On the Last Things

Hell

The idea of eternal damnation, which had taken ever clearer shape in the Judaism of the century or two before Christ, has a firm place in the teaching of Jesus, as well as in the apostolic writings. Dogma takes its stand on solid ground when it speaks of the existence of Hell and of the eternity of its punishments.[1]

When God creates human beings with free will, God judges it acceptable to him that possibly some human beings might not be united with God and that human beings have control over whether this possibility is actualized. If God had not willed to create human beings with free will, then all states of affairs would have been up to God alone. But then union with human beings would have been precluded for God, since union requires two wills to unite. So, it is God's will that it lies ultimately within the control of human beings whether God's desire for union with each human being is fulfilled.[2]

Heaven reposes upon freedom, and so leaves to the damned the right to will their own damnation. The specificity of Christianity is shown in this conviction of the greatness of man. Human life is fully serious. It is not to be denatured by what Hegel called the "cunning of the Idea" into an aspect of divine planning. The irrevocable takes place, and that includes, then, irrevocable destruction. The Christian man or woman must live with such seriousness and be aware of it. It is a seriousness which takes on tangible form in the Cross of Christ.[3]

Purgatory[4]

The essential Christian understanding of Purgatory is clear. Purgatory is not, as Tertullian thought, some kind of supra-worldly concentration camp where man is forced to undergo punishment in a more or less arbitrary fashion. Rather is it the inwardly necessary process of transformation in which a person becomes capable of Christ, capable of God and thus capable of unity with the whole communion of saints.

Simply to look at people with any degree of realism at all is to grasp the necessity of such a process. It does not replace grace by works, but allows the former to achieve its full victory precisely as grace.

What actually saves is the full assent of faith. But in most of us, that basic option is buried under a great deal of wood, hay and straw. Only with difficulty can it peer out from behind the latticework of an egoism we are powerless to pull down with our own hands. Man is the recipient of the divine mercy, yet this does not exonerate him from the need to be transformed.

Encounter with the Lord is this transformation. It is the fire that burns away our dross and re-forms us to be vessels of eternal joy. This insight would contradict the doctrine of grace only if penance were the antithesis of grace and not its form, the gift of a gracious possibility.

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[1] Eschatology: Death & Eternal Life—Joseph Ratzinger
[2] Atonement—Eleonore Stump
[3] Eschatology: Death & Eternal Life—Joseph Ratzinger
[4] Eschatology: Death & Eternal Life—Joseph Ratzinger

The identification of Purgatory with the Church's penance in Cyprian and Clement is important for drawing our attention to the fact that the root of the Christian doctrine of Purgatory is the Christological grace of penance. Purgatory follows by an inner necessity from the idea of penance, the idea of the constant readiness for reform which marks the forgiven sinner.

Heaven[5]

Heaven, therefore, must first and foremost be determined Christologically. It is not an extra-historical place into which one goes. Heaven's existence depends upon the fact that Jesus Christ, as God, is man, and makes space for human existence in the existence of God himself. One is in heaven when, and to the degree, that one is in Christ. It is by being with Christ that we find the true location of our existence as human beings in God.

Heaven is thus primarily a personal reality, and one that remains forever shaped by its historical origin in the paschal mystery of death and resurrection. From this Christological center, all the other elements which belong to the tradition's concept of heaven may be inferred. And, in pride of place, from this Christological foundation there follows a theological affirmation: the glorified Christ stands in a continuous posture of self-giving to his Father. Indeed, he is that self-giving.

The paschal sacrifice abides in him as an enduring presence. For this reason, heaven, as our becoming one with Christ, takes on the nature of adoration. All cult pre-figures it, and in it comes to completion.

Christ is the temple of the final age; he is heaven, the new Jerusalem; he is the cultic space for God. The ascending movement of humanity in its union with Christ is answered by the descending movement of God's love in its self-gift to us. And so worship, in its heavenly, perfected form, entails an immediacy between God and man which knows of no setting asunder.

