



Mullingar Parish

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Priests of the Parish

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Fr Joe Deegan

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 Church: 9.15am

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 €3,382

St Paul's €1,204

Walshestown €248

Brotentown €168

Gainstown €168

Parish Envelopes: €2,351

Thank
You

Confirmation Day

Congratulations to the 309 children who received the sacrament of Confirmation yesterday. Thanks to Bishop Deenihan for confirming the children for the first time assisted by Bishop Smith and Mons. Heaney. Thanks to the parents, teachers, musicians, choirs, servers and sacristans.



Children and Holy Week

We are encouraging the parents of children for Confirmation and First Holy Communion, in particular, to attend ceremonies during Holy Week.

Why not bring the First Communion children to Mass on Holy Thursday at 7.30pm?

This Mass re-enacts the Last Supper, when Jesus sat at table with his friends and invited them to "do this in memory of me". The Last Supper became the First Mass. It seems appropriate that children would join us for this Mass in the year of their First Holy Communion and because they are learning all about the Mass at school.



Why not bring the Confirmation children to the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 9pm?

During the Easter Vigil, all members of the congregation renew their Baptismal promises. This renewal of promises is similar to the commitment given by the Confirmation children in yesterday's ceremony. It would be great to have the newly confirmed children in our parish with us when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Holy Saturday night.

When you bring children to Mass, we invite you to sit as near to the front of the Church as you can. This helps children to see what takes place during the Mass and gives them a better sense of being part of the liturgy.

12 Mass Challenge - are we there yet?!

As soon as you complete the 12 Mass challenge card, let us know so that we can prepare the certificates to be presented to all the children at Mass on Easter Sunday at 11am in the Cathedral.

Looking ahead to the ceremonies

Confessions for Holy Week: Please note the penitential ceremony will take place with Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week at 7.30pm.



Holy Thursday 7.30pm: All Ministers of Holy Communion (in each of our churches) are asked to join the Eucharistic procession at the end of the Mass. We are also looking for young people to take part in the washing of feet.

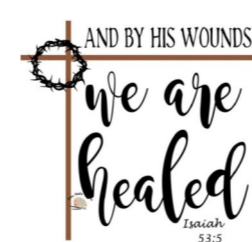
Easter Vigil 9.00pm: The new holy water, blessed by the Bishop in this liturgy, will be used for house blessings during the Easter season. Priests will be available to bless your home with the new water. Please let us know if you want this blessing.



Spiritual reading

Looking for God in Holy Week

The kind of person Jesus was, the kind of life he lived, and the way he embraced death, shows us, in human terms, what God is like. Jesus tells us that the whole purpose of his coming among us was that we too might share his way of being human, share that richness of life that he lived. "I have come", he says and "that you might have life, life in all its fullness". In essence, Jesus is our window into God.



Jesus did more than just show us what God is like. St Paul tells us: "To those who believe, to us who are being saved, the word of the cross (the death of Jesus), is the power of God." In the death of Jesus, we see God at work. We must see the cross as the focal point of salvation history, because the life of Jesus is the working out of the purpose of God.

Holy Week - Finding the God of unexpected ways

Jesus shows us that the ways of God are not what we expect. Through our human senses, we assume that God would achieve his purposes by dramatic displays of superior strength and power, as he is so often portrayed in the Old Testament. Jesus himself had been tempted by such expectations during his time in the wilderness. However, he was to learn that the will and purposes of God are fulfilled in being conformed to the Father's will, in drinking the cup of self-giving love.



Trocaire: Please support the appeal for Lent.

Please join in the congregational singing

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who am I his praise to sing?
Praise him! praise him! x 2
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! x2
Glorious in his faithfulness.



Mass intentions next week

Monday: 9.15am: Una Hennessy.

Tuesday: 7.45am: James & Margaret Harte.

10am: Margaret & Michael Devine.

7.30pm: Sean Dempsey. 9.15am: Joseph Garry and deceased members of family.

Wednesday: 10am: Ellen Cullen.

7.30pm: Christopher Russell.

Thursday: 10am: Denis & Bridie Hughes.

Friday: 10am: Bridget & James Burke & Ina & Pat Brennan.

Saturday: 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass

Vigil 6pm: Denis Ryan, Newlands (1st Ann)

Next Sunday 8.30am: Angela Swords, Sixmilebridge (MM) 11am: James (1st Ann) & Miriam (M.M.) O'Donnell, Prospect.

10.30am: Mary Reilly, Auburn Village (1st Ann) Walshestown 9am James, Rose, Val & Delma Connell & deceased members of family.

Brotentown 10am: James & Bridget Gunning & son James. Gainstown 11am: James Geraghty.

Pilgrimage to Krakaw & Czestochowa 16-21

June Join with Fr. Mark English PP Killucan on pilgrimage to the City of Divine Mercy & Pope St. John Paul II. Cost €930 per person sharing (single supplement €200) For further information and booking contact Marian Pilgrimages tel: 01-8788159; email: info@marian.ie

RIP

Martin Hynes, Lynnderry Court

James Fagan, Lakepoint

Paddy Wilton, Ennell Court

Peter Masterson, Leixlip

Frank Carley, Milltownpass

Sr Assumpta Power, Convent of Mercy,

Rathangan & Ballinagall