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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 Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

**Ballyhoura Development Ltd
Logistics and Distribution
Training Course - FETAC Level 5**

Looking for a Career in freight transport, warehousing, distribution or logistics?

Ballyhoura Logistics and Distribution course will provide participants with the knowledge, skill and competence to work across inventory, ordering / receiving goods and supporting a freight forwarding service in a range of logistics and distribution environments and contexts. Based in Mitchelstown, Co Cork this full-time course will start in September and will run over a nine month period. The course is run by Ballyhoura Development Ltd in association with Cork Education and Training Board.

Modules:

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| ● Warehousing. | ● Inventory Control | ● Purchasing |
| ● Freight Forwarding | ● Safety and Health at Work | ● Customer Service |
| ● Work Experience | ● Career Planning | |

For further information contact: Anisa Moynihan, Ballyhoura Development Ltd
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VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA – Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to East Africa in Sept 2014. 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.

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Team Leaders and Collectors Required: Barnardos Children's Charity are looking for Team Leaders to help coordinate a collection for Barnardos in Mitchelstown on Friday September 19th and help raise €100,000 for disadvantaged children and their families in communities around Ireland. For more information contact Sarah on 1850 222 300 or email fundraising@barnardos.ie

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Get your Holiday Reading at the **Ozanam Shop**, Thomas Street. 025 84733.
Fiction €2, Non-Fiction €1, Children's Books 50c. All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Isis militants 'seize Iraq monastery and expel monks':

Islamist militants in Iraq are reported to have seized an ancient monastery near Mosul and expelled the monks. Local residents said monks at the Mar Behnam monastery were allowed to take only the clothes they were wearing. The monastery, which dates from the 4th Century, is a major Christian landmark and a place of pilgrimage. Christians have fled Mosul after the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Isis) told them to convert to Islam, pay a tax or face death. Isis has seized large parts of Syria and Iraq and said last month it was creating an Islamic caliphate. Mosul itself is now said to be empty of Christians. The Mar Behnam monastery is run by the Syriac Catholic Church and is near the predominantly Christian town of Qaraqosh, to the south-east of Mosul.

As the persecution of Christians increases throughout the world, we must pray for strength to be faithful to Christ and His Gospel. It is time to speak up and stand up for Christ. The reward is Heaven.

Flight 17:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the relatives and friends of all those who perished in flight 17. If any of us had a relative in that flight, it would be too horrific to contemplate. The shooting down of that passenger plane and the treatment of the wreckage and bodies afterwards was not an innocent accident but was an act of evil. It should make us realise the great dangers now facing the world and our need to seek God evermore fervently. May the Lord have mercy on those who died so tragically and on those who did this evil deed.

Thank You Lord!! The summer weather has been a blessed gift of God to us. Thanks to Fr. Patrick and to all who ran the Faith Camp and to all the families who participated. It was a joy to witness.

You are not alone:

A mother and son will share their stories of how they coped and recovered from drug addiction in the **Town Hall on this Monday night, 28th July, at 8.00pm. All are welcome.**

Tesco – Mitchelstown Music Festival: A Fundraising Day will be held on **Thursday, 31st July**. Prize – 2 Tickets to Mitchelstown Music Festival + Tesco Food Hamper. Tickets on sale in store at Tesco on the day. All funds raised go to **Fionn Doyle Fund**. Fionn who has Leukaemia, to date 1½ of his 3½ years has been spent undergoing treatment at Crumlin and Mercy Hospitals. Special thanks to each of you for your continued great support.

Summer Camps at Bright Sparks.

Different groups for all ages! From 12 months to 10 years. Prices start at €10 per day.

Bookings to 025-86799 or text 086-2653839

Fun filled activities for all the kids this summer

SHAPE UP FOR SENIORS (OVER 55'S) Why not join a Tone Up Class for seniors over 55's being conducted weekly at Tesco, Mitchelstown on Wednesdays 7-8pm . Based on improved mobility toning flexibility, fall prevention etc. Contact 087.3589734

In our Diocese, there has been an ever increasing desire for more substantial catechetical formation. This is in line with what is happening all over Ireland and is very much consistent with the impassioned prayer, which is taking place for the renewal of the Church in Ireland. As one young dad said recently, "I *know* I believe, but I am not always sure *why* I believe". In line with study groups already formed in Macroom and Blarney, I would like to bring your attention to two new groups which are commencing in September. In light of this, if you feel something of this nature would be of benefit, you are warmly invited to an information meeting on

- **Monday, September 1st from 7.30pm – 9.15pm at the Nano Nagle Centre in Ballygriffin, Killavullen.**
- **Wednesday, September 3rd from 7.30pm – 9.15pm at the Midleton Park Hotel in Midleton.**

An adult studies programme in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* will commence shortly thereafter in Ballygriffin and in East Cork. For more information, please contact Fr. Seán Corkery at cloynenewevangelisation@gmail.com

MITCHELSTOWN HEALTHY TOWN WALKING: Every Tuesday safe guided walks are conducted from John Mandeville New Square at 7pm covering 3 km -5 km routes. A good aerobic walk for 30 minutes will enhance physical and mental well being. Why not switch off the TV and invite family / friends to join in. It's all free for God's creatures in the fresh air.