NORMS FOR GAINING INDULGENCES <u>APPLIED TO THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY</u>

1. A plenary indulgence, remitting before God all temporal punishment due to sins, can be gained on **All Souls' Day** by visiting a Church or Oratory and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed.

2. One plenary indulgence per day may be gained from **1st to 8th November** by visiting and praying in a cemetery.

In order to gain these indulgences: one must (1) be Detached from Sin, (2) make a Sacramental Confession, (3) Receive Holy Communion, and (4) Pray for the intentions of the Pope (Our Father and Hail Mary).

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[5] Eschatology: Death & Eternal Life—Joseph Ratzinger

The Parish of Carrigtwohill

Pastoral Area of Cobh, Carrigtwohill, Lisgoold/Leamlara

21st / 22nd November 2026

Christ the King 34th Week in Ordinary Time

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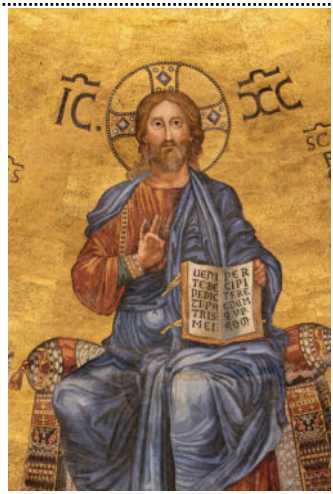
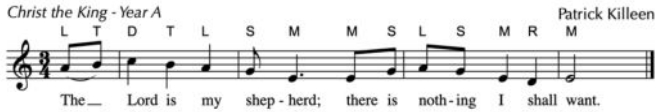


Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'."

Responsorial Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



All the nations will be assembled before him

"Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself. (loyolapress.com)

November – Month of the Holy Souls

Thanks to all who assisted at the Mass on Friday 20th to remember and pray for all who have died.

Volunteer to drop leaflets: The Parish is looking for volunteers to assist with distributing during this week to local new estates/areas, Leaflet and Calendars - please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist - 021 4533806 or carrigtwohillmasses@gmail.com

Thanks to the Parents/ Guardians who attended the meeting last Wednesday.

Parish Pastoral Council: The Pastoral Council met on Tuesday 17th and reflected on the upcoming Liturgical events for Advent and Christmas. On the Preparation for the Sacraments and Youth events.

Afternoon Tea for the Homeless - Sat 5th December in Carrigtwohill Community Centre from 2-5pm. Donations of Christmas presents, bags for adult male and female, raffle prizes and baking kindly accepted. Contact Geraldine O'Flynn 086 3823389 or Denise Roche 087 2355134

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King: Directed Holy Hour of Adoration will take place at 7pm. Come Together around the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist to adore and praise him. All who are involved in ministry in the Liturgical Celebrations are invited to take time to pray together on this Sunday.

Volunteering to help with decorating the Church and Flowers for Christmas season. Anyone interested please contact Parish Office or Sacristan.

Blessing of the Crib by Community Centre – Sunday 29th November at 3pm

New Youth Choir: A new Youth Choir is being established in the Parish. If anyone interested please attend the next Practice Wednesday 25th November at 2.30pm in St. Mary's Church - Open to ages 9-18 years. If you play an instrument or sing or want to, come along and see. Information on this new adventure will be given at the practice. Contact the Parish Office for more details. Safeguarding of Children Policy and procedures will be adhered to. Thanks to those who came to the first practice.



YOUTH

Advent – 29th November to 24th December

Sunday 29th November 7pm – First Sunday of Advent.
Children in third class who have received their Holy Communion for the first time are invited to Sunday Masses.

Young People gather for Advent Prayer at 7pm. Any young person who would be willing to help, get to be with other young people of Faith. Come and be with the Lord and each other.

6th December – Second Sunday of Advent
7pm Advent Evening Prayer.

13th December – Third Sunday of Advent – Bambino Sunday
Children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist for the first time are invited to 6pm and 12 noon Mass for Bambino Sunday.

7pm Advent Song – Preparing for the coming of Christ through Song.

