



# Parish of Mullingar

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

### Priests of the Parish

Fr. Padraig McMahon, Adm.  
Fr. Michael Kilmartin  
Fr. Paul Crosbie  
Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy

### Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9am-5pm  
(closed 1-2pm) Tel: 044 9348338  
Email: cathedral@dioceseofmeath.ie

### 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

### Eucharistic Adoration 8am-8pm

### Bereavement Support

087-6309808

### Saturday Confessions

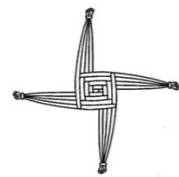
Cathedral 2.30pm-3.30pm

### Collections Last weekend

Cathedral: €3,661  
St Paul's: €1,289  
Walshestown: €174  
Brotenstown: €249  
Gainstown: €162  
Parish Envelopes: €2,156

Thank You!

### Today is St Brigid's Day—February 1st



St Brigid was born in Co Louth and lived during the time of St Patrick. Brigid was inspired by the words of Patrick and decided to become a Christian and dedicated her life to God and to the poor. Brigid entered the convent and many young women joined her. She founded several convents and the most famous one being in Kildare.

St Brigid's Well, located in Cullion is Mullingar's ancient site of prayer to Brigid. Annual devotions will take place at the Grotto at 3pm today (Sunday). On Monday pupils from St Brigid's school will hold their annual walk to the Well starting at 10am from the school. All are welcome.

### February 2nd—Feast of the Presentation—Candlemas

This is the day we remember Our Lady and St Joseph bringing baby Jesus to the Temple. He was declared as the 'light to the world'. Candles are blessed at all masses—they are on sale in the Cathedral Shop. Traditionally, this is a day of prayer for consecrated life and has special significance this church year dedicated to consecrated life.



### Tuesday—Feast of St Blaise



St Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is believed to have been martyred in the early fourth century. Tradition states 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 a patron saint of those who suffer with disease of the throat. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

*Parishioners will have an opportunity to have their throats blessed on Tuesday after each Mass and also at 3pm and 6pm in the Cathedral.*

18th February - Ash Wednesday  
21st March - Confirmation  
5th April - Easter Sunday



### Pope Francis on Social Communication



Pope Francis has been pictured quite often in selfies and uses the modern media to great affect to get his message out but this week he speaks to families about putting smart phones down a little more often. Nothing can replace face to face conversation and people having a good chat- talking and listening to one another. He highlights the family as the place where we first learn how to communicate. It is a school in itself, and where we learn to live with others despite our differences.



The Society of St Vincent de Paul thank sincerely all who responded so generously to their recent Annual Appeal. They appreciate all who support their monthly Church door collections and all who help them through donations of good-quality clothing and household items.

### A child receiving a Sacrament this year?

Thanks to all the Mums and Dads who attended the parents' meeting last Wednesday evening. It was great to see such a good attendance. We encourage all of you to do your best to help your child believe and experience a sense of belonging to our parish. It is vitally important that children see parents integrating Mass, prayer and the sacraments into their lives.



**Charismatic Prayer Group**, Mon, 8pm, Bethany. **Divine Mercy National Conference**, 21-22 February, bus leaves Post Office on 21st at 8am, tel, 9344926. **Mass of Remembrance**, St Loman's Hospital Chapel, in memory of deceased patients, Wednesday 2.30pm. **Health, Work & Wellbeing Seminar**, Wednesday, 8pm, Greville Arms, organised by Lions Club

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Pat Roche. 10am: Antoinette, John & Mary Gavin. 9.15am: Winnie Bardou. **Tuesday:** 7.45am: Noleen McKenna. 10am: Barney & Marie Conlon. 9.15am: Mark Mears. **Wednesday:** 7.45am: Kelly & Caroll families. 10am: Kiernan family. 9.15am: Jane Brennan & Langan family **Thursday** 7.45am: Michael & Sarah Daly & son Michael 10am: Paddy Rattigan. **Friday:** All Mass for List of the Dead **Saturday** 10am: Anniversaries Occurring. Vigil 6pm: Lorenzo Hynes, Newlands (M.M.) **Sunday** Cathedral 8.30am: Norah Scally, Valley Cottages (M.M.) 11am: Thomas Blythe, Old Ballinderry (1st Ann) 12.30pm: Kathleen Quinn, Newbrook Road (M.M.) St Paul's 10.30am: Kit Devlin, Ginnell Tce (1st Ann) 12noon: Mary Bawle, Hopetown (M.M.) Walshestown: 9am: Joseph Brady & Brady & McGarrigle. Brotenstown 10am: Mattie & Lil Keenan.

Please keep in your prayers  
**Jimmy Raleigh, Rathconnell who died recently**

### Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Northern France

Visiting Ars-Shrine of the Patron Saint of Priests Paray le Monial— Shrine to the Scared Heart Nevers— Shrine to St Bernadette Paris— city highlights alongside Shrine of the Miraculous Medal and St Vincent de Paul Lisieux— Shrine to St Therese, 'the Little Flower'  
**Monday May 4th—Saturday 9th**  
Spiritual Director: Fr Michael Kilmartin  
Price €895 pp includes meals, guide etc

Intinerary and Booking Forms from the parish office and Group Leader Antoinette Shaw (086) 8484518 / (044) 9341883 or 9348338.



### Offering Envelopes

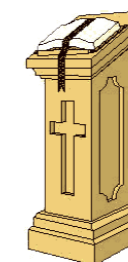


The new parish financial year starts this weekend (Sunday Feb 1st). Thanks to all the volunteers who have distributed boxes of envelopes in recent days. Thanks to all our parishioners who use them as a means of supporting the parish. If you have not got a box and usually use one please contact the parish office during the week. The publication of accounts for the past 12 months is currently being drawn up and will be available in the next few weeks.

Fr Padraig will lead a Mullingar Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 17-22 May 2015. For further details, contact pilgrimage director Fr Padraig at 9348338.



Congratulation to Bishop Michael who celebrates 31 years of Episcopal Ordination.



The new readers rotas for Sunday and daily Masses in St Paul's and the Cathedral are now available in the respective churches. We thank the 116 parishioners who faithfully commit themselves to this important ministry in our 5 parish churches.

Thanks to all our primary and post-primary schools who participated in Catholic Schools Week