

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Thought for the Day

Whose Job?

This is a story about four people named everybody, somebody, anybody and nobody.

There was an important job to be done and everybody was sure that somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it but nobody did. Somebody got angry with that because it was everybody's job.

Everybody thought anybody could do it but nobody realised that everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up - everybody blamed somebody when nobody did what anybody could have done.

Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 5th to 9th October 2026

• Monday to Friday: Rosary: 9:30am Mass: 10am

• Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm.

Confessions 10th October 2026

• Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

Parish Masses on Sunday 11th 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>

Some Light Humour – E-mail: My inbox is like a garden: every time I clear it, three more things grow.

Pet Blessing in Kingston College – Sunday 4th October at 3pm. Bring your pets alone and join in a celebration of all life – in the Spirit of Francis of Assisi.

In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, pets from around the country receive a blessing this month—as well as confirmation for their owners that all of God's creatures are cherished and beloved. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. Francis wrote a Canticum of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." And there was testimony in the cause for Saint Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat!

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, 21st October.** You can drop the money, **€10**, in an envelope with your name on it, to either Tricia or into the Sacristy.

Prayer to St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels - Feast, 29th September 2026

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.

Saint Michael is our protector;

I ask him to come to my aid,
fight for all my loved ones,
and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News;

I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice
and to teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel;

I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know,
lift it up to Your throne of grace and
deliver us back to the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of archangels and their desire to serve us.

Holy angels, pray for us.

Amen.

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 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

Baptism 'enables all believers to possess an instinct for the truth of the Gospel'

The views and opinions of many different people and of interest groups are important to the Church in discerning 'the signs of the times', so that it can determine how best to proclaim the Gospel.

For instance, scientists, many of whom are non-Christians and perhaps even atheists, are often consulted on church policy documents when the subject matter relates to areas in which they have expertise.

Discerning the *sensus fidei*, however, it is quite different. It doesn't involve seeking out experts, at least not if by this we mean people with extensive knowledge, outstanding qualifications, or exceptional experience.

Rather, it involves seeking out those who, in their daily lives, try as faithfully as they can to live as disciples of Jesus within the community of the Church, nourished in this by the Word of God, personal prayer, regular celebration of the sacraments, and selfless acts of service.

It makes sense to understand the *sensus fidei* as residing with such people because it is the faithful living of one's faith within the church community and keeps alive the gift of being able to appreciate the Church's faith given at baptism. *Eamon Conway From 'Changing to be Faithful – Living Tradition in a Synodal Church'*,

Work hard, work honestly, and use your abilities to help yourself and others. True success comes not only from what we achieve, but from the character we develop while working.

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

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.

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.

Tuesday, 13th October 2026	Kildrum & Garryleigh	Ballygiblin Church at 7.30pm
	Carrigane	
	Furrow & Gurteenaboul	
	Croughmore	
	Glenduff	
	Croughevoe	
	Skeheen	
	Ballinabrook & Ardlare	
	Knocknamuck Ballygiblin & Parknakilla	
Wednesday, 14th October 2026	Glenahulla & Cloughlefin	Killacluig Church at 7.30pm
	Marshallstown & Baunnanooneeny	
	Corrogurm & Tangresa	
	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough	
	Knockagarry	
	Boolakelly, Gurteenatarriff etc.	
	Derrylahan	
	Ballyarthur	
	Gortroe, Gortnamina & Killacluig	

Mitchelstown Musical Society is delighted to welcome you to an Information Evening, for its 20th Anniversary Show-The Little Mermaid. Come hear all about our 2027 production, meet the team, find out about roles, auditions, and rehearsals!
This Sunday 4th October, 7pm, at The Firgrove Hotel.

Pre- Marriage Courses – 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.

Bingo Night Fundraiser in Memory of Nora Keane – The Keane family are holding a Bingo Night in aid of Marymount Hospice, on Friday, 9th October, first game at 8pm in Jackie O'Brien's, Mitchelstown. Raffle prizes, spot prizes and great night of entertainment guaranteed. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Radio Maria - Thank God and sincere thanks also to our many listeners and supporters as RADIO MARIA IRELAND continues to grow. As an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station we enjoy commercial free broadcasting - Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – do join our growing faith family! Here's how you can listen:

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Why not drop a line to our Spiritual Director, Fr Des Farren by text on 089-4672000, by phone on 01-4123456, or come and pay us a visit at Radio Maria Ireland, St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. D22 R7W2

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.

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Please put your name and address on the Reference, or if you have a parish envelope number, please put that in the reference section and we can add it to your account on our envelope system.

If sending in a cheque, please make it out to 'Mitchelstown Parish'.

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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'