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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’

**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.

**41<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

**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.

**The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association** is holding a series of regional meetings across Ireland this May and June. See Church Noticeboard for more details. Clonmel, Talbot Hotel, Eircode E91 X0N7 – Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 7:30pm. Cork, Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, T23E244 – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2pm.

# Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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**The Most Holy Trinity**

**Thought for the Day**

**We are Loved**

God in today’s Gospel is described to us as one that is very close, as one that loves the world so deeply that he was willing to give everything to it. It is hard to comprehend these statements. Why would someone love in such a way? Why would someone sacrifice in such a way? John’s Gospel today tells us that it is because we are loved so deeply and so that we would come to know this love which brings life. It is not a one-off event; it is continuous and ongoing in each of our lives. Neither is it to make us feel guilty; we are told that this outpouring of God’s love is not to condemn us in any way. This giving from the Father is so that we might be free from our own brokenness, that we might know how infinitely loved we are and so live a life that is full and everlasting. God rescues us from our own brokenness and offers a life that is a fuller and deeper experience.

Trinity Sunday invites us to reflect on the impossible; on the utterly mysterious. Yet we can know something of what it means to experience God’s love in our lives; to have a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and to feel God’s Spirit dwelling within ourselves. We can experience that same Spirit in each person that we meet, that Spirit of God indwelling in all of creation. The Trinity speaks to us of relationship, community, of fully giving and receiving.

**Congratulations to the young people from Bunscoil na Toirbhirte Primary School Glenahulla N.S. and C.B.S. Primary School,** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday in Mitchelstown. It was a very special day and our appreciation to everyone who helped make the day a celebration of faith. Our thanks to Bishop William Crean for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with you and for his encouraging words to all who attended.

**Dates for your Diary:**

- **Mass at St. Fanahan’s Well Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June** weather permitting. If the weather is unfavourable, the Mass will be in the Church at 7:30pm.
- **Marshalstown Cemetery: The Annual Mass will be held in the Cemetery on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.** Over the years the local community have prepared the Mass in a beautiful way and show tremendous respect for the departed souls buried in the cemetery. Let us recall the “tombstone reflection”: Remember Man, where thou art now, so once was I. And where I am now, since you’ll be!! The Departed are not forgotten in Marshalstown and once again you are all invited to Mass.

**The Corpus Christi Procession** will be taking place next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June after the 11.30am Mass. A **meeting** will take place in the **Sacristy** of the Church on, **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm** to discuss the procession. If you could assist or help in any way, please come along on the night. Your help in planning and organising the procession would be greatly appreciated.

### Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

- Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June – Bank Holiday: Mass: 11am only
- **The Parish Office will be closed Bank Holiday Monday.**
- Tuesday 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

### Parish Masses on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 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 may not always be available for all services due to GDPR Regulations.*

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### Family as the Seedbed of Faith:

Concern for young people was echoed in reflections on the family as the primary context for faith transmission and as a pastoral space needing greater support. Families were seen as the key place where faith is passed on, with many emphasising the need for support in raising children in the faith. “Families were identified as the first educators of the faith, yet many feel unequipped or 7 unsupported.” Family life was closely connected to baptism, formation, and belonging. Some called for stronger parish-school connections, insisting that “a greater emphasis needs to be placed on nourishing and supporting the faith in families, and in our schools.” Several submissions linked family vitality to the Church’s vitality, warning that “without supporting families... the future vitality of the Church” would be at risk. Calls were made for resources, pastoral accompaniment, and parish structures prioritising diverse families. As one group observed, “Family is at the heart of community, and its support is essential to sustaining the Church’s mission.”

From; www.synod.ie - *Baptised and Sent #14*

### Date for your Diary

**Corpus Christi Procession** – The procession will take place next **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**First Holy Communion Children:** While we invite all parishioners to take part in the Corpus Christi Procession, we send a special invitation to the First Communicants and their families to celebrate together and mark the year they received their First Holy Communion.

Our final gathering and celebration will take place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** at the **11.30am** Mass celebrated in the Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown.

First Holy Communion Children will sit with their families in the Church. The First Holy Communion children will have the opportunity to wear their communion dresses/new clothes in honour of the day, which is the Feast of Corpus Christi.

The Corpus Christi procession will take place at the end of the Mass. All the First Holy Communion children with their parents will come together to walk with Jesus in the procession and **will walk directly in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Procession will end at The Town Hall with prayers and a blessing.**

**The Feast of Corpus Christi** (Latin for Body of Christ) celebrates the reality of the Body and blood of Jesus Christ Son of God in the Eucharist. Corpus Christi is one of the most important Catholic feasts. It is celebrated with processions in which priests lead their congregations through the streets with song and prayer, holding the Eucharist aloft in a special container called a monstrance.

The Route will be: Chapel Hill, Main Street, Lr. Cork Street, Baldwin Street & Thomas Street and finishing in the Town Hall Grounds with Benediction.

**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](mailto:jfmbbmitchelstown.com).

### C.B.S. Primary Golf Classic - FINAL CALL for your support!!!

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@cbpsmitchelstown.com](mailto:office@cbpsmitchelstown.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.

**Life in the Spirit Talks** – facilitated by MIR Ministries in Glanworth Church on Friday nights at 8pm. Starting Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Everyone warmly welcome. Followed by light refreshments. For further information contact Geraldine 086-1610330.

### Please note

**The Parish Office will be closed Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.**