



Parish of Mullingar

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

Priests of the Parish

Fr. Padraig McMahon, Adm.
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Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9am-5pm
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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

Cathedral 2.30pm-3.30pm

Collections Last weekend

Cathedral: €3,274 Thank
St Paul's: €1,116 You!
Walshstown: €204
Brotenstown: €192
Gainstown: €136
Parish Envelopes: €1,679

Lent - Time for Confessions

“The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great treasure. We may be tempted to dismiss it, perhaps due to laziness or embarrassment, or because of a diminishing sense of sin and its effects. Too often, we see ourselves as the centre and measure of all things, and our lives can go adrift. The Sacrament of Reconciliation calls us back to God” (Pope Francis)

Lent is a good opportunity for us to return to this Sacrament, no matter how long it has been since our last confession. The priests hear confessions **every Saturday (2.30pm - 3.30pm)** in the Cathedral. We encourage you to avail of these opportunities to experience the gift of forgiveness from God who is full of mercy.

Act of Sorrow

*O my God, I thank you for loving me.
I am sorry for all my sins,
for not loving others and not loving You.
Help me to live like Jesus
and not sin again, Amen.*



Children will make their First Confessions this coming week from St Mary's NS (Monday), Presentation Schools (Tuesday) and St Colman's NS (Wednesday). On Tuesday morning, the priests will also hear confessions in St Mary's NS and in the Presentation Schools.

Marriage - Preparing for the Synod on the Family

“Marriage is a unique relationship different from all others. An essential characteristic of marriage is the biological fact that a man and a woman can join together as male and female in a union that is orientated to the generation of new life. The union of marriage provides for the continuation of the human race and the development of human society. It is precisely the difference between man and woman that makes possible this unique communion of persons, the unique partnership of life and love which is marriage.” [extract from "The Meaning of Marriage: Pastoral Statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference"]

Hymn for Lent - please join in

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

Refrain: Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

Parish finances – clarification

Some parishioners have expressed concern about a report in one of the local papers, which referred to a “significant nosedive” in parish income. This report is misleading. The overall income decreased by barely 1.44% while there was a slight increase in the weekly collections at all Masses. The Trócaire collection was higher in 2013 than last year because the figures for 2013 included the remarkably generous response from parishioners of €30,393 to the appeal for victims of the typhoon in the Philippines.

We welcome these children who were baptised last Sunday:

Adam Phillips, Gleann Petit; Elizabeth Weolrychowska, Lakepoint; Isabelle Beehan, Cullionmore; John Nevin, Ardleigh Vale; James Roche, O'Connell Tce; Holly Keane, Ennell Gardens; Leah Ford, Greenpark Meadows, Lexi Cox, Ushnagh Court

Local news and good wishes



It was delightful to see Westmeath's **Robbie Henshaw** and his vital try in last Sunday's Six Nations, well deserving the “Man of the Match” award. Congratulations to Robbie and best wishes for his continued success.

Best wishes to our retired financial secretary **Michael Cummins** who celebrates his 100th birthday this weekend.



Welcome to the new Chief Superintendent **Lorraine Wheatley** who has been appointed to the Westmeath division. We wish her well in her new role in this locality.

The **Franciscan Missionary Sisters** who spoke at Masses last month say a big thank you to all for the very generous response to their appeal which raised €10,017.

The '**Calvary garden**' in the Cathedral sanctuary invites us to make our pilgrim way through Lent in the footsteps of Jesus. Thanks to Teresa Nixon for her work.



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

Traffic management at St Paul's Church

Since the opening of St Paul's Church, a yellow box junction at the entrance helped parishioners enter and exit for Mass. Last year the County Council removed the box when works were being carried out on the road. This has made it hazardous for traffic leaving the Church and turning right. We ask parishioners to help us with our wishes to have the yellow box reinstated to ensure safety at this location.

Today is **International Women's Day** and Trócaire asks us to think of the countless women in the developing world who work tirelessly to improve their communities, often at great personal risk.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday: 7.45am: James Kelly. 10am: Declan Creevy. 9.15am: John Lally. **Tuesday:** 7.45am: John Smith. 10am: Elizabeth & Kevin Collins. 7.30am: Harry Devine. 9.15am: David Lyons. **Wednesday:** 7.45am: Paddy, Mary & Frances Keena. 10am: Bridie Harte. 7.30pm: Thomas Irwin. 9.15am: Nicholas Purcell. **Thursday** 7.45am: O'Donnell, Murray & Higgins families. 10am: Rose & Edward Doherty & daughters Nancy & Rose. 7.30pm: Kathleen, John & Seamus Smith. **Friday:** 7.45am; Joseph Farrell & Paul Bentick. 10am: Jack Daly. 9.15am: James Hoover. **Saturday** 7.45am: Nally/Bannon families. 10am: Anniversaries Occurring. *Wedding Mass Gainstown 2pm.* Vigil 6pm: Teresa Mee, Fairgreen (M.M.) **Sunday** Cathedral 11am: Margaret Gilligan, Robinstown (1st Ann) St Paul's 12noon: Moira Casey, Prospect Avenue (M.M.) Brotenstown: Sharon, Johnny, Nicky, Elizabeth & Anthony Smyth & grandparents.

Lourdes 17-22 May, for details contact Parish Office. **San Giovanni & Piacenza**, 17th October, for details contact 9374118 **Lectio Divina**, reflections on the Sunday Gospel, Wednesdays after 9.15am mass, St Paul's Church. **Eucharistic Adoration**, St Paul's Church after Mass on Tuesdays of Lent **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. **Retired Nurses Association**, Monday, 8.30pm, Greville Arms. **The National Vigil for Life**, evening Pro-Life Vigil, Wed, 7-8pm, text 087-2668702 085-8711100 for buses.

RIP Peggy Murtagh, Collinstown