Trócaire's Door-To-Door Fundraisers will be in your area for a couple of days during August/September 2014. The Fundraisers are clearly identifiable, as they will be wearing a blue branded Trócaire jacket. Also, each fundraiser will be carrying photo ID.

The purpose of their visit to your area is to raise awareness of the work Trócaire does and to ask people if they would like to support Trócaire on an ongoing basis. Trócaire works with the poorest families and communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America, helping to build better futures. Please support this campaign if you can.

To find out more about Trócaire's work, please visit our website, www.trocaire.org. If you have any queries, please call: Susan Kirk, Trócaire, Maynooth, 01-6293333.

MONSTER GALA DAY ALL PROFITS TO THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY: On **Sunday August 17th 2014**.we will hold a **10K Fun Run** this is part of our Gala Day Events, Proceeds to the Irish Cancer Society. Registration is (€15p.p.) and this will take place at **T.O. Park., Community & Sports Complex, Labbamlogga, Knockadea. On Sat 16th August.from 12-1pm & Sunday, 17th August ... From 11am to 12noon and the RUN will start at 12:30pm Approx.** Thank you for your support. Registration Info contact Claire O'Brien Organizer, Mobile.087-3833335

After the RUN the Gates to the Gala Day will open at 1-30pm

1. Open Air Mass with Fr. Greene & GOSPEL BY DEAK RIVERS UK.2-45pm Weather permitting, otherwise everything goes in doors across at the Clubhouse/Barn etc
2. Various Stall will be there on the Day.
3. Pottery making for Kids with Pearse Pottery Cork
4. Face painting
5. Sports Day for the Kids by Park United Mitchelstown.
6. Mitchelstown School of Karate will give a DEMO
7. Bouncing Castles
8. Lots of Music including ROCK N ROLL with DAVE SHARKEY UK...SHEILA TOBIN will also be doing a special dance number at this event with Dave
9. Country Music with Social Dancing later on in the day by Liam Cantillon from Killeagh, Co. Cork
10. Vintage will also be there maybe some classic variety hopefully on the day
11. Food will be catered for by Galty Valley Catering at the very capable hands of Mary Casey, Wonderful Chef from Kilbehenny.
12. Best Dressed Lady & Gent Competition Prize on the day.
13. Big Monster Raffle, Great Prizes and you get one free ticket going in, for a special prize on the admission tickets, which are only €5 and STUDENTS €3.

Ballyhoura Outdoor Recreation Course FETAC Level 5

Enjoy sports? Ever tried adventure sports – kayaking, hiking, mountain biking?

Do you want to develop skills and obtain the qualifications to work as an outdoor instructor? Then this challenging 40 week full time course may be for you. The course is based in Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. A typical day sees Participants Mountain biking the Ballyhoura trails, hill walking in the Galtees, Knockmeldowns or Comeraghs or kayaking on Lough Gur or the Lower Shannon. The course is run by Ballyhoura Development Ltd in association with SOLAS. To qualify for the course, you must have an interest in sport and an ambition to work in the outdoors. The course will begin in Mid September 2014. Applicants should be aged over 16 years.

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| ◆ Mountain Bike Leader (TCL) | ◆ Mountain Skills 1 & 2 | ◆ First Aid |
| ◆ Level 1 Kayak Instructor | ◆ Work Placement | ◆ Leave No Trace Awards |
| ◆ Dinghy Sailing Basic Skills | ◆ National Powerboat Cert | |

FETAC Level 4/5 modules in:

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| Adventure Activities | Work Experience | Orienteering |
| Outdoor Recreation | Communications | Power boating |
| Occupational First Aid | Dinghy Sailing | Kayak Instruction Skills |
| Outdoor Leadership & Safety | | |

For further information or to apply, contact Anisa Moynihan, Ballyhoura Development Ltd. Tel: 063-20555 amoynihnan@ballyhoura.org or contact your local SOLAS office www.solas.ie