

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Thought for the Day

The landowner had prepared for a large crowd. When he sent his servants out to personally remind the guests to come, some of the servants were mistreated, beaten and even killed by his prospective guests! Quite naturally, the king was enraged.

What does this Sunday's Gospel say to us? I doubt that we have had the experience this story speaks of. However, we all have been disappointed and upset at various times in our lives.

We may have been deeply hurt by someone or betrayed by another. Our natural human response is to be angry, hurt and disappointed – and rightly so. Hopefully, we haven't decided to kill anyone because of that!

In these situations, we need to take time to calm down and deal with the hurt, anger and disappointment. We need to acknowledge and feel the emotions. If we repress them, most likely the emotions will come back with a vengeance. But we can't stop there. We also need to honestly acknowledge what we are experiencing, but then with time to gradually 'let those feelings go' and forgive.

Most often this is the last thing that we want to do! It will take time, but it is an important step to take. If we nurse our anger and hurt, we are not hurting the individuals who disappointed us, we are hurting ourselves and those we love! If we are not able to forgive, we simply need to ask God to help us. May we have the grace to ask God to heal the anger and hurt – and to free us!

Sr Kristine Anne Harpenau OSB

Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 12th to 16th October 2026

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

• Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm.

Confessions 17th October 2026

• Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

Parish Masses on Sunday 18th 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>

Date for your Diary –

Confirmation 2027

Will take place on **Tuesday, 9th February 2027 at 10am** in the Parish Church for the Pupils of Ballygiblin N.S., Bunscoil na Toirbhirte and C.B.S. Primary.

Some Light Humour – Son to his father as they watch television: “Dad, tell me again how when you were a child, you had to walk all the way across the room to change the channel.”

As the 250th Anniversary year of the foundation of the Presentation Sisters draws to a close, we celebrate the light that Nano Nagle brought to the people of Cork—a light of hope, compassion and possibility.

Through her care for people living in poverty and her dedication to education, Nano brought comfort and opportunity to those too often overlooked. Her lantern became a symbol of love in action, illuminating a path towards a brighter future.

For 250 years, the Presentation Sisters have carried that light throughout the world. Through education, service and a steadfast commitment to justice, they have touched countless lives, bringing hope and upholding the dignity of each person.

As this anniversary year concludes, we give thanks for Nano's courage and for the generations of Sisters who have continued her work. May her light inspire us all to reach out with kindness, stand alongside those in need and carry hope into the lives of others.

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.

Saints Feast Days for the coming Week

Wednesday, 14th October – St. Callistus I: After a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences, was freed and became a deacon in charge of catacombs that bear his name in Rome. He became pope in 217, opposed by Hippolytus. Died at the hands of a mob in 222.

Thursday, 15th October - St. Teresa of Avila (1515 - 82): She was deeply contemplative, highly active, and practical, established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule, and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. Patron of lace makers and headache sufferers.

Friday, 16th October – St. Hedwig, 1174-1243, wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted herself to charitable works.

Friday, 16th October - St. Gall, a devoted monk who journeyed with Columbanus and dedicated his life to the service of Your holy will. May his example of steadfast faith and commitment inspire us to follow the path of righteousness.

Friday, 16th October – St. Margaret Mary 1647-90, visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was exemplary in her patience and trust.

Saturday, 17th October - St. Ignatius, the Bishop of Antioch, who gave his life as a martyr for the sake of Your Gospel. Grant us the strength to uphold unity within the Church and to cherish the Eucharist as a source of true communion with You.

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 21st 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

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 Ballygiblin Church at 7:30pm	Kildrum & Garryleigh	Patrick Ryan
	Carrigane	
	Furrow & Gurteenaboul	Seán & Mairead Hanrahan
	Croughmore	Peggy Moher
	Glenduff	Seán & Mary O'Brien
	Croughevoe	Jeremiah O'Brien
	Skeheen	Timothy & Tricia White
	Ballinabrook & Ardglare	Tommy & Frances Norris
	Knocknamuck, Ballygiblin & Parknakilla	
Wednesday, 14th October 2026 Killacluig Church at 7:30pm	Glenahulla & Cloughleafin	Robert & Kathleen Coughlan
	Marshallstown & Baunnaooneeny	Clare Condon
	Corrogurm & Tangresa	Lizzie Hanley
	Derrynanool, Killee & Drough	Jim & Julie Barry
	Knockagarry	John & Ursula McGrath
	Boolakelly, Gurteenatarriff etc.	James & Mairead Walsh
	Derrylahan	
	Ballyarthur	Marie Condon
	Gortroe, Gortnamina & Killacluig	

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.

Committee members of Mitchelstown Musical Society will also sell tickets at SuperValu, on Thursday 15th, 11am- 4pm.

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

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 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

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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(Closed Holydays and Public Holidays)**

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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'