

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

## Thought for the Day

### Mission Sunday

We Celebrate 100 Years of World Mission Sunday! This World Mission Sunday marks the 100th Anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This centenary is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal. Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world: "Please help me help missionaries everywhere." That's what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization. We are all called to be a part of this missionary work and we have a singular means to do so: World Mission Sunday. The second collection we take up today helps extend the Church's evangelization work to missionary lands where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church barely exists, or is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself. Thank you for responding to Pope Leo's call to help him help missionaries everywhere!

### Prayer – Prayer for Missionaries

Lord our God,  
loving Father,  
we humbly pray to you  
for our beloved missionaries,  
heralds of the Gospel.

May our prayers  
reach their hearts  
that they may feel our love,  
our strength,  
our faith.

May our prayers  
reach their hearts  
that they continue  
with your zeal  
the mission  
you entrust them with.

May their presence  
in their community  
be a reminder  
of your presence among us. Amen.

*Missionary Society of St Columban*

**Some Light Humour** – Overheard at the Vets: "I had my cat neutered. He's still out at night with the other cats, but now it's in the role of consultant."

**Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026**

- Monday to Friday: Rosary: 9:30am Mass: 10am
- Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm.

**Confessions 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

**Parish Masses on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**Parish Church** – Vigil 7:30pm; 8:30am and 11:30am. **Ballygiblin;** – 10:00am.

Please note Mass times are displayed on Church Noticeboards.

**Live streaming** of Masses in the Parish Church, please use the following link:

<https://mitchelstownparish.ie/livestream>

**The Parish Office will be closed**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October Inclusive.**

**Series of Talks for Neocatechumenal way** - Mondays and Thursdays at the Town Hall at 8pm. Come and listen. God does not abandon us.

**Sunday Missal 2027.** If you would like to purchase a Missal, please let Tricia in the Parish Office know, **no later than Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October**. You can drop the money, **€10**, in an envelope with your name on it, to either Tricia or into the Sacristy.

**Arranging of Flowers in the Parish Church** - We are always grateful to those who arrange the flowers in our Parish Church. If you would like to get involved and help create a welcoming and beautiful space for our celebrations, new volunteers would be most welcome. No previous experience is needed—just a willingness to help. You will be part of a team. Please speak to Breda Crotty at 087/4109561 if you are interested.

**St. Fanahan's Rosary Group** meet every Thursday night at 6:30pm in Marian Hall.  
All welcome.

**Saints Feast Days for the coming Week**

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October** - **Saints Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues**, with their six Jesuit companions, were slain by Huron and Iroquois Indians in 1647/8.

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October** – **St. Paul of the Cross**, 1694-1775, founded the Passionists in Rome, preaching on the Passion of Christ and tending the sick, the dying and the lapsed.

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - **St John of Capistrano** (1386 - 1456): Studied civil and canon law and joined the Franciscan Order. A faithful servant of four popes, he attended the Council of Florence, went to Jerusalem as apostolic emissary, and in 1451, set out on a preaching tour through the German provinces and Poland. In a battle at Belgrade, he contracted fever and died there. Patron of jurists and military chaplains.

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October** - **St. Anthony Mary Claret** (1807 - 1870): He founded the Claretians in Spain for missionary work. Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba then returned as chaplain to the Queen of Spain, and built schools and museums, before being exiled with the monarchy.

**Save the Date! Raising Hope, Caring for Our Common Home Together** - Join us for a Laudato Si' conference exploring how parishes can respond to the cry of the earth at this time. Practical initiatives, eco-spirituality and more, do save the date! Where? Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Cork, T23 E244 When? **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 10am – 4pm.** 'May our struggles and concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope.' (LS 244) More information to follow, register by emailing [maria.murphy@trocaire.org](mailto:maria.murphy@trocaire.org)

**Pre- Marriage Courses – [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)**

**Counselling:** Accord offers a safe, professional and confidential process facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage & relationship. For appointment, please ring Carolyn at our Fermoy Office - 025-31899.

**St. Fanahan's Graveyard (Adjoining the Parish Church)**

As you are aware, a survey was carried out on the adjoining cemetery over the past few years and we have a display board erected in the graveyard as a result of this survey. We are aware that there are gaps in the overall map. Following on from this, we have been trying to sort the plots that have no markings on them. To this end, we need your help in getting a clearer picture of the graveyard, as a mark of respect we owe this to our loved ones who are buried there, to have the details recorded correctly, especially for the generations coming behind us. If you have an unmarked plot or know someone who has one, can you please call into Tricia in the Parish Office, so that she can check the information you have with the details we have on file. Also, it has come to our attention that some people have sold plots to a third party and not informed the Church. This is causing problems, as the details we have on file are now incorrect, therefore making things difficult for people to use the plots. We must be informed if any plots have been transferred, as we need to update the records.

