



# Parish of Mullingar

Cathedral of Christ the King,  
St Paul's, Walshestown,  
Brotentown & Gainstown  
*mullingarparish.ie*

## Priests of the Parish

Fr. Padraig McMahon, Adm.  
Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy  
Fr. Paul Crosbie  
Fr Luke Ohiemi

## 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  
Brotentown: 10am  
Gainstown: 11am

## Daily Mass Times

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

## Eucharistic Adoration 8am-8pm

## Bereavement Support

087-6309808

## Confessions

Saturday 2.30pm—3.30pm

## Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €3,739

St Paul's: €1,252

Walshestown: €215

Brotentown: €226

Gainstown: €217

Parish Envelopes €1,367

**The Collection today is for  
the Retired Clergy Fund.**

Thank  
You!

## A Message from Bishops on Day for Life 2015

“How great a lie ...to make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!” *Pope Francis*

Kathleen, a much-loved grandmother, collapsed at home one Saturday morning and was rushed to hospital. Early signs pointed towards a stroke. The doctors talked about the next twenty-four hours being critical; it seemed like Kathleen might not even survive. The priest was called and Kathleen received the anointing of the sick. Doctors were talking about brain damage and whether interventions might be possible. Suddenly the family was faced with big questions. What would Kathleen want and how could the Church help guide any decisions? How do we accept death when it comes and cherish life while we can?

There have been remarkable medical and technological advances so that the chronically ill can receive life-saving treatments. We can be truly thankful for such advances. And yet at some time or other we will all die. These same advances have led to more complex decision-making about appropriate treatment.

At the end of life, there are **two thoughts** which can help guide us all:

**The first is that we love life.** Every person is loved by God and every life is a precious gift never to be destroyed or neglected. It is wrong to hasten or bring about death. God will call us in his good time.

**The second is that we accept death.** This means there is no obligation to pursue medical treatment when it no longer has any effect or, indeed, harms the patient, or where the risks or burdens of the treatment outweigh the likely benefits.

We need to prepare to face life-threatening crises. Ideally these difficult and important decisions need to be faced with others – our spouse, our siblings, our extended family members. The family, after all, should be the privileged place where mutual support and understanding occurs.

Some times difficult decisions need to be made and the views of family and experts are needed. But in such situations these two questions can guide us: “is this decision loving life?” and “is this decision accepting the inevitability of death?”

Depending on the situation we should seek ways to answer yes to both, as life itself is a gift from God, and death but the gateway to new life with Him.

## First Communion Enrolment next Sunday



Next Sunday we welcome all the children from our parish schools to Masses as they enrol for First Holy Communion in 2016.

There will be meetings for parents only during the week in the following schools:

St Colmcille's School: Tuesday, 7.30pm

St Kenny's School: Thursday, 7.30pm

St Colman's School: Tuesday, 7pm

## St Finian's College Gala Fundraising Concert

Next Saturday at 7.30pm in the School Hall. The concert will mark the 45th anniversary of the Schola Cantorum together with the official opening of the new Music Centre in St Finian's, featuring school choirs, soloists, traditional and classical music ensembles together with some distinguished past pupils; Sarah Brady, Emmet Cahill, Gavin Ring and Hudson-Taylor. Tickets available from the school office 9348672 or Fagan Office Supplies.

## Cathedral Folk Group

Would you like to become a member of the Cathedral Folk Group? We are looking for singers and musicians. If interested contact Danny on 087-2399538.



**Rugby World Cup** It will be great if Westmeath's **Robbie Henshaw** makes his World Cup debut in the Number 12 jersey this weekend. Let's send him all our very best wishes and prayers from Mullingar parish.



We say goodbye to Fr Ionut today and we thank him for his help in our parish during the month of September.

## Collection for Retired Clergy of the Diocese

This weekend's collection goes towards the diocesan Retired Clergy Fund. The fund cares for priests from across the diocese who are retired or in nursing homes. We appreciate your support.



## Tidy Towns — Cathedral Grounds

The Cathedral Grounds and our Camino Garden were mentioned as one of the highlights of the visit of the Tidy Towns adjudicators. We are delighted to play our part.

## Hymn for October....

*Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below;  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim they care;  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,  
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.*

## THIS WEEKS MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** 7.45am: Waters family. 10am: Kevin & Mary Herity. 9.15am: Thomas & Ellen Gilligan. **Tuesday:** 10am: Edward, Catherine & Peggy McCormack. 9.15am: Frank, Winifred & Martin Murphy.

**Wednesday:** 10am: Ann Sleator. 9.15am: Martin & Mary Tormey & family.

**Thursday:** 10am: Mary & William Glynn. 9.15am: John & Mary Conlon. **Friday:** 7.45am: Deceased members of Reynolds family. 10am: Denis Ryan. 9.15am: Mick Mulligan.

**Saturday:** 10am: Anniversaries Occurring. **Vigil 6pm:** Kit O'Reilly, London & Pearse Street (M.M.) **Sunday** 11am: John Tighe, Clonmore Heights (M.M.) St Paul's 10.30am: PJ Montgomery, Plodstown (M.M.) 12 noon: Owen Ryan, Richdale Court (1st Ann) Walshestown 9am: Thomas & Mary McCormack & Andy & Maisie Moran. Brotentown: 10am: Sean Lynn. Gainstown 11am: Joe, Nellie & Aoife Marie McNicholas.

## SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER IS MISSION SUNDAY

**A series of talks** on Christian moral life and the emotions will be held in the Friary in Multyfarnham, Fridays in October, 7.30pm.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**, Guest Speaker, Mon, 8pm, Bethany.

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

**Card Game** (25s) every Monday night, Community Games Hall, 9pm.

**Pink Coffee Morning**, Thursday, from 10am, Greville Arms Hotel, in aid of Breast Cancer Research.

## Rest in Peace

**Raymond McIntyre** (Snr) Dublin Road  
**Olive McCormack** nee Kirby, Cathedral View  
& Castletown Geoghegan

**Margaret (Peggy) Mitchell**, nee O'Riordan,  
late of Clara

**Alva Saunders**, Chestnut Drive & Coventry