

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Thought for the Day on the Second Reading (Phil 2:1-11)

Paul asks to make our own the mind of Jesus (Phil 2:5), in other words, to have the same attitude as Jesus. Whatever was the attitude of Jesus, that is also to be our attitude, Paul tells us. What was the attitude of Jesus? Paul goes on to give one example in the remainder of today's reading: Jesus' humility. Jesus was God but emptied himself, lowering himself to become human. As Paul describes Jesus' humility, it is like going downstairs. The first step down is Jesus becoming human. The next step down is Jesus dying. The final and lowest step down is the type of death Jesus accepted, death on a cross.

It was completely shocking that Jesus allowed himself to die on a cross. Palestine was part of the Roman Empire then and crucifixion was the form of capital punishment the Romans inflicted on criminals. Crucifixion was so brutal that the Romans did not inflict it on Roman citizens, only on non-citizens.

Paul continues: the Father raised up Jesus in his resurrection and gave him the name above all other names. What is that name? At the end of today's reading Paul tells us every tongue should acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord (Phil 2:11). That is the name: Jesus Christ as Lord, the Lord Christ. That is why Paul says all beings in the heavens, on earth, and in the underworld should bend the knee at the name of Jesus (Phil 2:10). The name of Jesus is so sacred, in Paul's mind, that every knee should bend at Jesus' name and declare Jesus Christ as Lord. Compare that with the misuse of the name of Jesus that we hear all around us and on TV.

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Please note – The Parish Office will be closed next Wednesday, 30th September.

Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 28th September to 3rd October 2026

- Monday to Friday: Rosary: 9:30am Mass: 10am
- Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm.
- Saturday: Mass: 10am followed by First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Confessions 3rd October 2026

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

Parish Masses on Sunday 4th October 2026

Parish Church – Vigil 7:30pm; 8:30am and 11:30am. **Killacluig**; – 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>

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

Autumn Station Masses will commence on **Tuesday, 13th October 2026**. 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. We really appreciate the help and support of all our distributors who give out the envelopes in each area. The envelopes are ready to be collected from the Parish office between 8:30am and 11am - Mon. to Fri. only.

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

The feedback we receive from patients that have relied on the Transport Service in the past is heart-warming and underlines the need of its existence. We would be extremely grateful for your support, as it will help us to continue supporting those who are impacted by cancer.

Parish Donations: For anyone who would like to make a contribution to the upkeep of our Parish, these are the Bank Details. Mitchelstown Parish Church 1A/C.

IBAN NO: IE93 BOFI 9029 4412 1426 12

BIC NO: BOFIE2D

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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'