

## Ozanam Active Retired Group

### Mitchelstown

Are you over 50? Have you some free time on hand?

Come along to the Active Retirement group every Wednesday afternoon. 2.00pm – 5.00pm. Men and Women welcome

Are you interested in Art or Crafts – you will be well catered for

- Card making
- Jewellery making
- Painting
- Plus other crafts

Participants have done 2 Computer Courses and are now well versed in surfing the Web etc.

Card playing groups are very active and ‘bets’ are an integral part of the games.

Holidays and short Trips are organised by the Group throughout the year.

Last year the Group went to An Grianan for a week, paid a visit to the Dáil and to Aras an Uachtarain where they had ‘Tea’ with the President.

Theatre and Cinema trips are a regular event plus Shopping trips.

A Christmas Party rounds off the year.

Come along any Wednesday from 2.00pm – 5.00pm.

**Further information contact 025-84733**

### **Pilgrimage to Knock – Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>:**

Bus leaving Square at 7.30 a.m. Cost Adult €20: Children €10  
Monies to Parish Office.

### **Children’s Summer Computer Camp:**

Computer Training in a friendly and fun atmosphere.

Children from age 6 up. One week only 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. July  
2 groups depending on age and experience.

**Course Content:** Microsoft paint, word, powerpoint, excel, Word art, Digital Photography, Introduction to Internet and Movies.

All enquiries to Ozanam Resource Centre, Mitchelstown.

**Tel. 025-84733**

Newsletter printed by The Parish Office, weekly. To place a notice, please e-mail to [mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:mitchelstownparishoffice@eircom.net), post to the Parish Office, Parochial House, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown or Phone or

Fax: 025 / 84062 **Deadline is 12 p.m. Wednesday**

Office Hours: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday to Friday

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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### **“God Grant Me The Serenity.....”**

These are the words of a well known prayer, which asks God for the grace to accept the things we cannot change and the courage to change the things we can. It is a prayer very familiar to A.A. members in recovery. It can be very difficult for us all to face the evil of our past lives and to deal with it. This is the challenge facing our Religious Orders and our society and our Church in the light of the recent Ryan Report, on our core institutions run by Religious Orders. We remember that a great deal of the offences were committed prior to 1970. As we look back and examine that period from a 2009 perspective, it looks like a different planet and the harshness and cruelty is now hard to understand. It was a society of coercion, corporal punishment, snobbery, hardship and poverty and yet there was a lot of good too.

It is hard to accept the evil done to little children, under the care of Priests and Nuns & others, but we have to make things right as much as we can for those hurt and damaged. We all have to abandon to the mercy of God, the evils done in our past. We have to forgive ourselves and do what we can by acknowledgement to bring healing to those who are hurt. We pray for the grace, for us all to play our part in doing that. *Fr. Michael Fitzgerald P.P.*

### **Thanks:**

A special word of thanks to the **Youth 2000 Prayer Group** members for the beautiful Mass they prepared last Sunday evening. It was an uplifting experience and inspiring to see young people involved. The next Youth Mass is at **7.30 p.m. Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Office.

**Clergy:**

Fr. Michael Fitzgerald. P.P. Phone: 025-84090

Canon Timothy O’Leary. Phone: 025-84088

Fr. James Greene. Phone: 025-84077

**Priest on Sick call this week is:** Fr. James Greene

Emergency Contact Number: 087 - 2524979

**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 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 7.30 p.m.

***St. Joseph’s Church, Killacluig:***

Sunday & Holyday: 10.30 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 8.15 p.m.

**Confession Times:**

***Mitchelstown:***

Sat, Eves of Holydays &

Eves of 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

***Ballygiblin:*** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7 p.m.

***Killacluig:*** before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass.

**Mission Appeal:**

We welcome Fr. Gerry White of the Community of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, to make a Mission Appeal this weekend.

**Eucharistic Hour of Adoration:**  
**On Thursday nights 9 – 10 p.m.**

there will be a public hour of Adoration in the Parish Church.

**HOLYCROSS:**

St. Pio National Pilgrimage:

Will be held in The Abbey on

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Ceremonies begin at 1.30 p.m.**

***Concelebrated Mass at 3 p.m.***

**Congratulations:**

To the boys & girls who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion on Saturday. Thanks to all the parents & especially the parents who helped organise the “Do This In Memory Of Me” programme throughout the year. You made a marvellous contribution to the life of the Parish. We hope all children who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in the Parish, will participate in the 12 noon Mass in the Parish Church on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> & take part in the procession after Mass through the streets of the town.

**Mitchelstown Citizens Information Centre**

**Marian Hall, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown**

Tel: 025 / 84600 e-mail: [Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie](mailto:Mitchelstown@citinfo.ie)

**Office open: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. to 12 noon & Thursday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Friday 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Whatever your information needs, we can help you. Application forms for most entitlements and assistance to complete forms available. We have a wide range of information literature and booklets. Our service is free,

**Gradam Na Réadóirí Merit Awards Held Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May:**

Mitchelstown Centre has been awarded Gradam Na Réadóirí for the year 2008, in recognition of the centre’s overall quality of commitment & service in promoting the aims & goals of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart. This is the second time that the Gradam has been awarded to Mitchelstown Centre. Mass & Presentations were held in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardnier Street, Dublin 1. It was the Mass of Our Lady on a Saturday & the principal celebrant & homilist was Rev. Fr. Bernard J. McGuckian SJ, Central Spiritual Director & the readings by Mr. Robert Shannon (Bantry), newly elected President of the Pioneer Association. Rev. Fr. Michael Fitzgerald P.P. Mitchelstown, Spiritual Director Local Council also concelebrated at Mass. Local Council Members & Family Members were also present for the occasion. As were our near neighbours Rathcormac Pioneer Council Members, who were receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> award. Both groups travelled together in the company of Rev. Sr. Berchmans (Fermoy) Blackwater region P.T.A.A. who was special guest of both centres for the day. 55 Pioneer centres from all over Ireland were presented with their awards by the President of the National Association Mr. Robert Shannon & Mr Padraig Brady Chief Executive Officer, Pioneer Association. After Mass & Presentations, all those present were invited to the adjacent school hall, where some welcome refreshments were served to all those who had travelled from the four corners of Ireland for this great occasion.

**Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Would you like to help organise this year’s Corpus Christi Procession? Please come to a meeting on **Tuesday Evening June 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the Parish Church Sacristy at **8 p.m.** The procession will take the route of previous years & will take place after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. We look forward to a great crowd taking part.