



PARISH OF MULLINGAR

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

Fr Padraig McMahon, Adm, VF
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy
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Parish Office Hours

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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

Collections last weekend:

Cathedral: €3,776
St Paul's: €1,374 Thank You!
Walshestown: €140
Brotenstown: €169
Gainstown: €151
Parish Envelopes: €1,365

Our Lady of Lourdes



Next Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and Day of Prayer for the Sick.

To mark the occasion, **we will bless the hands of nurses and doctors and all who are involved with caring for the sick** in hospitals, nursing homes and in homes after the Vigil Mass in the Cathedral.

On 11th February 1858, a 14 year old girl, Bernadette Soubirous, received the first of 18 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in the small town of Lourdes in southern France. Soon people flocked to the site of the apparitions and Lourdes became a place of prayer and pilgrimage. Every year almost 6 million people visit the shrine of Lourdes where Our Lady revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception. From its earliest days, Lourdes attracted the sick and many miracles have taken place there.

Fr Padraig will lead a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from Mullingar for 5 nights 22nd—27th May. Information and booking forms are available from the parish Office.

How to have your say on the Government's school admissions policy:

Parents, teachers and members of the public are invited to submit their views on "the role of denominational religion on the school admissions process". The consultation runs until 20 February. The survey is available at www.education.ie.

The Catholic Primary School Management Association said that this issue is being misleadingly referred to as the 'baptism barrier'. The real problem for many schools and parents is the shortage of school places. Reforms to admissions policies will do nothing to alleviate the shortage of school places: only extra school places can achieve that. It is generally accepted that our parish Catholic schools are very welcoming and inclusive to children. Being "Catholic" means being welcoming, inclusive and giving good witness.



19 February - Mullingar launch of "World Meeting of Families 2018"

This month we are launching our parish preparations for the "World Meeting of Families" which will take place in Dublin in 2018. It is hoped that Pope Francis will come to Ireland for the celebrations.

A family Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday 19 February at 11am. The Mass will include a **blessing for couples celebrating wedding anniversaries** this year – 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th anniversaries. If you are celebrating an anniversary this year, we would be delighted if you can join us for the blessing.

We are hoping to have a **family with four generations** – parent, child, grandparent and greatgrandparent – to take part in the offertory procession of the Mass. If you know a family who might do this, please let us know.



Please spread the news about this Mass. We hope it will be a beautiful celebration of marriage and family life in the parish.

Dates for your Diary....

Croagh Patrick - 20th May
Coolnahay Walk - 24th June



St Joseph's Young Priest Society, Monday, 7.30pm,
Divine Mercy Conference, RDS, Saturday 25th February, to book bus contact Bridie 9344926.

Retirement Mass for Dr Kyran Bulger, Consultant Medical Oncologist, 15th February, 6pm, in Church of the Assumption, Tullamore.

Westmeath Arthritis, AGM, Tuesday, 11.30am, Bloomfield Hotel, new members welcome.

St. Colman's National School Parents Association, Table Quiz, Friday 10th February, in Annebrook Hotel.

Envelope boxes are now available for distribution. We need volunteers to help deliver the boxes and we would appreciate the help of those who have previously assisted us with this work. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office.

Hymn for 11am Mass in Cathedral

*Let us give thanks to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord
With jubilant voice and joyful noise
Let us give thanks to the Lord*

*For gifts, small and great,
we offer our praise,
For life and for love,
Our wisdom we raise.*



Mass Intentions next week

Monday: 7.45am: Sarah & Michael Daly & son Michael. 10am: Paddy Rattigan. 9.15am: Jane Brennan.
Tuesday: 7.45am: Winnie Bardon. 10am: May & Jimmy McLoughlin & Tom & Veronica McDonnell. 9.15am: Kit Devlin.
Wednesday: 7.45am: Francesco & Maria Polizzi & souls in purgatory. 10am: Elizabeth & John Joe Walsh. 9.15am: Mark Mears.
Thursday: 7.45am: Michael & Ned Lynch & family 10am: Kiernan family. 9.15am: Gerard, Jonathan & Marcella Kelly.
Friday: 7.45am: Maisie Heffernan. 10am: Pat & Elizabeth McLoughlin & Patrick Jnr. 9.15am: Joseph Gahan.
Saturday 10am: Anniversaries Occurring. *Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm.* 6pm Vigil: Annie Kenny, Belmont (M.M.)
Next Sunday 8.30am: Tom Kelly, Catherinstown (M.M.) 11am: Kitty Murrin, Newtown (M.M.) 12.30pm: Henry Bolger, Newbrook Grove (M.M.) St Paul's 10.30am: Breda Condon, Dalton Park (1st Ann) 12noon: Margaret Lambden, Assumption Villas (1st Ann) Walshestown 9am: Annie Woods. Brotenstown: Mattie & Lil Keenan.

REST IN PEACE

Edward Fagan, Rathcolman
Bernie Kennedy, Tailtean Court
Billy McDonnell, Grand Parade
Angela O'Reilly, late of Cathedral View
Marion Flannery, late of Springfield

*Day of Prayer during Lent
Friday 10 March, 8am—11pm.*