



PARISH OF MULLINGAR
Cathedral of Christ the King,
St Paul's Church,
Walshestown, Brotenstown, Gainstown
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Happy
30th
birthday
Fr Robert

Priests of the Parish
Fr Padraig McMahon, Adm, VF
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy
Fr Paul Crosbie
Fr Robert McGivney
Fr Ciprian Solomon

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 this week
7.45 & 10am Cathedral *Mon—Sat*
9.15am St Paul's *Mon—Fri*

Confessions in the Cathedral
Saturday 2.30pm-3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration
8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support
087-6309808

Collections last weekend:

Cathedral: €4,009
St Paul's: €1,186 Thank
Walshestown: €259 You!
Brotenstown: €219
Gainstown: €236
Parish Envelopes: €1,618

Congratulations to our 270 parishioners who were confirmed yesterday. Thanks to Bishop Smith for celebrating the two ceremonies. Thanks also to parents and teachers for their work in preparing the children. We are grateful to the choirs from St Kenny's NS and Curraghmore NS and to everyone for all their help in making the day so special.



Getting ready for the Pope's visit next year

The Vatican announced that Pope Francis "will do everything he can" to visit Ireland in August 2018. A national collection to meet the costs of the Pope's visit will be held today. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated. Leaflets are available at the back of the Cathedral and parish churches. Thank you for being generous as we prepare for this great event.

Trócaire and Lazarus

In today's gospel, Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. Mary and Martha are distraught over the death of their brother Lazarus, and Lazarus himself lies bound in the darkness of the tomb. It appears as if there is no hope. We are told that Jesus weeps because of his friend but perhaps he also weeps because of the lack of hope and faith in those around him.

Miriam is the 30 year old mother on the front of our Trócaire box with her 6 year old daughter Maria. Their village is built around a life of fishing and farming. The small village is now prone to devastating flooding. Trócaire is supporting Miriam and the community by supporting the emergency response teams. We are creating safe routes for people to move quickly away when the flood is coming. Together we are providing food, shelter and training for local people.

Hope means to keep living amid desperation and to keep humming in the darkness.

Hope is knowing that there is love, it is trust in tomorrow.

It is falling asleep and waking to work when the sun rises.

In the midst of a gale at sea, it is to discover land.

In the eyes of another, it is to see understanding.

As long as there is hope, there will also be prayer.

And God will be holding you in his loving hands. (Henri Nouwen)

Please bring a Trócaire box home with you.



Next Sunday is **Passion Sunday**. Palms will be blessed and available at Mass next weekend. The list of Holy Week ceremonies will be published next week.

The priests will be visiting the primary schools this week to help the children prepare for Holy Week. We are anxious to teach the children about the importance of Holy Week before the Easter holidays begin.

Looking ahead.....

Penitential Service (Tues 11 April 7.30pm)
Chrism Mass (Wed 12 April 7pm)
Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thursday 7.30pm)
Dawn Mass (Easter Sunday, 6.15am at Bloomfield)



Meanwhile keeping Lent going ... Here's two challenges for young people for the remaining two weeks of Lent.

The first is **#OneMinuteMatters**. Check it out online - a Trócaire fundraiser and a lot of fun.

The second is a reminder of our **#12MassChallenge**. We are thrilled that there has been such a great response. Keep it going.

During Lent the 6pm vigil Mass has been celebrated by a priest from neighbouring parishes. This Saturday we welcome **Fr John Nally**, Parish Priest of Ballynacargy and we thank him for being with us.

We welcome these children who were recently baptised; Emily McLoughlin, Ginnell Tce: Hughie Joyce, Ardleigh Vale: Aaron Crowley, Brookfield: Jack Gilligan, Irishtown: Camillus & Thady Joyce, Ennell Court: Laura Meehan, Ardmore Hills.



Eucharistic Adoration Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 30th April, contact Una 087 6450046 for bus. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty.



Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be led by Fr Padraig for 5 nights on 22—27 May. Contact the parish office. Limited places.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 12th—17th September.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, 27th Sept, 7 nights, bus to and from airport, for details contact 9342376/9340587.

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni, Assisi & Padua, 28th September, 8 nights, contact Mary 087-6336513.

Camino Walk, 22 - 29 August, for details contact Mary 086-3761500.

Mass Intentions next week

Monday: 7.45am: Duignam family.
10am: Paddy Doyle, & Doyle & Roche family.
Tuesday: 7.45am: Joseph Tarlton.
10am: Denis & Bridie Hughes. 7.30pm: Ellen Cullen. 9.15am: Keith Ryan.
Wednesday: 7.45am: James & Margaret Harte.
10am: Johnny & Kitty Reeves.
7.30pm: Brendan Sweeney.
9.15am: Peter & John McLoughlin.
Thursday: 7.45am: Joseph Garry & family.
10am: Eileen Joyce.
7.30pm: Mark Clooney. 9.15am: Una Hennessy.
Friday: 7.45am; 10am & 9.15am List of the Dead.
Saturday 7.45am: Sean & Peter McKeown & family. 10am: Anniversaries Occurring.
Wedding Mass Gainstown 2pm
Vigil 6pm: Patrick Leavy, Clonwney (M.M.)
Next Sunday: Cathedral 8.30am: Damien Lynch, Robinstown (M.M.) 11am: Mary Farrell, Oaklawns (1st Ann) Walshestown 9am: James, Rose, Val & Delma Connell & deceased members of Connell family. Brotenstown 10am: John Garvin. Gainstown 11am: Stíofan Ormsby.

Shandonagh GAA - Best of luck to everyone taking part in the LipSync Battles next Saturday in the Mullingar Park Hotel. Tickets available at the door.

Ministers of Holy Communion, new rota available.

Cathedral Daily readers rota, available in sacristy.

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

Pioneer Magazine, those interested in ordering a copy, please leave your name and address in Cathedral Shop.

Pioneer National Ball, next Saturday, Sheraton, Athlone, Mass at 6.30pm, St Mary's Church.

Archaeological Conference, 8th April, Greville Arms Hotel.

Coffee Morning, in aid of Charlotte Connolly Trust, Thursday, Annebrook Hotel, 10am—12noon.

Cullion Community Text Alert, AGM, Tuesday, 8pm. Guest Speaker.

LifeRing, meetings, every Wednesday, Columb Barracks, 7.30pm.

Mullingar Choral Society, concert Kilmacud Parish Church, next Saturday.

REST IN PEACE

Bill Butler, Lynn Heights & Lough Owel
Chris Lynch, Walshestown South
Sr Colette Ellis, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady, Ballinderry
Sarah Bardon, Collinstown