



Parish of Mullingar

Cathedral of Christ the King,
St Paul's Church, Walshestown,
Brotentown & Gainstown
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Lent - a time for PENANCE

In the first centuries of Christianity, penance was understood as part of a process of liberation for the people from sin and oppression. Penance was an attempt to clear the pathway of anything that hindered God's desire for His people being fulfilled.

How can we find ways of rediscovering penance as 'freedom' rather than 'punishment'? That depends on how seriously we are willing to take up some form of penance during Lent. Yes, penance is an act of rejection ... Let us reject anything within the world that scars the face of God or that hinders His plan for our salvation.

Penance for Lent

Taking on some form of service or witness to others at one's own expense captures the spirit of Lent.

Abstinence for Lent

How about abstaining from desserts or alcohol for 40 days?

Lent - a time for GIVING

We welcome Catherine and Hannah from Trócaire to the Cathedral and St Paul's Church this weekend. They will tell us about Trócaire Lenten campaign, which will focus on the global water crisis. There are 1.1 billion people in the world who are living without access to a reliable source of water.

Lent, as a time for giving, reminds us about the 9 year old girl called Enestina Muyeye from Malawi who is featured on this year's Trócaire box. With your help, Trócaire can bring clean drinking water to people like Enestina and support communities like hers to help themselves.

Thank you for taking a Trocaire box home with you this weekend. We encourage you to open the box on Ash Wednesday. Lenten giving is not good only for Enestina ... it's good for all of us because it makes us more authentic in living the message of Jesus.

Tickets are on sale in the office for a parish raffle. The prize is donated by Mary Geraghty, all the proceeds go directly to Trócaire.

Last year, you donated €69,000 to the Trocaire Lenten appeal. In December, you donated over €40,000 towards the victims of the typhoon in The Philippines and the war in Syria.

"Lent is the time for greater love. Listen to Jesus' thirst ... Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor ones. He knows your weakness but he wants only your love and only the chance to love you" (Blessed Teresa of Calcutta)

Other news in brief

Parish Financial Statement

The financial report for the year ending 31 December 2013 is available this weekend. Please take a copy home with you. We thank you again for your support. The work of the parish relies entirely on your generosity.

Consultation for the Synod on the Family (October 2014)

Last Monday, Pope Francis received the draft summary of feedback from people across the world. Accepting the report, the Holy Father said that "it enables the voice of the Church to be heard" regarding the need to support family life with renewed effort.

New Bishop of Derry

Bishop Donal McKeown has been appointed Bishop of Derry. Please remember him in your prayers as he prepares for his new ministry.

Apostolic Works Society, meeting Tuesday at 8pm

Table Quiz for Gaelscoil an Mhuillinn, Cons, Thurs, 9pm.

Pioneer Meeting, Friday after 10am Mass, Bethany.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society, Monday 7.30pm.

Mullingar Choral Society Concert next Sunday in the Cathedral at 8pm, Tickets available at the door.

Mass intentions for the week ahead

Monday: (1 Pt 1:3-9. Ps 110. Mk 10:17-27.)

7.45am: Kathleen & Thomas Lennon.

10am: Bridie Harte. 9.15am: Nicholas Purcell.

Tuesday (1 Pt 1:10-16. Ps 97. Mk 10:28-31.)

7.45am: O'Gorman family. 10am: Stephen Comiskey.

9.15am: Jolene Heffernan.

Ash Wednesday: (Jl 2:12-18. 2 Cor 5:20-6:2)

7.45am: John Smith. 10am: Tommy Begley.

7.30pm: John & Elizabeth Walsh.

9.15am: Joseph Farrell & Paul Bentick

Thursday: (Deut 30:15-20. Ps 1. Lk 9:22-25.)

7.45am: James Kelly. 10am: Monica Flynn.

7.30pm: Jack Shanley. 9.15am: Patricia Farrelly.

Friday: (Is 58:1-9. Ps 50. Mt 9:14-15.)

List of the Dead: 7.45am: 10am: 7.30pm & 9.15am

Wedding Mass, Gainstown 2pm.

Saturday: (Is 58:9-14. Ps 85. Lk 5:27-32.)

7.45am: Dempsey family. *Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm*

Wedding Mass, Walshestown 2pm.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass

6pm Vigil: Claire (M.M.) & Sean O'Loughlin, Millmount

Sunday 9 March

11am: Pauline Cassidy, Ardilaun Green (1st Ann)

St Paul's 10.30am: James Boland, Auburn Village (1st Ann)

12 noon: Brian Gallagher, Springfield (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Fitzgerald family & Zoe Brennan.

B'town: Sharon, Johnny, Nicky, Anthony & Elizabeth Smyth

Gainstown 11am: Robert Cornally, Woodlands (M.M.)

Rest in Peace

Nora Power, Brockagh, Knockdrin

Eric Wheeler, Chelmsford, Essex

John McDermott, late of Patrick Street

Lent - a time for PRAYER

Ash Wednesday in the Cathedral will be dedicated to Eucharistic adoration and confessions from 7.45am until after the 7.30pm Mass. Parishioners are invited to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday or, at least, to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a priest on duty in the Cathedral during these 12 hours and available to hear confessions. The ashes, blest during the Masses, will be distributed throughout the day. We encourage parents to bring their children to the Cathedral to receive the ashes; likewise, please offer a lift to a neighbour or relative who might wish to participate in the Eucharistic adoration.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Cathedral: 7.45am, 10am, 7.30pm

St Paul's: 9.15am

Gainstown: 7.30pm



Lenten Novena in honour of Our Lady

The Mass on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Cathedral will include the Novena to "Our Lady of the Knots", a devotion much favoured by Pope Francis. The Novena, prayed before the Blessed Sacrament with the rosary, will deepen the sense of Our Lady accompanying us and 'untying the knots' during the holy season of Lent.

New prayer times in Lent

'Lectio Divina' in St Paul's Church on Tuesdays at 9.45am

Novena on Wednesdays in the Cathedral at 7.30pm

New daily Mass for Lent

Mass each weekday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral, especially for parishioners at work or school

Lent, the Eucharist and Blessed John Paul II

On the Sunday after Easter, the Church will celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Paul II. It was the Eucharist that gave him such enormous strength and courage. Ten years ago, Blessed John Paul II wrote the following: "Every activity and every work of pastoral planning must draw their strength from the Eucharist. We have Jesus with us in the Eucharist; we have His redemptive sacrifice, we have His resurrection; we have the gift of the Holy Spirit; we have adoration, obedience and love of the Father." (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 60). The example of his devotion to the Eucharist can inspire us during Lent.

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Padraig McMahon, Adm.

Fr. Michael Kilmartin

Fr. Paul Crosbie

Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9am-1pm; 2-5pm

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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

Brotentown: 10am

Gainstown: 11am

Daily Masses

7.45am & 10 am in the Cathedral

9.15am Mass in St. Paul's

Saturday Confessions

2.30pm-3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: 8am — 8pm

Baptisms: Sundays: 3pm

Bereavement Support: 087 6309808

Collections last weekend.

Cathedral: €3,888

St Paul's: €1,293

Walshestown: €173

Brotentown: €267

Gainstown: €177

Parish Envelopes: €2,023

Next Sunday is an offering day for the support of the Bishop and priests of the parish.