



Parish of Mullingar

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

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Priests of the Parish:

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Vigil Mass (Saturday)

Cathedral: 6pm

Sunday Masses:

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

Daily Masses

7.45am & 10 am in the Cathedral
9.15am Mass in St. Paul's

Confessions in the Cathedral:

Saturday 2.30pm-3.30pm
& after Vigil Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: 8am — 8pm

Baptisms: Sundays: 3pm

Bereavement Support: 087 6309808

Collection Last weekend

Cathedral	€4,571
St Paul's	€1,243
Walshestown	€209
Brotenstown	€219
Gainstown	€246
Parish Envelopes	€1,826

Thank You



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(In answer to some queries, CTK = "Christ the King")

Advent in our parish

These weeks of preparation for Christmas give us an opportunity to deepen our practice of faith. Why not try some of the following?

1. Daily scripture reflection - the "Walk with me" booklet are available from the Cathedral shop and costs €1.30
2. **Eucharistic Adoration** takes place each day in the Cathedral from 8am until 8pm. Advent is an invitation to spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.
3. Use the Advent calendar with children or help them to learn the following Advent prayer:

**If in your heart you make a manger for his birth,
then God will once again become a child on earth.**

Advent Hymn and Responses

The traditional hymn for Advent was translated in the 19th century by John Mason Neale. It is based on Isaiah 7:14 and the 8th century antiphon "Veni, Veni Emmanuel". Please join in singing this hymn. Congregational singing is an important part of our liturgical worship.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
to free your captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel.
To you shall come Emmanuel.**



During the Sundays of Advent, the response to the Prayers of the Faithful is "**Come Lord Jesus**".

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

In the liturgical calendar, the Second Sunday of Advent (next weekend) is given precedence over the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which will be celebrated on Monday 9 December. However the **new grotto in honour of our Lady** in the Cathedral grounds, which contains the beautiful statute of the Immaculate Conception, will be blessed and unveiled next Sunday after the 11am Mass. We invoke the prayers and protection of our Blessed Mother as we begin the Jubilee Year. If members of the Legion of Mary or Teams of Our Lady would like to assist, please let us know.

Cathedral Jubilee Update

A really big 'thank you' to all who helped us get the Cathedral Jubilee Year off to such a good start last weekend. Thanks to all who assisted in the Cathedral and to everyone who provided generous refreshments in the Parish Community Centre. Nothing went to waste; any food remaining was used at the gathering of Adorers on Sunday afternoon.

Photos from the celebrations with Bishop Nulty are available at www.mullingarparish.ie.

The new **jubilee flags** are draped at the front entrance to the Cathedral grounds. The flag contains the Bishop's crest, indicating the significance of the Cathedral in the life of the diocese. The red colour of the flag highlights the blood and sacrifice of those before us who have suffered and died for faith. It also calls to mind the persecution which our fellow Christians endure today, especially in the Middle East, China and elsewhere.

The Cathedral jubilee is also a time for prayer. Beginning this (Saturday) evening, a **Holy Hour** of Eucharistic Adoration will commence at 6.45pm in the Cathedral. It is intended to observe this practice for each of the 52 weeks of the jubilee year.

A gathering with volunteers

All our parish volunteers are invited to Mass next Saturday at 6pm in the Cathedral followed by a light supper in the Parish Community Centre. This gathering is a gesture of thanks for your invaluable volunteers who make such a huge contribution to parish life, including Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Holy Communion, Stewards, Sacristans, Flower Groups, Children's Liturgy, St Paul's Choir and Cleaning Groups. Please come along.

Vocations

Bishop Nulty gave heartfelt encouragement to vocations in his homily last weekend. If you are considering a vocation to serve the Lord, we would be more than delighted to hear from you. During Advent, let's continue our prayers for vocations.

The Philippines and Syria Appeal

There is a huge response to Bishop Smith's diocesan appeal, with over **€200,000** raised to date in our parishes and schools. Already US\$ 100,000 was sent to The Philippines and €50,000 to Syria. Another US\$ 100,000 will be sent to The Philippines this week.

What Pope Francis said this week

The Gospel offers us the chance to live life with the delightful joy of evangelizing. Consequently, an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! The more we give of ourselves to others, the greater the joy we share. (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, para 10, published 26 November 2013 and available online)

Mass intentions for the coming week

Monday: (Is 4:2-6. Ps 121. Mt 8:5-11.)

7.45am: Jimmy, Maureen & Paul Fagan.

10am: Deceased members of Waters family.

Tuesday: (Is 11:1-10. Ps 71. Lk 10:21-24.)

7.45am: Tommy & Eileen McCormack & John Glackin.

10am: Peggy Devine. 9.15am: Michael Nealon.

Wednesday: (Is 25:6-10. Ps 22. Mt 15:29-37.)

7.45am: Lenta Balint. 10am: Tony Charles.

9.15am: John & Mary Currid & Ben Lambden.

Thursday: (Is 26:1-6. Ps 117. Mt 7:21, 24-27.)

7.45am: Rose Creevy. 10am: Nancy Fagan.

9.15am: Patrick Gahan.

Friday: (Is 29:17-24. Ps 26. Mt 9:27-31.)

7.45am, 10am & 9.15am: List of the Dead.

Saturday (Is 30:19-21, 23-26. Ps 146. Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8.)

7.45am: Ann Kelly. 10am: Anniversaries Occurring.

6pm: Vigil Mass: Milo Cox, Central Park (1st Ann)

Next Sunday (Is 11:1-10. Ps 71. Rm 15:4-9. Mt 3:1-12.)

8.30am: Bridget Bennett, Grange Cottages (M.M.)

11am: Oliver Mackin, Cathedral View (1st Ann)

St Paul's 10.30am: Thomas O'Brien Kiltimagh (M.M.)

12noon: Evelyn McDermott, Beechdrive (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Padraig Lynn, Ballyoate.

Gainstown 11am: Mick, Frank & Kathleen Ryan.

Advent wreaths, Advent Calendars for adults and children, New Liturgical Diary, 2014 St Paul Missal, Catholic diaries and array of booklets for spiritual reflection are available in the Cathedral Shop. The DVD of Bishop Nulty's Ordination is also available.

Mullingar Choral Society presents its Christmas Music Festival in the Cathedral next Sunday at 7pm. Tickets are available from the usual outlets and on the night.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society, meeting, Monday.
St Mary's Primary School, Christmas Fair and Cookery Demonstration in Greville Arms on Wednesday at 7.30pm. The **Saint Vincent de Paul** house to house collection takes place next weekend. The **Lions Club** food appeal will also take place next weekend.



Rest in peace

Frances Smith, McCurtain Street

We continue to pray for those on the parish List of the Dead. Thanks to all who made an offering during November in their memory.