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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'

CBS SECONDARY SCHOOL MITCHELSTOWN will host the annual **Open Night** at the school on **Thursday October 16th**. Viewing of the school is from 6pm, with the Principal's address at 7.30pm. We invite you to our school to view our facilities, see a sample of the work we do and meet with students and staff. School Prospectus and application forms for First Year students 2026/27 will be available on the night. We look forward to welcoming you.

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:

Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible. Since 2010, with your help, we have delivered over 2.5 million Shoebox gifts to Vulnerable Children across the world.

You can make a child's Christmas in less well-off countries by filling a shoe box with practical items i.e. something to WRITE with (pen, copybook, markers, crayons etc.), something to WASH with (toothbrush, toothpaste, facecloth, soap), something to WEAR (hat, scarf, gloves, socks) and WOW a treat or a toy (sunglasses, skipping rope, small doll or cuddly toy, a toy car). When closing the box; please include €5 in your leaflet envelope either on top of the gifts or taped to the inside of the lid. Please secure the box with elastic band - please don't seal with tape as we need to check contents to comply with regulations. The Drop-off Point is; Farrells Supervalu Mitchelstown. If you would like to help a poor child this Christmas please visit the Team Hope website, www.teamhope.ie or contact your local co coordinator **António Da Silva on 086-0630225**. The closing date this year is **9th November**.

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Thought for the Day

Where are the other nine?

As we know only too well, prejudice, ignorance, betrayal and social class can create apparently insurmountable divisions among us. But traditional barriers often crumble in the face of a common crisis or a great opportunity for a better life. This is particularly obvious nowadays in groups helping with recovery from addiction. It is not surprising, then, that it happened among the lepers of Christ's time. Lepers were total outcasts, banned from all contact with the settled community. Food was left for them by their families at designated outposts only. Living such a disrespected way of life, the century's old and bitter barrier between Jews and Samaritans gave way to a survival camaraderie that led to a racially mixed group of lepers approaching Jesus for healing. All were healed but only the one who was an outcast, through both race and health, returned to give thanks. The others felt that the healer was one of their own, so they were entitled to healing.

Our expectations about our entitlements because of our family background or our education or hard work, often blind us to how gratuitous all God's gifts to us really are. Failure to appreciate the graciousness of such goodness leads to a hardening of the arteries of love that quickly deprives the heart of contentment, generosity and joy. Happiness is the flowering of appreciation and giving thanks. The Samaritan leper knew this. He seized his opportunity. Saying thanks opened up a new relationship with Jesus for him. Where are the other nine? Where are we?

Eucharistic Adoration Cloyne Diocese - evening of prayer Holy Mass, talk on Adoration and Eucharistic Blessing. Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm in St. Colman's Church – Macroom with Fr. John Keane - Diocesan Director of Eucharistic Adoration. All warmly welcome.

Bishop William Crean - We have shared on our website cloynediocese.ie a video of Bishop Crean meeting Pope Leo on his recent pilgrimage to Rome.

Dates for your Diary –

Confirmation 2026

Will take place on Wednesday, 27th May 2026 at 10am in the Parish Church

First Holy Communion – May 2026

C.B.S. Primary School	11.00am – 9 th May 2026	Parish Church
Bunscoil na Toirbhirte Primary School	11.00am – 16 th May 2026	Parish Church
Glenahulla National School	11.00am – 23 rd May 2026	Killacluig Church
Ballygiblin National School	11.00am – 23 rd May 2026	Ballygiblin Church

Some Light Humour – A husband and wife drove for miles in silence after a terrible argument in which neither would budge. The husband pointed to a mule in a field. "Relative of yours?" he asked. "Yes," she replied. "By marriage"

Masses during the week in the Parish 13 th to 18 th October 2025		
• Monday to Friday:	Rosary: 9:30am	Mass: 10am
• Friday:	Divine Mercy: 3pm.	
Confessions 18 th October		
• Confessions in Parish Church:	Saturday 12 Noon	
Parish Masses on Sunday 19 th October 2025		
Parish Church – Vigil 7:30pm; 8:30am and 11:30am.		
Killacraig; – 10:00am.		
<i>Live Streaming may not always be available for all services due to GDPR Regulations.</i>		
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Autumn Station Masses will commence on **Monday, 20th October 2025**. 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. We really appreciate the help and support of all our distributors who give out the envelopes in each area. The envelopes are ready to be collected from the Parish office between 8:30am and 11am.

Saint Carlo Acutis’ Story – Feast Day – Tuesday 14th October

Born in London and raised in Milan, Saint Carlo’s wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his first communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models, including Bernadette Soubirous, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Dominic Savio.

At school Carlo Acutis tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. After school hours he volunteered his time with the city’s homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games.

Diagnosed with leukaemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. His long-time desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.

As he had wished, Carlo was buried in Assisi at St. Mary Major’s “Chapel of the Stripping,” where Francis had returned his clothes to his father and began a more radical following of the Gospel.

Among the thousands present for Carlo’s beatification at Assisi’s Basilica of St. Francis were many of his childhood friends. Presiding at the beatification service, Cardinal Agostino Vallini praised Carlo as an example of how young people can use technology to spread the Gospel “to reach as many people as possible and help them know the beauty of friendship with the Lord.”

Reflection: Carlo Acutis did not strive to become famous but rather to cooperate as generously as possible with God’s grace. That journey brought him many experiences, but they were all united by a burning desire to serve God and others as generously as possible.

Mission Month - We are once again celebrating the Mission Month of October. Mission Month gives us all the opportunity to reflect on our baptismal call to bring Christ to others, which is a privilege in itself. The gift we have been given, we are asked to give. Our gift to the world is the joy of the Gospel and our Irish missionaries continue to bring the Good News to people throughout the world. World Missions Ireland, the working title of the four Pontifical mission societies, organises the Mission Sunday collection in all Churches nationwide. Mission Sunday falls on the 19th October. For further information please visit www.wmi.ie

Neo Catechumenal Way - The Jubilee Year is a time of Immense Grace and Hope. It’s a Holy Year of Forgiveness, Conversion and Joy. In this year the Church encourages us to use it to rediscover the Virtue of Hope. HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT. You are invited to Come and Listen. The Town Hall, Mitchelstown, Starting Monday 29th September and continuing on Mondays & Thursdays @ 8pm.

St. Fanahan’s Graveyard (Adjoining the Parish Church)

As you are aware a survey was carried out on the adjoining cemetery over the past few years and we have a display board erected in the graveyard as a result of this survey. We are aware that there are gaps in the overall map. Following on from this, we are now looking to sort the plots that have no markings on them. To this end we need your help in getting a clearer picture of the graveyard, as a mark of respect we owe this to our loved ones who are buried there, to have the details recorded correctly, especially for the generations coming behind us. If you have an unmarked plot or know someone who has one, can you please call into Tricia in the Parish Office, so that she can check the information you have with the details we have on file.

Also it has come to our attention that some people have sold plots to a third party and not informed the Church. This is causing problems, as the details we have on file are now incorrect, therefore making things difficult for people to use the plots. We must be informed if any plots have been transferred, as we need to update the records.

ALL WELCOME to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for their **Annual Start of Year Mass**, to ask God’s blessing as they begin a new School Year. This Mass will be celebrated in the **Parish Church on Thursday, 16th October at 11.30am**. All at CBS Primary would like to sincerely thank the people of Mitchelstown and its environs for their continued support and co-operation.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service - The Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown, Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th October, 3:50pm to 8pm.

Check your eligibility on our website, www.giveblood.ie and call 1800731137 to book. 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.