



# Mullingar Parish

## Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's, Walshestown, Brotentown & Gainstown

### Priests of the Parish

Fr Padraig McMahon, Adm, VF  
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy  
Fr Paul Crosbie  
Fr Robert McGivney

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm (lunch 1-2pm)  
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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  
Brotentown: 10am  
Gainstown: 11am

### Daily Mass

Cathedral 7.45am & 10am Mon - Sat  
St Paul's 9.15am Mon - Fri

### Confessions in the Cathedral

Saturday 2.30 - 3.30pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

### Bereavement Support

087-6309808

### Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

### Collection last weekend

Cathedral €4,264  
St Paul's €1,110 Thank  
Walshestown €191 You!  
Brotentown €178  
Gainstown €138  
Parish Envelopes: €2,240

### Confirmation

Next Saturday, Bishop Smith will administer the sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral at 11am and 3pm to 280 young parishioners. We ask you to pray for those being confirmed and for their parents and families. We thank the teachers and all who have helped prepare the candidates for this important step on their faith journey. Practices take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday at 11am and 1pm. To help make a good preparation for Confirmation, the sacrament of Penance for those being confirmed and their families will take place on Friday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.



**Cathedral Shop** has a selection of Confirmation gifts in stock.



Today we welcome the children preparing to receive the **Eucharist for the first time** after Easter. We continue to pray for them as they get closer to receiving the Body of Christ.

Congratulations to the children from **Gaelscoil an Choillín** who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time during the week. The children from the Parish Programme will celebrate First Penance next week.



### Prayers for Bishop-elect Dermot Farrell

Ahead of his episcopal ordination next weekend in Kilkenny, our former curate, Mons. Dermot Farrell, has asked for your prayers that he may be a humble and holy, creative and courageous bishop. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

### LENT NEWS

We welcome our Lenten guest preacher **Fr Loman McCoy** from Multyfarnham and we thank him for his homily at the vigil Mass.

A **12 hour Vigil of Prayer for Lent** will take place in the Cathedral on Friday 23rd March from 8am—8pm

**Invitation to Trócaire annual lecture** in Maynooth on 6 March - check out [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org). Please continue to contribute to help those who need our help using the Trócaire box in your home.

### On the death of a baby

Two weeks ago, a young couple from Mullingar experienced a terrible loss – the death of their newborn baby after his birth. Fr Paul performed a prayer service for the parents and baby Leo. During the prayers, a letter from the parents to baby Leo was read. Here is an excerpt from the letter, reproduced with the permission of the parents.

*Dear Leo,*

*Before you Leo, we were wandering through life, stressing over small things, loving but not really knowing what true love is. From the moment we found out you were there, the size of a peanut, you gave us purpose.*

*It's hard to comprehend why things like this happen.*

*We spent so much time thinking why Leo? Why us?*

*The only sense we can make of it is you were chosen for us as none could ever love you more than we do.*

*We wanted to give you the opportunity to fulfill your short but special life.*

*We watched you grow. We always prayed for a miracle, only to find out you are our little miracle.*

*Thank you for being the best things that ever happened to us.*

*Your Mummy & Daddy*

### Mullingar Choral Society Spring Concert

"Jubilate" on Sunday at 8pm. Tickets from the Cathedral shop and from the door on the night.



**Save the 8th Rally**, Saturday 10th March, free bus departing from Mullingar Park Hotel, 12.30pm.

**St Joseph's Young Priest Society**, meeting Monday, 7.30pm, Bethany.

**Flower Volunteers needed.** If you would like to volunteer to arrange flowers in the Cathedral please leave your name and number in the parish office or the Cathedral Shop.

*A word of thanks to Westmeath Co Council for their assistance clearing snow around the Cathedral and St Pauls during the week.*

### Rest in Peace

**Sally Dolan, Cathedral View**  
**Mollie Hunt, Lynn Road**  
**Sheila Egan, Ballinasloe**  
**Caolán Wilson, Kinnegad**

### Devotion to Our Lady of the Snows

Usually, when one talks about devotion to the Mother of Jesus under a particular title, there is a link, either to one of Mary's qualities (Sorrowful Mother, Mother of Mercy) or to one of her apparitions (Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Guadalupe). Devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Snows is one of the oldest devotions to Mary. It has direct ties to the legend about a marvellous snowfall in Rome in 352 A.D. Mary had indicated in a dream to a wealthy, childless Roman couple that she wanted a church built in her honour and the site for this church would be covered with snow. On a hot, sultry morning on August 5, Esquiline Hill was covered with snow. All Rome proclaimed the summer snows a miracle, and a church to honour Mary was built on the hill in 358 A.D. Restored and refurbished many times, this church, now the magnificent Basilica of St. Mary Major, still stands today as the seat of devotion to Our Lady of the Snows in the Catholic Church. However, Our Lady of the Snows is honoured here, not so much because of the legend, but because of her special role in the Church that is by its very nature, missionary.

### Mass intentions next week

**Monday** 7.45am: James Jimmy Farrell

10am: Stephen Comiskey

9.15am: Sean Quinn

**Tuesday** 7.45am Paul Bentick & Joseph Farrell

10am: Tommy Begley

9.15am: Patricia Farrelly

7.30pm: John & Elizabeth Walsh

**Wednesday** 7.45am: Kathleen & Tom Lennon

10am: O'Gorman family

7.30pm: Jack Shanley

**Thursday** 7.45am: James Kelly

10am: Pauline Cassidy

7.30pm: Damien Lynch, Robinstown (1st Ann)

**Friday** 10am: Declan Creevy

9.15am: Kathleen Doherty

**Saturday** 7.45am: Nally-Bannon families.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass

6pm: Gosh (Alo) Tynan, Grand Parade (1st Ann)

### Next Sunday

11am: Patrick Leavy, Clongowney (1st Ann)

12noon: May Lynch, Austin Friars St (1st Ann)

Walshestown 9am: Joseph & Bernadette Burke

Brotentown 10am: Sharon, Johnny & Nicky Smith and deceased family.