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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**. 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. Tickets for the Show are now on sale at <https://www.gr8events.ie/wewillrockyou-mms>.

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>

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. 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

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Thought for the Day:

All I know is, I once was blind but now I see!

We are not blind, surely?

What a convoluted Gospel we have today. The healing of the blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded; the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with one another, and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man’s parents as witnesses.

The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, is called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinners. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, ‘Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?’

But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus’ healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. ‘If this man were not from God,’ he says, ‘he couldn’t do a thing.’ He understands that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.

Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees who Jesus is: ‘Lord, I believe.’ The Pharisees who think they see things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. ‘We are not blind, surely?’ is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus?

Some Light Humour – ‘And where are you going on your honeymoon?’ enquired the priest, kindly, as the new couple finished signing the register. ‘Belgium,’ replied the bride, ‘Antwerp?’ asked the priest who once served as a chaplain there. ‘Oh yes!’ she replied. ‘I am taking my husband with me.’

Yesterday is like a cancelled cheque. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is like ready cash. Use it wisely, for today is the most precious possession you can have.

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.

4th Sunday of Lent: God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son

Mon: Pray for loved ones who show us a glimpse of God’s love
Tues: Make an effort with someone you find difficult
Wed: Let the News today call you to pray
Thurs: Fast with Jesus
Fri: Take time today to believe in God’s love for you
Sat: Show love for someone else today

Please note:

The Parish Office will be closed St. Patrick’s Day, Tuesday, 17th March

Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 16th to 21st March 2026

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: Rosary: 9:30am Mass: 10am
- Tuesday, **St. Patrick’s Day: Parish Church** – Vigil 7:30pm; 8:30am and 11:30am.
Killacluig; – 10:00am.
- Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm.

Confessions 21st March 2026

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

Parish Masses on Sunday 22nd 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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What can we learn from St Patrick today?

- To entrust ourselves, our Church, our country to God’s protective care.
- To have full confidence in the Lord’s healing presence and power. ‘The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples’ Ps 23.
- To give thanks for God’s special care and call to each of us, knowing that God took the initiative in our baptismal call and will sustain us day by day.
- To be devoted to reading the Gospels so that we take on the mind and heart of Christ Jesus and make decisions according to the mind of Christ.
- To be receptive to God’s will in all our trials, to trust him unreservedly, God uses these trials to shape our hearts and conform us to Christ Jesus.
- To be alert to all the opportunities we are given each day to proclaim the Gospel, and to know that whatever good we do is through God’s boundless grace.
- To believe in the importance of intercession for our people and all people at this time.
- Towards the end of his Confession Patrick makes perfectly clear that he ‘never had any reason, beyond the Gospel and its promises, ever to return to the people from whom I had formerly, barely escaped.’

Mother Marie Fahy - Abbess of St. Mary’s Abbey, Glencairn glencairnabby.org

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.

Mitchelstown Comhaltas presents an evening of Irish music, song & dance at St George’s Arts & Heritage Centre on Monday 16th March at 7.30 pm. Special guests include Claisceadal na gCarad, Concertina Ensemble & The Two Richie’s. Admission €15.

'Claisceadal na gCarad' Choir will be singing at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 22nd March in Killacluig Church. ('Claisceadal na gCarad' means, 'the choir of friends'). Membership (currently 26) is drawn from the Mitchelstown/Fermoy area. They were formed ten years ago and sing almost exclusively in Irish. They sing in the traditional Irish style. They sing some of their repertoire with musical accompaniment. While they sing mostly in unison, which is most suited to traditional singing, they do use harmonies in a small number of their songs.

Laetare Sunday - Laetare is the first word — meaning “rejoice” — in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. This Sunday is currently also known as Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, mid-Lent Sunday (in French *mi-carême*) and Rose Sunday (either because the golden rose sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns used to be blessed at this time, or because the use of rose-coloured rather than violet vestments was permitted on this day). Historically, the day was also known as "the Sunday of the Five Loaves", from the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Before the adoption of the modern "common lectionaries", this narrative was the traditional Gospel reading for this Sunday in Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, and Old Catholic churches.

Camp Creideamh, Catholic Faith Camps for teenagers, boys and girls, will take place again in Knockadoon (East Cork) over the dates 7th – 13th June. For booking go to website: www.campcreideamh.ie. For more info ring Fr Eamon Roche on 086 9972539.

Ballygiblin National School Parents Association are absolutely delighted to host our **Annual Quiz Night on Friday the 27th March at 8.30pm in Jackie O’Brien’s!** €40 per Table of 4. There will be finger food on the night, along with a raffle and some fabulous prizes. All funds raised go directly towards School developments. This is a really enjoyable evening - whether you are new to the quiz scene or a seasoned attendee...this is the quiz for you! Looking forward to your support!

Carrigtwohill Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima - 7th - 14th September 2026. Full Board, Cork to Faro return with Bus to and from Fatima included. Limited number of places. €1045, single supplement extra - limited single rooms, insurance also extra. 20kg baggage included with Aer Lingus flight, 7 nights Hotel Styler, guided tours and full spiritual programme. Make enquires to Fr. Winkle 021 4882439 or Joe Walsh Tours. 01 241 0800 or 021 242 7190. Book direct <https://joewalshstours.ie/private-tours/carrigtwohill-parish-fatima-pilgrimage>

SPRING 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.

Thursday, 19th March 2026, Ballygiblin Church at 7.30pm	Kildrum & Garryleigh	Colman & Breda Murphy
	Carrigane	
	Furrow & Gurteenaboul	Patrick & Aideen Harrington
	Croughmore	David & Melissa Moher
	Glenduff	Mary O’Farrell
	Croughveoe	John Lonergan
	Skeheen	Norma Harrington
	Ballinabrook & Ardglare	James & Olive Kenneally
	Knocknamuck Ballygiblin & Parknakilla	

Welcome to Our New Parish Website - <https://mitchelstownparish.ie/>

We are delighted to welcome you to our newly launched parish website. This platform has been created to keep our parish community informed, connected, and engaged with all the latest news and updates. We encourage you to subscribe to the website, so you never miss out on important announcements or parish events.