20th December – Fourth Sunday Advent.
7pm Advent Evening Prayer and Reconciliation.

Shalom: Advent begins November 29, and the season gets busy fast. We made something to help your family slow down and keep Jesus at the centre: "**Make Room for Jesus**," a **free 6-week Advent & Christmas plan** for families with kids ages 4–13. www.shalomworld.org

Jesus is King: Jesus love overcomes all things, his give of himself to us and calls us to give of ourselves to others. Give, do not hold back the smile, the gentle touch, the expression of gratitude, of generosity and care.

Priests of the Parish
V. Rev. Patrick Winkle P.P. 021 4882439
Priest in Residence
Monsignor Denis Reidy

Confessions:
After 6pm Mass Saturday
Baptisms
Saturday 4pm or Sunday
1.30pm by appointment

Parish Email: carrigtwohillmasses@gmail.com
Parish Office - St. Mary's Church - 021 4533806

Parish Office
Opened Monday to
Thursday 9.15am to 1pm
Urgent calls 083 082 2229

SUNDAY MASSES
Vigil Mass: Saturday 6.00p.m
Sunday Morning
10.00 a.m. and 12 noon

Weekday Masses
Monday - Wednesday 10am
Friday -7.30pm

Pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace

We pray: for Bridie Higgins *(Australia)* who died recently: for those whose anniversaries occur: Mary Sheehan, Patrick Burke, Danny O'Leary, Kevin Kearney, Sheelagh Fitzgerald, Eily Cashman, Alan Goggin, Winifred Fitzpatrick, Michael Cronin, Nora Coleman, Teresa Cotter, Margaret Conroy and Jimmy Collins.: and for all on the November lists of the dead.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday
10.30am – 6pm

Support the Parish Financially. Donate though the parish website.

St. Vincent de Paul
Contact 085 8544426
Please continue to support the Society.

Hail Redeemer, King divine

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.
Angels, saints and nations sing:
Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.
Eucharistic King, what love
Draws thee daily from above,
Clad in signs of bread and wine :
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine!
King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
Till in peace, each nation rings
With thy praises, King of kings.

Praise my Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him
Glorious in his faithfulness!

The King of Love

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

St. Colman's, Cloyne. St. Colmcille's, Churchtown South.
Immaculate Conception, Shanagarry. Star of the Sea, Ballycotton.
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 2026 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – KING OF THE UNIVERSE
PASTORAL AREA CLOYNE/AGHADA PARISHES

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Thursday 11.00am - 2.00pm Friday 11.00am - 2.00pm
Notices for Newsletter can be emailed, posted or handed in to the Parish Office before 11am on Thurs.

SUNDAY MASSES

St Colman's Cloyne:	6.00pm	(Saturday Vigil), 11.30a.m. Sunday
Star of the Sea, Ballycotton:	7.30pm	(Saturday Vigil) alternate weekends.
	9.00am	Sunday, alternate weekends.
St. Colmcille's, Churchtown South:	7.30pm	(Saturday Vigil) alternate weekends.
	9.00am	Sunday, alternate weekends.
Immaculate Conception Shanagarry:	10.15am	Sunday

Sat	21st	Nov. Churchtown South	7.30pm	Sun.	22nd	Nov. Ballycotton	9.00am
Sat.	28th	Nov. Ballycotton	7.30pm	Sun.	29th	Nov. Churchtown South	9.00am
Sat	5th	Dec. Churchtown South	7.30pm	Sun.	6th	Dec. Ballycotton	9.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR THIS COMING WEEK
Cloyne: Mon., Tue. (Feast St. Colman) Wed. and Fri. 9.30am. Thursday 7.30pm.
Ballycotton: Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am.
Shanagarry: Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Cloyne: Tue. 10.00am to 10.45am (immediately after 9.30am Mass)
Shanagarry: Wed. 10.00am to 11. 00am (immediately after 9.30am Mass)

CONFESSIONS: **Cloyne:** Saturday 11.30pm – 12 noon and 5.30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Ballycotton and Churchtown South: Saturday (before vigil Mass.)
Shanagarry: After Mass on First Friday mornings

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:
Thanks to all who contribute to the Church Collections.
The Collection for Cloyne Parish Development Fund will be taken up next weekend 28/29 November

BAPTISM: We welcome Sonny Conor Murphy and all those who were baptised recently into the Parish Community.

