



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: € 4069
St Paul's: € 1262
Walshstown: € 174
Brotenstown: € 215
Gainstown: € 180
Parish Envelopes: €1,823

Confirmation

Congratulations to our 270 young parishioners who were confirmed by Bishop Smith in the Cathedral yesterday. Our thanks to parents and teachers for their work in preparing the candidates and to the schools for all their help in making the ceremonies very special. Thanks also to Mons. Dermot Farrell and Mons. Sean Heaney for their assistance.



Pope Francis announces a "Holy Year of Mercy"

"I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. I have decided to call an extraordinary jubilee year that is to have the mercy of God at its centre. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. This Holy Year will begin on 8 December 2015 and will end at the Feast of Christ the King on 20 November 2016." (Pope Francis)

Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it

Marriage is important, and we should reflect deeply about it especially between now and May. The effects of the proposed amendment will be far-reaching for this and for future generations. We should consider these questions:

- ◇ should the amendment be passed, will it become increasingly difficult to speak in public about marriage as being between a man and a woman?
- ◇ what will we be expected to teach children in school about marriage?
- ◇ will those who sincerely continue to believe that marriage is between a man and a woman be forced to act against their conscience?
- ◇ can a way be found to protect the civil rights of people who are gay without undermining the fundamental meaning of marriage as commonly understood across cultures, faiths and down the ages?

The full statement from the Irish Bishops' Conference can be read at www.dioceseofmeath.ie and copies are available from the parish office.

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.*

Looking ahead to Holy Week

Penitential Service (Tuesday 31 March) will be held after the 7.30pm Mass.

Chrism Mass (Wednesday 1 April at 7pm) – the Mass will be celebrated in the context of the Year for Consecrated Life, with a focus on the role of religious sisters, brothers and priests in our communities. Many of us have been educated by members of religious congregations or worked with them in health and social services. All are welcome to the Chrism Mass, especially those who haven't previously attended this beautiful celebration.

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday at 7.30pm) – In recent years we have invited a guest speaker on Holy Thursday and we are delighted that David Quinn will be with us on this occasion. David is a newspaper columnist and Director of the Iona Institute, which promotes the place of marriage and religion in society. He will reflect on "the Eucharist, marriage and family life" in light of the work of the Synod of Bishops on this topic.

We welcome these children who were baptised recently: Patrick Gilbert, Ardmore Hills; Alfie Gilmore, Chestnut Drive; Keelan Nevin-Starr, Dalton Park; Ryan Daly, Curraghmore; Nathan Keena, Grange Park; Kiera Watters, Chestnut Grove; Mya McKevitt, Dalton Park; Zoey Kenny-McCarthy, Grange Village; Cheressie & Jaydan Scally, Farran Ashe.

A saintly couple: Pope Francis will canonise the parents of St Therese of Lisieux. They are Louis and Zelig Martin. The ceremony is likely to take place during the next Synod of Bishops on family life in October. Let's hope that Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin can be an inspiration to parents everywhere.

Parish musicians - 'well done' to all our young musicians who performed very well at the Feis Ceoil at the RDS this week. We appreciate their contribution to our parish liturgies.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday: 7.45am: Christy Michael Joyce.
10am: Patrick Cassidy.
9.15am: Karl & Jacqueline Mullen.
Tuesday: 7.45am: Edward & Rose Hamill
10am: James & Anne Lyster & Joseph & Dolores Moran. 9.15am: Ena O'Grady. 7.30pm: Vincent Moran.
Wednesday: 7.45am: Tom Maguire.
10am: Martin Heavey. 7.30pm: Peter & Ann Keegan.
9.15am: Linus Fadian.
Thursday 7.45am; Patrick & Margaret Fagan & family.
10am: Tom & Rita Mackey. 7.30pm: Thomas Kilduff.
9.15am: Michael Fee & Patrick, Mary & Bill Coffey.
Wedding Mass St Paul's 2pm.
Friday: 7.45am: Tom & Patrick Manny & grandson Tomás. 10am: Peter Keegan. 9.15am: Una Hennessy.
Wedding Cathedral 2pm.
Saturday 10am: Anniversaries Occurring.
Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm.
Vigil 6pm: Margaret (Peggy) McCourt, Lynnbury & Ardleigh Park (1st Ann)
Sunday Cathedral 8.30am: Keith Ryan, Dalton Pk (1st)
11am: Eilish Wallace, Millmount Ave (M.M.)
Walshestown: Deceased members of Brennan family.
Brotenstown: John Garvin.
Gainstown: Patrick & Evelyn Tighe & Patrick Jnr.

Lourdes Fr Padraig will lead Mullingar Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Sunday 17th – Friday 22nd May. Booking forms & further details are available from the Parish Office 9348338. (4 places remaining)

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Smith takes place 12th—17th September.
Lourdes Hospitalite, Mon., 8pm, St Paul's.
San Giovanni & Piacenza, 17th October, for details contact 9374118. **Our Lady of Knots** Novena, each Wednesday during Lent 7.30pm.
Divine Mercy devotions, today, 2.40pm, St Mary's **Cathedral Shop**, gifts for Confirmation and First Holy Communion in stock.
Charismatic Prayer Group, Monday, 8pm, Bethany. **Daffodil Day** takes place on Friday 27 March in aid of Wetmeath Hospice.

RIP

Fintan Cooney, Newlands
Kathleen Nooney, Spoutwell Lane
Catriona Hegarty, Ardilaun Heights
Annie Arthur, Gainstown
Fr. Sean Fay, Rathmolyon