Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Thought for the Day

Spiritual Nourishment And Renewal.

One benefit of Mass attendance is the regular hearing of the stories of Jesus. Gradually, these cutting and comforting stories seep into our memory and establish their unique rhythm. The Christian life is composed of such rhythms.

Jesus teaches a profoundly ironic way of life. The first shall be last. Turn the other cheek. Love your enemies. Blessed are the poor. Let the one without sin cast the first stone.

Jesus' teachings de-literalise life, open up a wide imagination of what life and humanity and culture could be. He offers an alternative way of being, an attitude that is not worried about self.

William Blake described Jesus as a fire in which we are heated to the point of transformation. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. When in rare moments I can see him as the Blakean fire, I glimpse my essential connection to my fellow humans and to nature. I see how the divine might be incarnated in me, a simple person struggling as anyone else.

Some Light Humour – A little girl was crying and her teacher asked her what was wrong. Girl – "My new boots are hurting me". Teacher – "But you have them on the wrong feet". Girl – "They are the only feet I have."

Exploring the Introductory Rites 2 of Sunday Mass

GLORIA: On Sundays outside of Lent and Advent, on solemnities and feasts, the Gloria is sung or recited. In this joyful hymn of praise, the gathered assembly unites with the heavenly choirs. Within this hymn we recall the five actions of the Mass we are each called to: we are here to praise, bless, adore, glorify and thank our God.

OPENING PRAYER/COLLECT: The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the Collect. This prayer gathers (or collects) all our prayers into one prayer of the day. It has a four-fold pattern of

1) an invitation from the priest celebrant to the assembly to pray,
2) a brief silence to gather the prayers of our hearts into one,
3) the prayer itself proclaimed by the priest celebrant and
4) our assent to the prayer in our 'Amen'. The silence within this prayer can help create a sense of unity among the assembly. Like all our prayers in the liturgy, we make our prayer to God the Father, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit. This can be a timely reminder to us that the celebration of the Mass is the action of Christ and of the people of God, united in common worship. *catholicbishops.ie*

Feast of Christ The King Sunday, 22nd November – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 11:30am Mass until 5pm, Holy Hour in remembrance of our deceased loved ones from 4pm to 5pm.

A Blessing – by St Columbanus • Feast 23 November

Lord, may everything we do this day begin with Your blessing and continue with Your help.
May everything, we say this day begin with Your love and continue with Your grace.
May everything we plan this day begin with Your inspiration and continue with Your peace.
So that throughout our lives all that we begin in You may by You be happily ended, and all that we seek through You may be lovingly attended.
Amen *Daily-prayers.org*

A Lighted Candle

Often, we light candles as a sign of remembering and as we light the candle, we say a prayer for that person that they may be enjoying the marvellous light of heaven. The candle light reminds us that we too have the opportunity to share the light of hope, that we carry, with others. When you are in a dark place, the warmth of a smile or a kind word can mean a lot. It may feel that our own light is very small and insignificant in times of much darkness but each time it is shared, it is not halved but doubled. Together we really can make a difference.

The Annual Collection for Social and Family Services will take place on November 15th & 16th. This annual collection goes towards other contributions from the Diocese to various social and family agencies. These include ACCORD and the Regional Marriage Tribunal. Support for these agencies is one very practical way of supporting family and life in the present culture. Please ask the people to contribute generously to this collection through newsletters etc.

Holy Hour in remembrance of our deceased loved ones,
Sunday 22nd November 4pm to 5pm, Mitchelstown Parish Church.
Remembrance Mass for the Dead,
Thursday 19th November – 7.30pm, Mitchelstown Parish Church.
Those who died during the past year will be remembered at the beginning of the Mass.
Night lights will be lit during the ceremony in remembrance of all our dead.
(Night lights provided)

November Masses - Names for the **November Masses for the Dead** should be handed in at the Church or to the Parochial House. Twelve Masses will be offered for all on the November Dead list. **Envelopes are available at the back of the Church**.

St. Fanahan's Well - The Novena to St. Fanahan, our local Saint begins on Monday 16th November. The Novena is for 9 days before St Fanahan's day and 9 days after. The Well path will be lit every night and for a time each morning of the Novena.

- Rosary on Sunday 22nd November at 3pm at the Well.
- Rosary on St. Fanahan's Day 25th November at 3pm at the Well.
- Mass at 7.30pm on St. Fanahan's Night in the Parish Church.

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 be part of a team.

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

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

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 on the parish notice board, register by emailing maria.murphy@trocaire.org

Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 16th to 20th November 2026

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

Confessions 21st November 2026

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

Parish Masses on Sunday 22nd November 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

C.B.S. Primary Parents Association will be hosting an Adult Table Quiz in **Jackie O'Brien's / Tavern, Friday, 20th 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 20th November, at Jackie O'Brien's / Tavern, at 9pm**. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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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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.

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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'