes, (world day of the sick), that he was going to retire on February, 28th, as he didn't feel well enough to continue to lead the Church. At almost 86 years of age, the world understood his decision, even though he was the 1st Pope to retire in 600 years. After a very dignified farewell to Benedict, he retired to a life, of what he called, solitude and prayer for the Church and the world. Then the work of the College of Cardinals began to deliberate on electing his successor. On March 12th they entered Conclave (*with key*) and by the evening of Wednesday, March 13th, they sent out white smoke that they had elected a new Pope. Again, another bombshell, an Argentinean Cardinal Bergoglio was presented on the balcony of St. Peter's as Pope Francis. On March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, Pope Francis, was formally inaugurated. The new Pope has dedicated himself, like Christ, to the poor, in word and deed. On the balcony of St. Peter's he bowed in silence, to ask for the blessing of the people and then he gave his own blessing. The media of the world carried these extraordinary events. Many can sense a great change has taken place before our very eyes. Christ is Risen, darkness has been conquered.

Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary 699*)

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service - Blood Donor Clinics April 2013

MITCHELSTOWN, The Firgrove Hotel,

Tuesday, 2nd April, & Wednesday, 3rd April, 5.00 – 8.30pm

**HEALING MASS - IN THE TOWN HALL, MITCHELSTOWN,
WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL AT 8PM.**

A Healing Mass will take place in the Town Hall, Mitchelstown, on Wednesday 3rd April at 8pm. Main Celebrant is Fr. Dan Cashman S.M.A., This Mass is especially for those struggling with addictions or those affected by addiction. All are welcome on the night. For further information, please contact Nancy on 089-4510040.

MARYMOUNT HOSPICE FUNDRAISER: There will be a **Coffee/Tea Day on Easter Monday, April 1st**, organised by Paddy Ryan and family at their home in Garryleigh Mitchelstown. It will run from 10am to 5pm. Proceeds towards Marymount Hospice Cork. Your support would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

Paddy Ryan.

An evening with John Lonergan: Ballygiblin Parents Council will host a talk by **John Lonergan**, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, in Ballygiblin National School on **Monday, 22nd April** (*Time to be confirmed*). This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a cover charge of €5 on the night. All proceeds to Ballygiblin School.

Mitchelstown Macra are holding a Table Quiz on Friday April 19th. Tables of 4 are €20. Venue to be confirmed. For more info contact **John on 086-1721027**. All welcome, please support. Check out www.facebook.com/MitchelstownMacra

Galtee Wheelers Cycling Club: Getting into Gear for the New Season. Interested in getting fit in a friendly social way? Get on your bike! Give it a try on one of our Sunday Morning Spins. Check out our Facebook page for more details. Contact Noel 087 / 290 2706 or Danny 087 / 873 6219.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Medjugorje: Very Special Pilgrimage as it is the ANNIVERSARY WEEK. Saturday, June 22nd – 29th out of Dublin. Contact Eileen (086) 3044456

Ozanam Centre:

Pilates for men : Commencing Thursday, **4th April** 7.30 pm - 8.30pm
Contact Eilish Fitzgerald **086 3579081**

Emergency First Aid : Commencing Saturday **20th April**

Contact Eileen Maher **087 9270020**

Cistercian College Roscrea invites boys to participate in our **Easter Sports Camps**. The Rugby Camp is on Wednesday, 3rd April for 1st to Transition year boys. For application forms and details visit www.ccr.ie

PARISH OFFICE - Closed for Easter, Until Monday 8th April.

"I was a Boy in Belsen"- a child's amazing survival of Hell on earth! What does it take to survive a Nazi Concentration Camp; hell on earth, when over six million others perished?? Find out the amazing story of survival from Holocaust survivor Tomi Reichental when he speaks to Mitchelstown Heritage Society. The lecture is on in **The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown, Thursday April, 4th at 8pm**. There will be a small cover charge at the door €5 for Society Members and students and €7 for non-members. Having survived Bergen Belsen and eventually settled in Ireland, Tomi now tours Ireland giving talks to secondary school students and groups, working with the Holocaust Education Trust of Ireland, he spreads the message of reconciliation and tolerance, even in the face of unimaginable evil. The award winning author of the book, *"I was a boy in Belsen"*, will also be available to sign copies of his book on the night. As one of the few remain survivors in Ireland, Tomi's story is important, we encourage anyone with an interest to join us for this unique talk.

Cork Exhibition of Icons: An Exhibition of Church Icons will be held in the Gallery of Cork County Library from Wednesday afternoon, 27th March to 26th April. The library is a new building next to County Hall on the Carrigaune Road, the entrance is opposite the Kingsley Hotel - admission and car park are free. The exhibition will feature the icon work of Cloyne Priest, Fr David O Riordan, of Ladysbridge and Ballymacoda, and the work of two Iconographers from Crete, Nicolaos Griniezakis, and Efty Ilia. This is a unique opportunity to see the work of present day Iconographers who use the ancient techniques of egg tempera paint on wood panels when writing or painting an icon. The exhibition is open to the public during library open hours Monday to Friday. To access the gallery go into the library through the main doors - the gallery is on the right. Enjoy.

Are you caring for someone in your family with **Alzheimer Disease /Dementia?** **St. Francis Day Centre, Fermoy** provides dementia -specific care and support in a stimulating & friendly environment. The service runs once a week, on Tuesdays. Please contact (022) 43322 or (086) 0218504

FAS SAFE PASS COURSE in Mitchelstown on the 4th April - contact Eileen on 087-9270020

THANK YOU to all who supported the recent Fundraising Dance at Kilcoran Lodge Hotel for the **Cope Sensory Garden Project**. We are very grateful to all who gave lovely prizes for the Raffle and to the Musicians Frankie Carroll and Oliver O' Donnell for their voluntary support on the night. A special Thank You to the Hotel Proprietor Connie Herbert for giving us the Venue free of charge and to his supportive staff.

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA – Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to East Africa in July 2013. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. In addition, the Group will visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn during the mission. Contact Denis – 086 8520271.

Mitchelstown Community Council Ltd

The Annual General Meeting of Mitchelstown Community Council Ltd will be held on Tuesday, 30th April in the Town Hall at 8pm *Sharp*. All are welcome.

MITCHELSTOWN HEALTHY TUESDAY: Healthy Town 3-5k Walks at New Square 7 pm Ladies Keep Fit at St. Fanahan's Hall 9.30am -11am resumes April 9th
See facebook/mitchelstownhealthywalk