



# PARISH OF MULLINGAR

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

## Priests of the Parish

Fr Pdraig McMahon, Adm.  
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy  
Fr Robert McGivney  
Fr Paul Crosbie  
Fr Luke Ohiemi

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm  
(Lunch 1-2pm) Tel: 044 9348338  
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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 resumes Sept

## Confessions

Saturday 12noon-1pm  
2.30pm-3.30pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

## Bereavement Support

## Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €4,613

St Paul's: €1,708

Walshestown: €211

Brotenstown: €332

Gainstown: €226

Parish Envelopes €1,305

Thank you for your generous contributions to Peter's Pence collection last weekend.

Thank You!

## Golden Jubilee and Silver Jubilees

Congratulations to **Sr Annette O'Brien** of the Presentation Sisters who celebrates her 50th anniversary this year. Sr Annette, a native of Mullingar, spent many years teaching in Presentation Junior School and is now living in Maynooth. Congratulations also to **Fr Oliver Skelly** (Coole) and **Fr Martin Halpin** (Ballinbrackey) who celebrated their silver jubilees last week.

## Cathedral Railings

A recent inspection of the railings in front of the Cathedral found that they have decayed considerably in places and are in urgent need of repair. In the coming week they will be temporarily removed and necessary repairs carried out.

**Cathedral to Coolnahay - Parish Walk:** A very big thanks to all who took part in this event. It was a most pleasant occasion.

Thanks to all our volunteers for their valuable support. Photos are available on our *FB page* and [www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie).

**Congratulations St Mary's Primary School** During the week Bishop Smith blessed "The Sunflower Room" in the school which serves as the Pre-School Autism Unit.

**Mass of Remembrance** for babies and young children who have died in our parish will take place next Saturday at 10am in the Cathedral. Please leave names for inclusion in this Mass into the Parish Office.



The **9.15am Mass** in St Paul's Church will recommence on Thursday 1st September. Mass in the Cathedral at 7.45am & 10am Monday—Saturday.

**St Paul's Choir**, we thank the members of St Paul's Choir for their contribution to Sunday Mass as they take a break for the summer.

## Novena to St Camillus 14th - 16th July

Prayers for the sick, confessions, Mass and veneration of the relics each evening 6pm-8pm.

**Lough Derg**, three day pilgrimage, 20th—22nd July, contact 9374818. The pilgrimage is a unique place to experience forgiveness and peace.



## Cemetery devotions this month

**Hopetown, Kenny & Kilpatrick** Sunday 24 July  
**Ballyglass, Marlinstown & Kilronan** Sunday 31 July

## Giving witness and respect to life - the following letter was published in the Westmeath Topic this week:

Sir, – We are parents who lost our babies to conditions such as anencephaly and trisomy 13. Those conditions meant that our children's lives were all too short, but we did everything we could to make sure they knew nothing but love in their lives.

These babies were our children. They had a severe disability. They were not a "fatal abnormality", nor were they less than human. Their lives mattered, because every child matters, whether we have two hours or 10 years to cradle and love them, to make memories and find healing.

It is disturbing and distressing to see abortion campaigners repeatedly use our children's conditions to further their own agenda in regard to repealing the Eighth Amendment.

The phrase "fatal, foetal abnormality", as every doctor knows and as many have publicly certified, is not a medical term, since no doctor knows how long a baby will live afterbirth, whatever condition is diagnosed. It is also a fact that many children defy the odds and live far longer than expected. Even when that is not the case, our children were alive and kicking when their condition was diagnosed and that should be respected.

We have asked public representatives and the media, again and again, to bring some honesty to this issue, and to stop misinforming the public. They have ignored that request for honesty and fairness.

Now Mick Wallace TD is proposing a Bill to have sick babies described as "incompatible with life". This ugly phrase, which uses the language of discrimination, is misleading and dishonest, yet it is repeated by the media and abortion campaigners. If Mr Wallace and others believe in legalising abortion as a matter of choice, please be honest about that.

And please stop dehumanising our children and using their disability to justify abortion.

Signed by the parents.

**Lourdes Hospitalite meeting**, Monday 4th July, St Paul's 8pm.  
**Cathedral Ministers of Holy Communion**, new rota now available.  
**Ministers of the Word** - we ask all the ministers to make every effort to fulfil their duties even during the summer months or to find a replacement if you are away.

**Collinstown-Fore 'Year of Mercy' Parish Walk** today (Sunday) at 3.30pm. All are welcome.

**Mullingar Garda Station** will host a multi cultural day on Saturday from 12 noon til 3.00pm. For information, call 9384057.

## Rest in Peace

**John Casey**, Streamstown

**Michael Redmond**, Chestnut Drive & Knockdrin  
**Fr Nicholas (Nik) Houlihan MI**, St Camillus, Killucan  
**Michelle McNiff**, Celbridge

## Mass Intentions next week

**Monday:** 7.45am: O'Connor family  
10am: Joe & Berna Buckley. *Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm.*  
**Tuesday:** 7.45am: Jack & May Keane & deceased members of family. 10am: John, Brigid, Joe & Finian Browne  
**Wednesday:** 7.45am: Maisie, Fred & Kevin Murray.  
10am: Martin Archbold.  
**Thursday:** 7.45am: Laurence & Jane Hanevy & deceased members of family. 10am: Billy & Breda Layde.  
**Friday:** 7.45am: Peter Lennon 10am: Rosie & Matt Charles. *Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm.*  
**Saturday** 7.45am: Eithne & Michael Lenehan.  
10am: Mass of Remembrance for babies and young children who have died. Vigil Mass 6pm: Ita Butler, Millmount (M.M.) *Next Sunday* 8.30am: Mary Kelly, Tudenham (M.M.) 11am: John Tighe, Clonmore Heights (1st Ann) 10.30am: Margaret Farrell, Raithin (M.M.) 12noon: Sheila Keena, Woodlands (1st Ann)  
Walshestown 9am: Thomas & Philomena Sullivan. Brotenstown 10am: Finian (1st Ann), Richard & Kathleen Cavanagh, Ballinea. Gainstown 11am: John Wheeler.

## Caring for our children

The Diocese of Meath observes the following seven standards:

- Creating and maintaining safe environment
- Procedures for responding to child protection allegations,
- suspicious and concerns
- Care and support for the complainant
- Care and management of the respondent
- Training and support
- Communicating the Church's safeguarding message
- Implementing and monitoring these standards

All the relevant policy and procedures material is available on the diocesan website ([www.meathsafeguarding.ie](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie)). David Gavin and Antoinette Shaw, assisted by members of the Diocesan Safeguarding Children Committee, will provide a briefing session on new updates to priests, parish safeguarding representatives and volunteers in each of the eight deaneries in autumn.

The role of Designated Liaison Persons in the Diocese of Meath is carried out by Ms Nuala McLoughlin and Fr Sean Henry. Their task is to hear concerns relating to safeguarding, including any disclosures or allegations of abuse, and take responsibility for managing the response to that concern or disclosure, from start to finish. This includes the preliminary internal inquiry and referral to the Health Services Executive and/or An Garda Siochana. Ms Nuala McLoughlin can be contacted at 086 157 4774 or [info@meathsafeguarding.ie](mailto:info@meathsafeguarding.ie). Fr Henry can be contacted at 046 9431251 or [shenrytrim@gmail.com](mailto:shenrytrim@gmail.com)