CEMETERY PRAYERS:
The Annual Cemetery Prayers will take place in the Old Cemetery in Cloyne this Sunday 22nd November at 3.00pm

FEAST OF ST. COLMAN. Tuesday 24th Nov. is the Feast of St. Colman, Patron Saint of Cloyne Diocese.
St. Colman was born around 530 AD, probably in West Cork. He was a bard and he is reputed to have been influenced by St. Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to East Cork, and his main foundation was in Cloyne.
On Monday 23rd November the children from St. Colman's National School, Cloyne will attend the 9.30am Mass to celebrate St. Colman. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate our local Saint.

CLOYNE GAA - NIGHT AT THE OSCARS
Cloyne GAA are presenting a night at the Oscars and need your help. They e are looking for people to take part in a series of short films in aid of the new lighted walkway & 4G pitch in Cloyne GAA.
An information night will be held in Cloyne School at 7.30 pm on Thursday 26th of November.
Please come along and bring all your friends to find out more.

"YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT | 11TH-13TH DECEMBER 2026
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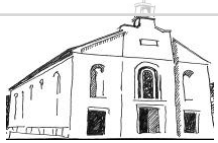
BALLYCOTTON CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE:
Ballycotton Christmas Craft Fayre will take place in Ballycotton Community Hall on Sunday 6th December. To book a stall contact Christine 086 1550801

ANAM CARA CORK
Anam Cara Cork is the organisation that supports bereaved parents. They will hold their monthly Face to Face Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on **Wed. 2nd Dec. 2026 at 7.30pm in the Maryborough Hotel, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, T12 XR12.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age of their child, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. There is no need for registration, this is 'come-as-you-are' event. They also offer online support group meetings. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

ST. COLMAN'S N.S. – CHRISTMAS APPEAL Over the past number of years, St. Colman's N.S. has organised a Christmas Appeal to support those in need. This year, they are delighted to continue this tradition by collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for St. Vincent de Paul. They would greatly appreciate donations of any of the following: □ Biscuits and chocolate □ Cereals □ Tea and coffee □ Toiletries □ Canned soups and vegetables □ Canned fruit and tomatoes □ Canned fish □ Dried and canned fruit □ Other non-perishable food items Please make sure all items are in date. Collection dates: 23rd Nov. – 8th Dec. A collection box will be placed outside the School Secretary's office, where donations can be dropped off. Any contribution, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated and will help make a difference to families in our community this Christmas. Thank you in advance for your kindness, generosity and continued support. Student Council - St. Colman's N.S



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Thirty-fourth Week of Ordinary Time (November 22-28, 2026) 26.46



Feast of Christ the King: *Our Shepherd King.*
First Reading: The image of God as shepherd occurs 43 times in the Hebrew scriptures. Like a shepherd, God watches over the entire flock. God's special concern is for the sheep who is lost and the wounded.
Psalm 22: One of the most famous portrayals of God as Shepherd in the Bible. This one is written from the viewpoint of the flock. We put our trust in God who leads us through the dark and tough experiences of life.
Second Reading: St Paul explains that Christ, by his resurrection from the dead, has established a new relationship between God and creation. We are no longer subject to the forces of death and destruction, the original sin of Adam ("death came through one man"). Now we are children of Christ's light.
Gospel: A parable about the judgment that will come at the end of time. We will be judged on how well we have responded to the needs of others - both those in our care as well as the stranger.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated at 6.30pm on Saturday in the Reconciliation Room at Killavullen or any time requested. **A Children's Liturgy of the Word** will take place at the 7.00pm and 10.00am Masses next weekend.

