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AUTUMN STATIONS 2021

Town & Country Stations all held in the Parish Church at 7.30 p.m.

www.churchservices.tv/mitchelstown

Friday, 15th October 2021	Glenahulla & Cloughleafin	John & Tara O'Doherty
	Marshallstown & Baunnaooneeny	Michael & Joan Cremin
	Corrogur & Tangresa	
	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough	Eileen Sheehan
	Knockagarry	Tom Norris
	Gortroe, Gortnamina & Killacluig	

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St Fanahan's Well: Calling on friends, devotees and users of St Fanahan's Well. St Fanahan and the Well are an important part of the Christian faith and heritage of our locality. We are looking for help to maintain the Well and the surrounding grounds. If you can help in any way please contact Lisa Sheehan (086) 3574618, James Sherlock (087) 7807810 or Catherine Hanley (087) 7727496. Thank you for your support.

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Cork Autism Online Conference 2021 - Thriving with Autism. Sunday, October 17th. This online conference offers practical strategies and insights to support children and adults on the autism spectrum. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Individuals, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Learn more: www.autismcork.ie

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Changes to Parish Office opening hours

9am to 11.30am Monday to Friday.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Thought for the day

We all have our own “emotional programmes for happiness.” These are part of who we are from a very young age, structured around what was happening then in our lives. To continue in these attitudes well beyond the need for them is the common human experience. At the same time, the call to be fully alive entails some kind of conversion, some kind of letting go. Commonly, something triggers this growth and we become aware of hitherto unrecognised blocks. We may even have the help of someone like Jesus to put his/her finger on the hidden hesitations.

Prayer - God of freedom, you desire nothing more than our strongest love, coming freely from within. For freedom Christ has set us free. Help to recognise how much we are still bound and blind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kieran O'Mahony OSA.

Reflections

1. We often get satisfaction from the things we own, clothes, cars, homes, gadgets, or money. There would be something unnatural if we did not. But what happens to us when our possessions begin to 'own' us, when they take a hold us, when we become obsessed with them? Jesus seeks followers who have the freedom to let go of possessions in order to be a servant of others. In whom have you seen this freedom? When have you experienced it yourself?
2. Growth implies change. That change sometimes means letting go of something we have at this moment: job, status, home, security, or something else we value. There can be an apparent loss in letting go but when have you found that you gained by having the freedom to let go of something you had previously clung to?
3. The disciples thought that Jesus was making impossible demands of people following him. He acknowledged that discipleship was impossible to us on our own efforts alone. How have you experienced the benefits of the help of others and of God when you were faced with difficulties in life?

Mission Sunday - 24th October 2021

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. You can help right now. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to www.missio.ie

CONVERSATIONS in ENNISMORE PROGRAMME 2021 - 2022

Topic 1: Post-Pandemic Ireland: Back to normal?

8th November - John Cummins: **Tolerating Uncertainty**

15th November - Michael O'Leary: **Being Well: Staying Well**

Topic 2: Life in the Church

22nd November - Martin Browne, OSB: **What has Pope Francis said about the Latin Mass?**

29th November - Fáinche Ryan, Loyola Institute, TCD: **Synodality: What to expect?**

The Rich Young Man

Today's Gospel tells us of the rich young man who approached Christ with an honest desire to gain eternal life. Christ encouraged his efforts and took him onto a higher level of accomplishment: the radical way. He told the man to dispose of his possessions and follow him. Christ meant: 'Do not hoard riches; detach yourself from encumbrances and you will be free to soar to God.' Christ was coherent. He did not request for the proceeds for the maintenance of his disciples. For the man, the invitation to complete detachment was too hard to accept. Christ made it clear that hoarding was and continues to be an obstacle to entrance into the kingdom of God. The disciples, getting ready for the mission, got the message and they replied: 'If so, who then can be saved'? There are many people suffering from hunger and poverty; their efforts would not yield much fruit because of famine, war, social crises, lack of resources, lack of education and early formation, circumstantial obstacles, family limitations, intellectual shortcomings. And here we are, hoarding our talents, our riches, our knowledge, our humane attention! Hoarding means keeping for ourselves what we should make available to others also. Some are smart in accumulating and keeping everything for themselves. We are all stewards in this world, and no one carries these resources into the other world. Christ is not against the acquisition and the use of material things, otherwise he would not advise the young man to give to the poor. He is not against the perfection of our talents. Hoarding creates a feeling of independence, making us negligent and indifferent. Christ wants us to be aware that hoarding, whether individual or communal, is an obstacle to spiritual growth.

Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo

Some Light Humour

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that", the usher said, "The priest is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No." he said.

"I'm the priest's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No." she said.

"Good," he answered

Person wanted for caretaking position in the Town Hall on the Awbeg Funcheon Recreation Scheme Ltd Mitchelstown. Must be in receipt of Social welfare. Please contact 025-85881 or [0874458582](tel:0874458582).

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society,

Meeting Monday 11th October, at 7 p.m. in **Marian Hall, Convent Hill.**

New Members always welcome

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:

Dear hearts and gentle people, it's that time of year again when we are asking you to fill a shoe box for a child less well off. There are children in the poorest countries of our world who have never experienced the joy of receiving a Christmas present, many of these children are orphans whose parents were killed in war or who died from illness. You can help these children by filling a shoe box with practical items i.e. something to WRITE with (pen, copybook, markers, crayons etc.), something to WASH with (toothbrush, toothpaste, facecloth, soap), something to WEAR (hat, scarf, gloves, socks) and WOW a treat or a toy (sunglasses, skipping rope, small doll or cuddly toy, a toy car). When closing the box; please include €4 in your leaflet envelope either on top of the gifts or taped to the inside of the lid. Please secure the box with elastic band - please don't seal with tape as we need to check contents to comply with regulations. If you would like to help a poor child this Christmas please visit the Team Hope website, www.teamhope.ie or contact your local co coordinator **Christine on 087 2514099**. The closing date this year is **8th November**.

Mitchelstown FET new courses:

Childcare & Parenting	Friday	12-2pm for 8 weeks,
Skills for Youth	Monday	11am-1pm for 8 weeks,
Beginners Computers	Wednesday 6 th Oct	3-5pm for 8 weeks,
Flower Arranging	Thursday 30 th Oct	12-1pm,
Mindfulness	Tuesday 12 th Oct	12-2pm for 6 weeks.

Contact Mitchelstown FET Centre (Forrest Hall) for more details or to register for these FREE courses. Tel: 086 048 4457 or email ria.breen@corketb.ie

Rosary – This Sunday 10th October the Rosary for Faith and Light will be recited at the Grotto (across from the Firgrove Hotel) at 2.30pm.

Everyone welcome.

Pioneer Pledge for November for the Holy Souls: November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise. Take the short-term Pioneer pledge this November. If interested please give your names to Catherine Hanley, Secretary 087 7727496 or any of the Pioneer Council members.