



PARISH OF MULLINGAR

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

Walshestown

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Advent:
Awaiting
The Coming
of Jesus

Young parishioners and Catholic Schools

We welcome these children who were recently baptised: Cara Maleady, Rathconnell; Niall Leavy, The Downs; Michael Jaskiewicz, Market Point; Noah Dalton, Newtown Lawns.



Confirmation Class for children and parents taking part in the Parish Programme in St Paul's Church continue today during and after 10.30am Mass.

St. Colman's NS Christmas Fare takes place in St. Colman's School today after 10.30am Mass. On sale will be lots of home baking, Christmas presents, crafts made in the school along with a visit from Santa.

Don't forget **St Colmcille's School** Gainstown, Christmas Fare next Sunday from 12pm until 4pm. All welcome.

Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning on 8 December 2015

Pope Francis announced this Holy Year in order to focus our attention on the mercy of God. The Pope describes mercy as the 'compassion of God', reminding us that no one is excluded from the loving embrace of God the Father, as described so beautifully in the parable of the prodigal son.



Each diocese throughout the world is requested to designate a 'holy door' to be opened during the jubilee year. The opening of a holy door has long been part of the holy year tradition, symbolising 'invitation', 'welcome' and 'entering into presence of God'.

Bishop Smith has designated two holy doors in the Diocese of Meath, each one with a particular reflection on the invitation to mercy. In **Mullingar**, the designated holy door is located at the newly renovated confessional on the left hand side of the Cathedral. This reminds us that the confessional opens the door to God's mercy. In the sacrament of forgiveness, God never turns us away. The Franciscan Fathers from Multyfarnham have generously agreed to provide an additional hour of confessions each week at the holy door. We will have further details later about this new arrangement and other plans to emphasise the theme of forgiveness during the jubilee year.

In **Navan**, the holy door is the entrance to the Blessed Sacrament chapel. When God is compassionate towards us, we can express our thanks through prayer before the Lord. Those who take part in Eucharistic Adoration are encouraged to pray that they and others may be given the grace to make a good confession.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: 7.45am: Anne Kelly.
10am: Milo Cox 9.15am: Ita White.
Tuesday: 10am: Tony Charles.
Wednesday: 7.45am: Tom, May, Kathleen & Martin Cahill. 10am: Brendan Griffin.
Thursday: 7.45am: Fintan Brennan.
10am: Sandra Price.
9.15am: Michael, Anne & Rose Donohoe.
Friday: 7.45am: Tommy & Eileen McCormack & John Glackin. 10am: Teresa Tuohy. 9.15am: Deceased members of Doolin family.
Saturday: 7.45am: Michael MacCaughy
10am: Anniversaries Occurring.
Vigil 6pm: Shauna Hogg-Bennett, Ardilaun Green (1st Ann)
Sunday 11am: Paddy Cleary, Grange South (1st Ann)
12.30pm: Martin Dixon, Ballyoate (M.M.)
10.30am: Mary Murtagh, Baltrasna (1st Ann)
12noon: Josie Norris, Dalton Park (1st Ann)
Walshestown 9am: Frank, Peter & Seanie McCormack. Brotenstown 10am: Ruairi Kenny.
Gainstown: Michael Murphy.

Cathedral Shop, selection of advent wreaths, calendars, cards and cribs in stock.

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

Youth 2000 invites all young adults 16-35yrs to a Catholic weekend retreat 18-20 December, Newbridge College, for details www.youth2000.ie

North Westmeath Hospice, Remembrance Tree, starting next Friday.

Cullion Area Residents, presentation of home security by Sgt John Connolly, Monday, Cullion Hall at 8pm.

Pilgrimages for the Year of Mercy

Pilgrimage to **Lourdes** on 24 - 29 April 2016 with Fr Pdraig McMahon.

Pilgrimage to the **Holy Land** on 9 - 16 August 2016 with Fr Pdraig McMahon

Jubilee Pilgrimage to **Rome** on 19 - 27 August 2016 with Bishop Michael Smith

Pilgrimage to **Lourdes** on 12 - 17 September 2016 with Bishop Michael Smith

RIP

Eamonn Drew, Shandonagh
Seamus Sullivan, Walshestown
Josie McDonnell, Cathedral View
Fionnuala McDonnell, Collinstown
Patrick Lynch, Delvin

Priests of the Parish
Fr. Pdraig McMahon, Adm.
Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy
Fr. Paul Crosbie
Fr Luke Ohiemi

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9am-5pm
(Lunch 1-2pm) Tel: 044 9348338
Email: cathedral@dioceseofmeath.ie

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 Times

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

Eucharistic Adoration 8am-8pm

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Confessions

Collection last weekend

Cathedral: €3,841
St Paul's: €1,152
Walshestown: €205
Brotenstown: €140
Gainstown: €227
Parish Envelopes €1,667

Thank
You!



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday Holyday of Obligation

Cathedral Masses

Vigil (Monday) 6pm

7.45am, 10am, 12noon & 7.30pm

Mass in St Paul's Church 12noon

Knock Vigil to Our Lady
Night of Monday 7 December
to book contact 9372157 or 9372777.

I was hungry and you gave me food'

St Vincent de Paul is a parish-based voluntary organisation working for the poor and disadvantaged. They are involved in a diverse range of activities in our parish, including visiting the poor, the sick and those in material need. This weekend the Society of St Vincent de Paul will make their annual appeal in our churches and next weekend they will hold their annual church door and house to house collection.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Ordination to the priesthood today in Tullamore

Bishop Michael Smith will ordain Rev. Noel Weir a priest of the Diocese of Meath this afternoon in Noel's home parish of Tullamore. The 38 year old deacon worked abroad after college; he returned to Ireland and worked for a number of years in Intel before joining the seminary seven years ago. The new priest will celebrate his First Mass on Monday at 6.30pm.

Fr Robert McGivney will arrive in Mullingar next weekend. We wish him every blessing as he begins his priestly ministry here.

Preparing for Christmas - one prayer in many languages

We are conscious that many parishioners, whose first language is not English, attend Masses at Christmas in our parish. If you or someone in your family would read a short Prayer of the Faithful in your own language, we would be delighted to hear from you. You can call us at 9348338. We are very eager that people of different nationalities feel part of our parish and we wish to have them together with us for our parish celebrations at Christmas.

Looking ahead

Cathedral Carol Service, Sunday 20th December, 5.30pm
Penitential Service, Wednesday 23rd, December, 7.30pm