Mass-times this Week

Monday to Wednesday	**Killavullen**	**9.00am**
No Mass on Thursday		
Friday	**Killavullen**	**7.00pm**
Saturday: First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	**Killavullen**	**7.00pm**
Sunday	**Annakisha**	**10.00am**
	Killavullen	**11.30am**

Resting in God's Embrace: Anniversaries: Ted Meaney (Ballymacmoy; 1st anniversary); Tara O'Keeffe (Slumber Hill).

Last Weekend's Donations:

	Annakisha	*Killavullen*
Weekly Offering	€220	€395
Family and Social Services	Annual Collection	€640

BonMot: beauty catches the attention, but character captures the heart.

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine; King, whose reign shall never cease, Prince of everlasting peace.
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King most holy, King of truth,
Guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright, be to us eternal light. Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King; Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of love on Calvary!

The semi-annual **Sacristan's Collection** takes place today as a Second Collection. Our sacristans do a wonderful job of preparing both Killavullen and Annakisha churches for each liturgy, and help to keep them clean between services. They are on constant standby and keep our churches as places of welcome and worship. Your generosity today is a way to express your appreciation. Donations made through the mini-envelopes will also benefit the parish's tax rebate scheme from Revenue. Alternatively, there are envelopes at church doorways for making a donation.
November Offerings for the support of your priest can be made at this time. Include the names of those you would like to have remembered at Masses over the coming 12 months. In Killavullen Church there is a remembrance tree for adding the names of those you would like us to remember.
Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend – at Knock, Co. Mayo April 9-11, 2027. This residential weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. Open to all married couples seeking to find new life in their relationship. See: www.marriageencounter.ie

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Michelangelo (1475-1564): *The Last Judgment* (1536-1541) The Sistine Chapel, Vatican City. (14 x12 metres). The second coming of Christ (the central figure) at the end of time, surrounded by saints and angels with the final judgment of the living and the dead. The fresco includes over 300 figures.



Killavullen Community Council: The next community café will be on Tuesday, December 15 from 10.30-12.30pm. All are welcome.

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THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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22ND NOVEMBER 2026 ~ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St Mary's Church, Mallow
Saturday (vigil): 6.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am & 11.00am
Monday – Saturday: 10.00am
Confessions Saturday after 10.00am Mass
Convent of Mercy: Sunday Mass 9.30am

Church of the Resurrection, Mallow
Saturday (vigil): 7.30pm
Sunday: 10.00am & 12.00pm
Monday – Friday: 9.15am
Confessions Friday after 9.15am Mass

St John the Baptist, Burnfort
Sunday 11.30am
Thursday 9.30am

St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha
Sunday 10.00am
Friday 9.30am

Adoration Chapel in St Mary's Church Monday to Saturday 10.30am – 6.00pm
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturdays & Sundays. Enquiries to the Parish Office.
Livestreaming from St Mary's Church on churchservices.tv/mallow
Catholic newspapers are on sale after Sunday Masses in Mallow.
Society of St Vincent de Paul Contact (022)50188 or (086)2693571

MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK - MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

St. Mary's Church *Mon* Rijo Paul, *Tue* Denis O'Sullivan, *Wed* Christy Brosnan, *Thur* Kitty Buckley, *Fri* Mark Findon, *Sat 10am* Denis & Nellie Carroll, *Sat Vigil 6.30pm* Jerry & Anna O'Connor, *Sun 8.30am* Abraham Chandy, *Sun 11am* Veronica Lwin

Church of the Resurrection *Mon* Holy Souls, *Tue* Mass in Thanksgiving, *Thur* Helen Healy, *Fri* Kathleen O'Leary, *Sat Vigil 7.30pm* Margaret Kelly *Sun 10am* Joan Stack, *Sun 12pm* William Feehan

St. John the Baptist, Burnfort *Sun 11.30am* First Anniv: Maureen Buckley & Anniv: Jerry Buckley

Christmas Cards are for sale in the Parish Office - €7.00 for a pack of six cards

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (*Optional observance in italics)*
Sun 22nd St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr (not celebrated this year) **Mon 23rd** St Columban, Abbot & Missionary, **Tue 24th** St Colman, 1st Bishop of Cloyne, **Wed 25th** *St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr; St Clement I, Pope & Martyr*, Fri 27th *St Fergal Bishop & Missionary*

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 for the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October but in 1970, it was moved to the last Sunday in Ordinary Time and thus to the end of the liturgical year. Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God.

