



Parish of Mullingar

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's, Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown

Priests of the Parish

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Parish Office Hours

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Vigil Mass (Saturday)

Cathedral: 6pm

Sunday Mass Times

Cathedral: 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm
St. Paul's: 10.30am, 12noon
Walshestown: 9am
Brotenstown: 10am
Gainstown: 11am

Daily Mass Times

7.45am & 10am Cathedral
9.15am: St Paul's
7.30pm: Tues, Wed & Thurs

Eucharistic Adoration 8am-8pm

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Saturday Confessions

Collections Last weekend

Cathedral: €4,621 Thank
St Paul's: €1,315 You!
Walshestown: €192
Brotenstown: €140
Gainstown: €336
Parish Envelopes: €1,931

Thank you for your generous contribution towards the offerings last weekend.



Synod on the Family

This October Pope Francis is holding part two of the Synod of Bishops on the Family. Thanks to the parishioners who attended the meeting on the family during the week. In the coming weeks in our parish newsletter we will be publishing some of the church teaching on the family. We begin below with a quote from Pope Francis from his book 'The Joy of the Gospel' par 66.

"The family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis, as are all communities and social bonds. In the case of the family, the weakening of these bonds is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another; it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children. Marriage now tends to be viewed as a form of mere emotional satisfaction that can be constructed in any way or modified at will. But the indispensable contribution of marriage to society transcends the feelings and momentary needs of the couple. It is born from the depths of the obligation assumed by the spouses who accept to enter a total communion of life".

Our Lady of Knots Novena

The Lenten Novena continues each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. Thanks to all who attended last week. The painting of Our Lady of Knots is on display during the week in Our Lady's side altar. The painting depicts our Blessed Mother among a heavenly host of angels intent upon the untying of knots in a ribbon that is held by an angel on her left. Thanks to our parishioner Regina Perry for obtaining a copy of the original painting from the shrine of Our Lady in Augsburg in Germany and bringing it to Mullingar for our novena.

Stations of the Cross

Our Churches contain some beautiful sets of stations. When one does the stations one walks in spirit with Jesus on his journey to Calvary and mediates on his suffering and death. Each station can be a personal meeting with Christ and a new discovery of His presence in ones life. Especially during Lent Catholics are encouraged to pray the 14 Stations of the Cross in preparation for Easter.



Trócaire is the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The organisation was established by the Irish Catholic Bishops in 1973 to support the world's poorest and most oppressed people. Trócaire works in partnership with the Church, missionaries and local non-government organisations across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

This years Trócaire Box features 13 year old Ethiopian girl Mahlet. It highlights the difficulties of drought to Mahlet's family and others similar to hers. With the money Trócaire receives this year it hopes to install better water facilities for both everyday and agricultural use.

Last year Mullingar Parish collected a massive €45,586, lets see if we can do the same or better this year! Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the churches and you are encouraged to keep a box in a prominent place in your home to remind you of the less well off abroad. For your information in every Euro 91c goes on charitable expenditure, 8c is spent on the cost of generating funds and 1c is spent on governance costs.



School Confessions

The priests of the parish are visiting the parish schools at this time giving children the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations to the children from St. Colmcille's, Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn and Curraghmore who received the sacrament for the first time during the week. 1st Confession takes place next Tuesday for St Kenny's School at 7.30pm in Walshestown Church.

Religious Persecution

At this time we remember in prayerful solidarity those Christians being persecuted for their religious belief. In recent weeks many people have been killed and kidnapped simply because they profess faith in our Lord.

Italian Pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Milan

17th October 7 nights This years pilgrimage visits Bobbio to celebrate the 1400th anniversary of the death of St Columbanus. Otherwise known as St Columban Ireland's 3rd saint travelled through France and Italy bringing the Christian faith. Mary Briody has full details of the itinerary contact her on 087-6336513.

RIP Frank McGuinness, Glenageary & Newbrook Lodge, **Lilby Corcoran**, Bishopsgate Street

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014

At Mass today the Parish Finance statement for last year is available for all our parishioners to take home and read. The statement is an account of the finances received in both the envelope and basket collections throughout 2014. The parish finance committee thanks our parish financial advisors and above all we thank you the people of our parish for your support.



Mullingar Choral Society have their annual concert in the Cathedral next Sunday at 8pm. Tickets are available at the door. All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday: 7.45am: John & Elizabeth Walsh. 10am: James Charles. 9.15am: Thomas & Geraldine Rogers.
Tuesday: 7.45am: James Farrell. 10am: James (Rocky) McCourt. 7.30am: Michael McCarthy. 9.15am: Patricia Farrelly.
Wednesday: 7.45am: Kathleen & Thomas Lennon. 10am: Stephen Comiskey. 7.30pm: Florence, Edward & Thomas Gaffney & Catherine Kelly. 9.15am: Joleen Heffernan.
Thursday 7.45am: Sarah & Michael Daly & son Michael. 10am: Tommy Begley. 7.30pm: Jack Shaley. 9.15am: Seán Quinn.
First Friday: Masses for List of the Dead. *Wedding Mass, St Paul's 2pm.*
Saturday 7.45am: Dempsey family. 10am: Anniversaries Occurring. Vigil 6pm: Lori Hayes, Hillside Drive (1st Ann)
Sunday Cathedral 8.30am: Cissy Flynn, Green Road (M.M.) 11am: Carmel Lynch, St Brigid's Tce. St Paul's 10.30am: Eddie Gavin, Ginnell Tce & Robinstown (1st Ann) 12noon: Ricki Childs, Newtown (M.M.) Walshestown: Joseph & Bernadette Burke Brotenstown Thomas, Dymrna & Monica Keena.

Noticeboard

Lourdes 17-22 May, for details contact Parish Office.
Thanks to our parishioners who have prepared the altars in our parish churches for Lent. **Lectio Divina**, reflections on the Sunday Gospel, Wednesdays after 9.15am mass, St Paul's Church. **Eucharistic Adoration**, St Paul's Church, Tuesdays of Lent from 8.30am. **AGM**, of Eucharistic Adoration Committee, Bethany, Tuesday 10th March, 7.30pm. **Faith Formation**, Further insights into Christian Moral life, Fridays in Lent, Friary, Multy, 7.30pm. **St Joseph's Young Priests Society**, Monday, 7.30pm, Bethany. **Pioneer Meeting**, Friday, 10.30am, Bethany. **Breast Cancer Research**, 5mile canal challenge, today, 12 noon, Dunnes Carpark. **Table Quiz**, in aid of Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn, Thursday, 8.30pm, Cons.

The Cathedral Shop has a selection of Confirmation gifts in stock. All Confirmation sponsors are encouraged to consider giving a religious gift to the child they are sponsoring. Red rosettes, prayer books, rosary beads, medals of saints are all available in the shop.

