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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 Golf Classic

We are excited to announce the **C.B.S. Primary Golf Classic** and would be truly grateful if our local community, especially our past pupils, would rally behind our recent venture of works to enhance our pupil’s facilities in the school.

Event Details - Dates: Thursday, 18th & Friday 19th June 2026.

Venue: Mitchelstown Golf Club.

You can support us by **Entering a Team:** Gather your friends or colleagues and enter a team of 3 players for **€150 (Includes meal)** or by **Sponsoring a Tee Box: €50.** For more information, contact us via office@cbspmitchelstown.com.

We would be delighted if you could help us spread the word and encourage your friends and family to get involved.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a brighter future for our boys in C.B.S. Primary.

Mitchelstown Brass Band - James Fitzgerald Memorial Brass Band (JFMBB).

Join your local Brass Band! Open to all – children, beginners, past members and all instrumentalists. Instruments and training provided. No experience needed. Fun way to learn music, make friends and be part of your community. Come along and make some noise with us! Contact Marie on 086-8409615 or email: jfmbbmitchelstown.com.

Mitchelstown Tidy Towns meet every Tuesday at 6pm in the Square and would be delighted if anyone wants to come along to give a hand to help improve the appearance of our town. It is very sociable; a chance to meet new like-minded people and no experience is required.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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Pentecost Sunday

Thought for the Day:

The tall Sixth Year student stood at the exit door during the Ascension Mass in a school. Throughout, she examined her fingernails, folded the hymn sheet and took to a serious perusal of her phone (secretly!). An adult delicately suggested that Ascension didn’t mean much to her. ‘Why should we celebrate his going away,’ she said, ‘he hasn’t come here yet.’ That brought everyone ‘back to earth.’

Think about it. In saying farewell to loved ones in death, the sadness is usually tinged with thankfulness for having known them. Their physical presence made a difference; their memory inspires us still. Is this true of the way we honour Jesus? Is he just a historical figure, or a living power? Has he ‘come here yet?’ Do our lives betray that we know him? Or is he a prisoner in the church, limited to the time we give in worship and prayer?

Our forebears and we in turn, built and supported schools, hospitals, churches, and presbyteries. In most we pay someone else to do the job.

The danger is that we leave out the essentials. No one can be a substitute for the job that God has called you to do. You are irreplaceable. So, be a sign of contradiction today, not a contradiction of the sign.

Be A Sign of Contradiction

Congratulations to the girls and boys from Ballygiblin N.S. & Glenahulla N.S. who received their First Holy Communion over the weekend.

This Sunday is the Church’s World Communications Sunday. Many of the secular media would have us think that the only news about the Church is bad news. Maybe it is a backhanded compliment, they still expect a high standard of the Church. Pope John Paul once said: “where the respect for truth was lacking, the media could be a powerful voice for injustice”.

The Church has the good news, but we must make sure it is heard and seen. We have Catholic newspapers and magazines and don’t get the idea they are just pious reading. They have high journalistic standards, but they tell the truth in charity.

Pray for Life Novena - The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and [@prayforlifenovena](https://www.instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference.

Please note No 10am Mass Wednesday 27th May due to the Sacrament of Confirmation taking place for the Pupils of our Parish.

Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 25th to 29th May 2026

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: Rosary: 9:30am Mass: 10am
- **Please note No 10am Mass Wednesday 27th May** due to the Sacrament of Confirmation taking place for the Pupils of our Parish.
- Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm.

Confessions 30th May 2026

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

Parish Masses on Sunday 31st May 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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Rosary at the Grotto: In honour of Our Lady, for the month of May, there will be Rosary at the Grotto, Cahir Hill, Mitchelstown, **each night at 7pm**. All are welcome to come. We pray the rosary in honour of Our Lady but also to ask for her intercession for our needs.

St. John I

Died AD 526

There have been at least 23 popes called John, but only two have been canonised – so far. Pope John I died as a martyr in 526, just three years after he was elected.

He was unlucky enough to get on the wrong side of the new ruler of Italy, Theodoric. Pope John was thrown into prison, where he died. His tomb records that John I was a ‘victim for Christ’, who once said:

‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.’

St. John I, you paid the ultimate price for your faith: pray for us.

41st All Ireland Rosary Rally | Sat, 6th June | Knock Shrine.

Join 10,000+ pilgrims from around Ireland and beyond to pray for a renewal of faith in Ireland, and for peace in the world. The day itself will include exceptional talks, Mass, anointing of the sick, a healing service, over 20 Catholic exhibitor stands, and much more. See allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details, the schedule, and for a list of 50+ buses going from around Ireland.

LOUGH DERG - 4 day Pilgrimage 2026. Leaves Cork Friday 5th June at 9am. Returning Monday 8th June. Booking and Information phone, Paddy 021 4502572

Ballyhoura Rural Services - are currently seeking volunteers and an eligible person for a Community Employment Programme to join our Befriending Service in the Mitchelstown area. They provide companionship to individuals experiencing loneliness or isolation. Befrienders may also assist with small tasks such as collection shopping or medication. For further Information please contact Rachel on 0851661625.

Faith Formation, Catechesis and Religious Education.

Faith formation, catechesis, and religious education emerged as another pressing theme, revealing a hunger for deeper understanding of the faith and authentic living of the Gospel. Participants emphasised adult faith formation for all, as well as innovative youth catechesis rooted in lived discipleship. Schools, parishes, and families were all seen as crucial contexts though some tension existed regarding their respective roles. Formation was seen as foundational for renewing the Church. “Faith formation brings us into personal contact with Jesus and is essential because the Church is the community of faith.” Many stressed it must be ongoing to nourish the faithful at all stages and that “faith formation is a top priority because it is foundational for enabling people to share their faith with joy.” Others noted that “faith formation was...a key element in preventing disengagement from the Church” and that “unless there is faith formation, all other aspects cannot be addressed.” There was a strong call for formation equipping people for public witness, “vital to adult confidence in talking about their faith in public.” Several pointed to the importance of teaching, calling “for improved education, particularly for teachers, to ensure effective faith formation” and that “better-trained educators can empower parishioners with a clearer understanding of their beliefs.”

From; www.synod.ie - *Baptised and Sent #13*

Date for your Diary

Corpus Christi Procession – The procession will take place on **Sunday 7th June 2026**, beginning at the Parish Church following the 11.30am Mass. We encourage everyone— young and old—to come along. Children who have recently received First Holy Communion are especially welcome to wear their Communion clothes and take a special place in the procession.

Your presence is a simple yet powerful witness to our faith. In a world that often moves too quickly, this is a chance to pause, to pray, and to walk with Christ and one another. Let us come together in joy and devotion to honour the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We look forward to seeing you there.

Prayers for the Church in China - (Day of Prayer 24 May) - Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen!

Pope Benedict XVI

Short Prayer Before an Exam

‘Lord, as I take this exam, I ask for Your peace and clarity of mind. Calm my nerves, help me to focus, and guide my memory to recall what I have studied. Give me the wisdom to understand the questions and the ability to express my answers clearly. I trust in You. Amen.’

Salesians Ireland

Some Light Humour – Teacher: ‘Name four things that contain milk?’
Dublin Boy: ‘Butter, cheese and and.....two cows.’