The Solemnity today reminds us of a King who is present in the least of all: The King identifies himself directly with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned. Serving or neglecting people in need counts as serving or neglecting Christ himself.

Today's Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46, challenges us all to follow the example of Jesus, the King of the universe, who is present in the less fortunate of our society.

Cemetery Prayers in November

Mallow General Hospital Grounds; today, Sunday 22nd November at 2.30 p.m. Prayers will be recited around the Cross at the back of the carpark.

NOTICES

Lectio Divina for Advent – An hour of prayerful communal reflection on the following Sunday's Mass Readings at 7.30pm each Thursday of Advent, beginning this coming Thursday 26th Nov., in the Parish Centre, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow P51 ERK0. All welcome.

Shalom World have prepared a 6-week Advent and Christmas Faith Plan for families with children ages 4-13 years. Any family interested can scan the QR Code on the poster at the back of the church, to get their free family plan. Remember: "Jesus is the reason for the Christmas Season."

Southside Tea/Coffee Morning - Everyone's invited for a cuppa and a chat after 9.15am Mass (Church of the Resurrection) on Wed., 25th Nov., in the Arches – getting to know our parish community (from Mallow Parish Pastoral Council).

The Christmas Carol Service will take place this year in the **Church of the Resurrection** on Sun., 6th December at 3.00 p.m., featuring church, school and local choirs with congregational carols and Scripture readings.

Adoration Chapel -- We appeal to anyone who might consider committing to 1 hour per week in the Adoration Chapel to please contact either John at 087 2539597 or Vincent at 086 1085098. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Radio Maria Ireland - Christmas Fundraiser in Hibernian Hotel, Thurs., 3rd Dec., beginning at 1pm. To book – contact 01 4123456 or at https://www.idonate.ie/event/corkfundraiser1.

Mallow Flower and Garden Club – Christmas Gala Demonstration, Tues., 24th Nov., 8pm in Mallow GAA Complex, supporting Mallow Meals on Wheels.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe.

Thought for the Day

King Of The Universe - From a very young age, children tend to hear a lot about royalty. Popular fairytales, many of them around for hundreds of years, tell tales of beautiful princesses, brave princes, and noble, wise, old kings and queens. They transport children into a world of extravagant palaces and riches beyond anything they could imagine. Modern children's stories and cartoons continue the fascination, but many now turn the traditional stereotypes on their head. Princesses no longer wait around to be rescued, but take their fate into their own hands. Princes don't necessarily want to be brave or to become the next king.

In the time of Jesus kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that King Herod was capable of brutal acts. There were expectations too about the great Messianic King who would lead a rebellion and establish his kingdom on earth. The king that Jesus talks about turns these images upside down. He is a fair judge, a shepherd who looks after his flock, inviting all who act with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is also in solidarity with the 'least' of his people. Who ever heard of a king who knows what it's like to be in need of food, clothing or company? But Jesus is a different sort of royalty. His kingdom is not based on power or riches, but charity, compassion and forgiveness.

Some Light Humour/Moral – Once, a king gave every young person in his kingdom a seed and told them to return in one year with what they had grown. One boy watered his seed faithfully, but nothing sprouted; on the day of judgment, he arrived with only an empty pot while others brought towering plants and bright flowers.

The king walked past the beautiful plants and stopped at the empty pot. "This is your new king," he announced. The seeds had been boiled, so none could grow—everyone else had secretly replaced theirs. The boy's honesty had made him worthy of the crown. **Moral:** Honesty may not always look impressive, but it earns lasting trust.