**PARISH PERSONNEL:**

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| Canon Michael Leamy P.P.           | Phone: 025-41765.           |
| Fr. Tommy Lane C.C.                | Phone: 087-0660615          |
| Parish Secretary – Patricia Dwane: | Phone: 025-84062.           |
| <b>Emergency Calls only:</b>       | <b>Phone: 087 – 2524979</b> |

**Parish Office Open 9am -11.30am Monday to Friday only,  
(Closed Holydays and Public Holidays)**

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**Parish Website:** [www.mitchelstownparish.ie](http://www.mitchelstownparish.ie)

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

- All Anniversary/Months Mind Masses and Weddings must be booked directly with one of the Priests of the Parish; they are not booked through the Parish Office.
- All Baptisms must be booked directly with Patricia in the Parish Office.
- Signed Mass Cards for all occasions are on sale in the Parish Office (Cash only).
- When writing Cheques to the Parish, please issue them to 'Mitchelstown Parish'

## AUTUMN STATIONS 2026 - Town & Country Stations:

The Station Masses are offered for the families of the Station area to invoke God's Blessings in all we do. We encourage you all to participate in the Station Masses. It is also an opportunity to make an offering towards the income of the Parish Clergy.

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| <b>Tuesday,<br/>20<sup>th</sup> October<br/>2026</b><br><br><b>Parish<br/>Church at<br/>7:30pm</b>   | Upper Cork St. Lower Cork St. New Square, Arch Avenue, Railway Rd., Carraigroe, Cross of the Groves, Brigown Rd Lower & Fermoy Rd.                                              |                           |
|                                                                                                      | Clonmel Road, Baldwin Street, King's Square & College, Castlefarm Road, Castle Lodge, Bank Place, & Castle Park, Suttons Corner                                                 |                           |
|                                                                                                      | Ballinwillin, Cahir Hill, Ballinwillin Estate, Linden Hill, Árd-Mhuilinn & Luí Na Gréine                                                                                        |                           |
|                                                                                                      | Captain Keane's Grove, Roche's Heights & Sarsfield Casey Drive.                                                                                                                 |                           |
|                                                                                                      | Church Rd. Brigown Church Rd. Mulberry Flats, Mulberry Crest, Woodlawn, Kali Magdan, Brigown Cottages, Abbey Farm, Mulberry, Abbey View, The Meadows, Sliabh Alainn & Stonewell |                           |
|                                                                                                      | Robert St. Thomas St. George's St. Kingston Close & Edward St.                                                                                                                  |                           |
|                                                                                                      | King's St. James St. & Tearnann Ui Chaoimh.                                                                                                                                     |                           |
|                                                                                                      | St. Fanahan's Pl. Barrack Rd. Cloonlough North, Old Fermoy Road, Cross of the Groves & Ballybeg Rd.                                                                             |                           |
|                                                                                                      | Liam Lynch Pk., O'Neill Crowley Tce. Beechwood Grove, Moher Crescent, Mandeville Pk., & Ailsbury Court.                                                                         |                           |
|                                                                                                      | Church St. Mitchelscourt, Kildorrery Rd., Ashfield Manor, Stagpark, Deerpark, Clonkilla, Carriganleigh, Cloonlough & Árd Na Gréine.                                             |                           |
|                                                                                                      | New Stag Park Estates                                                                                                                                                           |                           |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>21<sup>st</sup> October<br/>2026</b><br><br><b>Parish<br/>Church at<br/>7:30pm</b> | Demesne                                                                                                                                                                         | John & Antoinette Keane   |
|                                                                                                      | Gurrane & Coolenave                                                                                                                                                             | James & Caitríona Kiely   |
|                                                                                                      | Kilshanny                                                                                                                                                                       | Seán & Bernadette Finn    |
|                                                                                                      | Corracunna & Cooleregan                                                                                                                                                         | Pat & Peggy Hanrahan      |
|                                                                                                      | Pollardstown & Killicane                                                                                                                                                        | Patrick & Cáit Frewen     |
|                                                                                                      | Ballinamona & Brigown                                                                                                                                                           | Helen O'Gorman            |
|                                                                                                      | Ballybeg, Turbeigh & Glenatluckey                                                                                                                                               | Tony & Noelle Mullins     |
|                                                                                                      | Kiltrilane & Cloonlough South                                                                                                                                                   | Seamus & Elizabeth Curran |

**Mitchelstown Musical Society** - Don't miss the opportunity to see Europe's and the UK's Number 1 ABBA Tribute Band - "The Bjorn Identity", at **The Firgrove Hotel, on Saturday, 28th November!** This event is brought to our area by Mitchelstown Musical Society, as its major fundraiser for the 2026/2027 Season. It promises to be a fantastic pre- Christmas night out, featuring an amazing live band, playing all the ABBA hits, followed by Disco.

Tickets, €27.50, are now on sale from Spar and The Favourite.

Mitchelstown Musical Society sincerely thanks you all for your ongoing support.

**C.B.S. Primary Parents Association will be hosting an Adult Table Quiz in Jackie O'Brien's / Tavern, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November**, to raise funds to support the school. €40 per table of 4. There will be Finger food and a Raffle. So please join us on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, at Jackie O'Brien's / Tavern, at 9pm.** Your support would be greatly appreciated.