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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’

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service** will be returning to **Mitchelstown** for a blood donation clinic from **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 3:50pm to 8pm in The Firgrove Hotel.**

All past & present donors who have donated in the last 5 years will receive a text message letting them know we are back, but we are always looking to welcome new donors.

The blood supply is currently low and with a high demand for blood from our hospitals nationally, it is imperative that we continue to maintain the blood supply.

**Ballygiblin National School Parents Association** are delighted to host a **Family Bingo Fundraiser, Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, starting at 2:30pm at T.O. Park.** Labbamollaga, Knockanevin, Kilmallock, Co. Cork. V35 E895.

This is a first for the school and it is sure to be a great afternoon out with family and friends. There will be a raffle with lots of great prizes, €300 Bingo Prizes. Make sure to pop it into the calendar and share it with all your family and friends. We hope to see you all there!

*The World is full of kind people.  
If you can't find one,  
Be One.*

## **Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter**

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**St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland**

#### **Thought for the Day**

Take a look at the front cover of any women’s magazine, and you’ll find a host of headlines promising to transform readers’ lives for the better. Inside you’ll find articles about miracle diets, the most flattering make-up, the latest fashions to achieve the perfect look. This trend is particularly noticeable at this time of year when the focus is on new year resolutions – new year, new you!

We live in a culture obsessed with appearances. The ultimate message is that we need to constantly transform our outward image in order to feel fulfilled and happy. If we let this message filter in, we can be left feeling empty, frustrated and dissatisfied with our lot.

But today’s Gospel speaks of a different type of happiness. The word ‘happy’ appears nine times in the Beatitudes – it is sometimes translated as ‘blessed’. This happiness Jesus is talking about should not be viewed as a reward for religious achievements, but rather as an act of grace by God. The focus is much deeper than superficial happiness. The Beatitudes call us to a radically new way of being. When we centre our lives on God, we find our true identity and lasting peace.

**Vocations Afternoon at the Poor Clare Monastery**, College Road, Cork, on Saturday, February 7th, 2 - 4 pm, for young women interested in the contemplative religious life. For further information, please see our website: [poorclarescork.ie](http://poorclarescork.ie)

**Considering a Postgraduate Programme in 2026?** Studying at St Patrick’s Pontifical University, Maynooth, you will be encouraged to engage critically, so that you can form your own ideas and conclusions and become more skilled at expressing yourself and gain the confidence to communicate powerfully and eloquently.

Explore our wide range of full-time, part-time and blended learning Programmes from Diploma, Higher Diploma, and Master’s to Doctorate level in: Theology; Philosophy; Healthcare Chaplaincy; Liturgical Music. Visit [sppu.ie/courses](http://sppu.ie/courses) for more information.

**TheWay.ie** is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops Conference dedicated to sharing the ‘Good News’ and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Use QR code to access the site



**Masses during the week in the Parish Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

- Bank Holiday Monday:** Mass: 11am only - Feast of The Presentation of the Lord / Candlemas – candles are blessed at the 11am Mass and offered for use in the Church and home. If you wish to have candles blessed for use at home, please bring them with you and place on the table provided in front of the Altar. Donations towards Church candles would be greatly appreciated.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Feast of St. Blaise** – Traditions tells us that he was a doctor before becoming a Bishop. He is said to have cured a young boy who was choking and because of this he has become the patron saint of those who are ill with diseases of the throat. On the Feast of St. Blaise a blessing of throats is offered to all who wish to receive it. **Blessing of throats will take place at the 10am Mass.**
- Wednesday 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

**Parish Masses on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Parish Church** – Vigil 7:30pm; 8:30am and 11:30am.  
**Killacluig;** – 10:00am.

**Please Note – The Parish Office will be closed the following dates;  
Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February.**

*Live Streaming may not always be available for all services due to GDPR  
Regulations.*

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**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND** - Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland.  
Dates: 20 -22 March 2026. A weekend like no other. Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo.  
Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Divine Mercy Conference 2026:** this years' conference will be held in the RDS, Dublin on Friday evening 27th February, Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March. This year's theme is "This is my Body .... This is my Blood, given up for you." A bus will be going from Mitchelstown on the Saturday, 28th February. The bus will leave from the Square at 7.30am. Speakers at this years' conference are Fr James Blount S.O.L.T., Fr John Keane, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Carol Nolan and Roisin Doherty.  
Contact Eileen 087 245 4697 or Catherine 087 7727496.

**Do you know your Eircode?** Do you know that in an emergency, a First Responder or an Ambulance can attend to you much quicker, if you know your Eircode. You can find your Eircode at [www.eircode.ie](http://www.eircode.ie). Ask someone to help you get it, if you have no access to technology. It can save a life. Put it on your fridge door.

**Spring Station Masses** will commence **after Ash Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> February)** and **continue throughout Lent**. 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.

Canon Leamy will be contacting the next person on the distribution rota for giving out the envelopes, for their Station area, in the coming days. The envelopes will be ready in the next few weeks. If you would like your name to be included on the distribution rota for your Station area, please contact Patricia in the Parish office 025 84062 during office hours.

**DEADLINE REMINDER: TAX REFUND:** This week, **some** of you whose CHY3 Cert were due for renewal, would have received correspondence from us, about the tax refund scheme, the deadline to return the form, is, **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the Parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing the refund. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

**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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5. Via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).
6. Via DAB Radio in Leinster area.

Why not drop a line to our Spiritual Director, Fr Des Farren by text on 089-4672000, by phone on 01-4123456, or come and pay us a visit at Radio Maria Ireland, St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. D22 R7W2

**Pre- Marriage Courses** – [www.accord.ie](http://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.

**Some Light Humour** –Hurrying to finish her shopping, a young woman slipped on the wet pavement and fell to the ground. A passing priest helped her to her feet, saying, "This is the first time I have picked up a fallen woman!" To which she replied, "And this the first time I have been picked up by a man of the cloth."