Pastoral Reflection: The True King and the Close of the Year

As the autumn leaves fall and the days grow short and quiet, the Church turns our gaze toward the horizon of time. This last Sunday of the liturgical year invites us to step back and ask a simple, piercing question: *Who sits on the throne of our hearts?*

We celebrate Christ as King today, not with the pomp of earthly empires, flashing crowns, or iron scepters, but from the quiet majesty of the Cross. His is a kingdom not of domination, but of radical mercy, truth, self-giving love, and justice. As one year closes and we prepare to enter the expectant stillness of Advent, we are reminded that our lives, our time, and our community belong to Him who is the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end.

Take a moment this week to look back over the past year: the joys shared, the losses carried, the quiet prayers answered or left waiting. Lay them all at the feet of Christ the King, trusting that your story—and our parish story—is held safely in His hands.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent: Our liturgical journey begins anew. A new beginning. A New Year in the life of the Church.

Feast of St. Fanahan – Our Patron Saint – Wednesday 25th November
Wednesday, 25th November marks the Feast Day of St. Fanahan (Fionnchú), the beloved 7th-century monk, founder of Brigown, and patron saint of our parish. For over 1,400 years, generations of families in our community have turned to St. Fanahan in prayer, carrying forward a living tradition of faith, devotion, and pilgrimage.

The Novena & Holy Well Rounds: During the nine days of the Novena, the path to **St. Fanahan's Well** off Mulberry Lane will be illuminated in the evenings. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the well, walk the traditional rounds, and pray for our parish family, our sick, and those away from home.

Prayer to St. Fanahan: *Glorious St. Fanahan, faithful servant of Christ and protector of our parish, you brought the light of the Gospel to Brigown and stood firm in faith and penance. Intercede for our families, bless our community, and guide us always closer to Christ the King. Amen.*

Exploring the Introductory Rites 2 of Sunday Mass

GLORIA: On Sundays outside of Lent and Advent, on solemnities and feasts, the Gloria is sung or recited. In this joyful hymn of praise, the gathered assembly unites with the heavenly choirs. Within this hymn we recall the five actions of the Mass we are each called to: we are here to praise, bless, adore, glorify and thank our God.

OPENING PRAYER/COLLECT: The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the Collect. This prayer gathers (or collects) all our prayers into one prayer of the day. It has a four-fold pattern of
1) an invitation from the priest celebrant to the assembly to pray,
2) a brief silence to gather the prayers of our hearts into one,
3) the prayer itself proclaimed by the priest celebrant and
4) our assent to the prayer in our 'Amen'. The silence within this prayer can help create a sense of unity among the assembly. Like all our prayers in the liturgy, we make our prayer to God the Father, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit. This can be a timely reminder to us that the celebration of the Mass is the action of Christ and of the people of God, united in common worship. *catholicbishops.ie*

Feast of Christ The King Sunday, 22nd November – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 11:30am Mass until 5pm, Holy Hour in remembrance of our deceased loved ones from 4pm to 5pm.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed Friday, 27th November.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards now available for sale in the Parish Office – Shared Masses €6 and Full Masses €11. **Cash only**.

Work hard, work honestly, and use your abilities to help yourself and others. True success comes not only from what we achieve, but from the character we develop while working.

A Blessing – by St Columbanus • Feast 23 November

Lord, may everything we do this day begin with Your blessing and continue with Your help.
May everything, we say this day begin with Your love and continue with Your grace.
May everything we plan this day begin with Your inspiration and continue with Your peace.
So that throughout our lives all that we begin in You may by You be happily ended, and all that we seek through You may be lovingly attended.
Amen *Daily-prayers.org*

Feast of St. Colman of Cloyne – Tuesday 24th November. The Diocese of Cloyne has a Catholic population of over 150,000 people. It stretches over most of the county of Cork, with the exception of the city and West Cork. Its 46 parishes run from Mitchelstown in the north-east to Rockchapel in the north-west, from Macroom in the south-west to Youghal in the south-east. The boundaries of each Diocese were drawn at Kells and it then became necessary to establish the exact boundaries of each parish. The parishes of Ireland were assessed for a Papal Taxation in 1291 A.D. and as a result an almost complete list of the parishes of the Diocese of Cloyne is available, dating from that time. At present there are forty-six parishes, many of which are unions of smaller ancient parishes. They are grouped into five deaneries.

