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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’

C.B.S. Primary Parents Council’s Cook & Style is a stylish evening of live cooking, colour analysis and entertainment at the **Firgrove Hotel, Friday, 27th March**. Featuring a live cooking demo with Sinéad Delahunty — cookbook author, food educator and regular contributor to Ireland AM and Newstalk FM — alongside colour analysis tips from Annie – The Style Nanny and expert wine pairing by Colm of Carry Out. It promises to be a fantastic night out in support of the CBS Primary Mitchelstown School Development Fund. Tickets €30. Available to buy on www.gr8events.ie/cookandstyle or directly from the School or Spar.

Mitchelstown Musical Society is turning up the volume this March, as they prepare to bring the worldwide hit musical **‘We Will Rock You’** to Mitchelstown Leisure Centre, for four unforgettable nights of music, energy and community spirit.

The show runs from **Wednesday 18th March to Saturday 21st March 2026 at 8pm**, with doors opening at 7.30pm. Audiences can expect powerful vocals, dynamic choreography and the legendary music of Queen. Founded in 2006, Mitchelstown Musical Society has become an important part of the town’s cultural life. Their Shows are real community effort, with families, friends and local businesses all playing their part. All welcome to The Firgrove Hotel, on Friday 6th March, 8pm, for the Official Launch of We Will Rock You. Tickets for the Show are now on sale at <https://www.gr8events.ie/wewillrockyou-mms>. Opening Night on Wednesday 18th March is priced at €22 plus booking fee. Tickets for Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st March are €27 plus booking fee. Parental guidance is advised and strobe lighting will be used throughout the show. This year, there will be a wine- bar on site. With strong interest already building, early booking is recommended. If you are looking for a night of unforgettable music, Mitchelstown Musical Society promises a show that will have the Leisure Centre rocking this March. Get your tickets now!

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Second Sunday of Lent

Thought for the Day

Lent is indeed how God draws us home as individuals, but it is also a very communal journey. We never journey alone; no matter how lonely we may feel. We are always journeying together. If we can experience our journey in communion with others, it makes it so much clearer that we are on a journey together. When we can share our experiences with a close friend or our worship community, we can enjoy support that allows grace to flourish. Let us pray for one another on this journey, especially for those who need and desire a change of heart on this pilgrimage to Easter joy. Choosing and acting Lent are so important because we are body-persons. We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations and we share in God’s own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others.

(Andy Alexander SJ & Maureen McCann Waldron, Praying Lent.)

Lenten Calendar

This Lent, you are invited to pray with a line of God’s Word each week and to express that Word in action each day...

2nd Sunday of Lent: I will walk in the presence of the Lord

Mon: Let God walk through your day with you
Tues: Give thanks for those who reveal God to you
Wed: Clothe those you meet in loving kindness
Thurs: Pray for those who feel they walk alone
Fri: Fast today in solidarity with those who never have enough to eat
Sat: Cherish those who are in your life today

Some Light Humour – My 18-month-old daughter was slow learning to speak.

Instead, she would talk “gobbledegook”. After listening to her one day, my five-year-old son turned to me and asked, “Mummy, do you think God sent us a foreign baby by mistake?”

Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine - 7th & 8th March, led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palić, Saturday 10:00am - 6.30pm and Sunday 10:00am - 4:30pm. Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre, Fr. Rozo will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; please bring a packed lunch. Friends, family & the sick are most welcome. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84, from the 20th – 22nd of March 2026 and the 17th – 19th April 2026. For single women between the ages of 18- 35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairéad O.P. at: sienavoc@gmail.com Tel: 041 9838524.

Masses during the week in the Parish Church - 2nd to 7th March 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 7th March 2026

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

Parish Masses on Sunday 8th March 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 may not always be available for all services due to GDPR Regulations.

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Trócaire, last year, worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by:

- Supporting over 2,500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management
- Providing over 20,000 families with fuel-efficient cookstoves to reduce firewood use
- Planting over 320,000 trees across the country

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of each Church.

Helpers Needed for Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage. The Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group is currently seeking volunteers to act as helpers on their upcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23rd to 28th September. Helpers provide essential support to Assisted Pilgrims during the pilgrimage, offering practical help, encouragement, and companionship. The role is both rewarding and meaningful; giving volunteers the chance to make a real difference in the lives of others while being part of a supportive and welcoming group. No previous experience is required — just a willingness to help, a caring attitude, and a commitment to working as part of a team. Helpers must be over 18 years of age and complete Garda Vetting. Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about the role is encouraged to get in touch. For further information or to apply, please contact Gerard on 087 291 5295. Email: Mitchelstowncarmelitelourdes@gmail.com

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, the 7th of March. To register: poorclaresgalway.eventbrite.ie. For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

Epilepsy - In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

Spring Station Masses will commence on **Thursday, 12th March 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

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 29th May – 3rd June 2026 - All bookings for the Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by telephone 01-2410800, online, www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/ or by post to 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02WY88. No booking is definite until a non-refundable deposit payment of €350 per person (plus insurance premium where applicable) has been received by Joe Walsh Tours. Early booking advisable.

Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to: Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, c/o Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Co. Cork. Tel: 022-20276. This special assisted/sick section is accommodated at the Accueil Notre Dame. Acceptance for travel with the special section for the sick is subject to approval of the Pilgrimage Medical Board. The closing date for receipt of application is 31st March 2026.

FREE 1 Day Understanding Self-Harm Castletownroche - open to the public. Wednesday, 8th April '26 9:30am – 5pm. Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd, The Old Mill, Ballyadeen, Castletownroche, Co. Cork, P51F9PX. 12 spaces available. For any enquiries please email: sp.enquiries@hse.ie. To Book a place please use the link below- <https://bookwhen.com/suicidepreventiontrainingcork/e/ev-ssuw8-20260408093000>

Details

AIM: Understanding Self-Harm Training is a 1-day programme which aims to develop Participants' knowledge and understanding of self-harm and the reasons underlying such behaviour. The program also helps participants consider the needs of people who self-harm.
CONTENT: By completing Understanding Self-Harm Training Participants will: Be informed of definitions of self-harm and consider its relationship with suicide Understand the prevalence of self-harm across different age groups and genders Be familiar with the functions, motivations and meanings underlying self-harm Demonstrate improved sensitivity and awareness of the needs of people who self-harm Be aware of possible interventions and helpful responses in responding to people who self-harm

FOR WHOM: This workshop is suitable for Nurses, Social Workers, Gardaí Counsellors, Community Volunteers, Teachers, Youth Workers, Residential Workers, Child Care staff, etc.

METHOD: The programme involves an interactive style, including PowerPoint presentation, DVD clips, case study examples and small group discussions.

On completion of the Workshop, Participants will receive:

- Copy of slides presented throughout the Workshop
- Certificate of Attendance
- List of local, regional and national resources

This training may be eligible for CPD points from your accrediting body. Please contact them directly for further details.

RECOMMENDATION: As the Understanding Self Harm training can be challenging and sensitive in nature it is not recommended to attend for anyone who may have been bereaved or affected by a suicide within the last 12 months.

Instructions - Please NOTE:

- This Training begins sharp at 9:30 a.m. please be on time and bring a pen and paper with you to take notes!!
- This training is for over 18s only.
- All training events are run subject to minimum numbers.