Feast of St. Fanahan – Wednesday 25th November. St. Fanahan is the Patron Saint of the Parish of Mitchelstown. Fanahan (Fionn Cu or White Hound) came to the local townland of Brigown in the seventh century and founded a monastery there. St. Fanahan died about 660 AD. A cult of prayer and pilgrimage developed at St. Fanahan's Well, just a short distance from the ruins of Brigown Church, which is all that is now left of the monastic settlement founded by St Fanahan. Until 1854 the Parish Church was known as St. Fanahan's. That year the dogma of the **Immaculate Conception** was proclaimed by the Church and the Parish Priest at the time, Dean Morgan O'Brien, renamed the Church in honour of the new Dogma.

A Lighted Candle

Often, we light candles as a sign of remembering and as we light the candle, we say a prayer for that person that they may be enjoying the marvellous light of heaven. The candle light reminds us that we too have the opportunity to share the light of hope, that we carry, with others. When you are in a dark place, the warmth of a smile or a kind word can mean a lot. It may feel that our own light is very small and insignificant in times of much darkness but each time it is shared, it is not halved but doubled. Together we really can make a difference.

Holy Hour in remembrance of our deceased loved ones,
Sunday 22nd November 4pm to 5pm, Mitchelstown Parish Church.
Remembrance Mass for the Dead,
Thursday 19th November – 7.30pm, Mitchelstown Parish Church.
Those who died during the past year will be remembered at the beginning of the Mass.
Night lights will be lit during the ceremony in remembrance of all our dead.
(Night lights provided)

St. Fanahan's Well - The Novena to St. Fanahan, our local Saint began on Monday 16th November. The Novena is for 9 days before St Fanahan's day and 9 days after. The Well path will be lit every night and for a time each morning of the Novena.

- Rosary on Sunday 22nd November at 3pm at the Well.
- Rosary on St. Fanahan's Day 25th November at 3pm at the Well.
- Mass at 7.30pm on St. Fanahan's Night in the Parish Church.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Baile Mhistéala will play music in the Church for half an hour before the 7.30pm Mass on Saint Fanahan's Day, 22nd November and also play music during the liturgy. They are delighted to be part of the celebration of this local feast day in honour of Saint Fanahan.

Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 23rd to 27th November 2026

- Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri: Rosary: 9:30am Mass: 10am
- **Please note there will be no 10am Mass on Tuesday, 24th as it is St. Colman's day.**
- **Wednesday, 25th November Feast of St. Fanahan – Mass at 7:30pm**
- Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm.

Confessions 28th November 2026

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

Parish Masses on Sunday 29th November 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 of Masses in the Parish Church, please use the following link: https://mitchelstownparish.ie/livestream

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Arranging of Flowers in the Parish Church - We are always grateful to those who arrange the flowers in our Parish Church. If you would like to get involved and help create a welcoming and beautiful space for our celebrations, new volunteers would be most welcome. No previous experience is needed—just a willingness to be part of a team.

Series of Talks for Neocatechemal way - Mondays and Thursdays at the Town Hall at 8pm. Come and listen. God does not abandon us.

St. Fanahan's Rosary Group meet every Thursday night at 6:30pm in Marian Hall. All welcome.

Mitchelstown Musical Society - Don't miss the opportunity to see Europe's and the UK's Number 1 ABBA Tribute Band - "The Bjorn Identity", at **The Firgrove Hotel, on Saturday, 28th November!** Tickets, €27.50, are now on sale from Spar and The Favourite.
Mitchelstown Musical Society sincerely thanks you all for your ongoing support.

Free Christmas Wreath and Christmas Table Top Workshop in conjunction with Ballyhoura Development and Cork ETB on **Tuesday the 1st of December in Forest Hall,** Mitchelstown. If anyone is interested, please contact Eugene O'Donnell on 083 3084398, email eodonnell@ballyhoura.org or call into Forest Hall to book your spot.

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