



Parish of Mullingar

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

Priests of the Parish:

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Mass Intentions next week

Monday: (Gn 1:1-19. Ps 103. Mk 6:53-56.)

7.45am: Maisie Heffernan.

10am: Thady Gallagher.

9.15am: Joseph Gahan.

Tuesday: (Gn 1:20-2:4. Ps 8. Mk 7:1-13.)

7.45am: Frank & Brigid McKeown.

10am: John & Mary Ann Smith.

9.15am: Gerard, John & Marcella Kelly.

Ash Wednesday: (Jl 2:12-18. Ps 50. Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.) 7.30am: Watt & Mary McNamee.

10am: Peg & John McCormack.

7.30pm: John & Brigid Neary & daughters Patricia & Dolores.

Thursday: (Acts 13:46-49. Ps 116. Lk 10:1-9.) 7.30am: William Curtin.

10am: Water & Callaghan families.

9.15am: Peter Scally.

Friday: (Is 58:1-9. Ps 50. Mt 9:14-15.)

7.30am: James & Lena Savage.

10am: Paddy, James & Luke McWalter.

9.15am: Tony Kelly.

Saturday: (Is 58:9-14. Ps 85. Lk 5:27-32.)

10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass

6pm Vigil: Phyl Connell, Ballinderry (M.M.)

Next Sunday (Deut 26:4-1. Ps 90. Rm 10:8-13. Lk 4:1-13.) Cathedral 11am: Richard Deering, O'Growney Drive (M.M.)

St Paul's 10.30am: Fr Patrick Tyrrell.

Walshestown 9am: Ann O'Donnell.

Brotenstown: 10am: James Carey.

Gainstown 11am: Jimmy Miller & Marie & Dessie Crowley

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday is the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, it is kept every year as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

On Monday after the 10am Mass, there will be a film 'The Song of Bernadette' shown in Bethany. All are welcome.



A parish pilgrimage to Lourdes is being led by Fr. Pdraig on May 7th. Information available in the Parish Office. Recordings of some of last year's Meath diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine led by Bishop Michael have been uploaded to iCatholic.ie/dioceseofmeath. Do have a look.

Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for Us.

Walk the Portugese Camino de Santiago 10th - 17th September



Last year 27 of our parishioners walked the Caminio. Many people have asked that a group go again this year. If you are interested in the walk please contact Mary Wynne at 086-3761500 as soon as possible as due to high demand flights can only be held for a short period. Spiritual Director

Fr. Michael. See Posters in parish churches. Itinerary also available from the Cathedral Shop and Parish Office.

Collection last weekend

Cathedral €3,913

St Paul's €1,271

Walshestown €120

Brotenstown €196

Gainstown €214

Sacred Heart €146

Parish Envelopes: €2,521

Thank
You!

Envelope Boxes

If you have not received your box of envelopes, please contact the parish office and we will organise one for you.

LENT

Lent is the season for spring cleaning of soul and body and an opportunity to walk again the road of reconciliation. The Lenten season begins this Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday

Mass Times

Cathedral: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

St Paul's: 9.15am

Gainstown: 7.30pm

Why do we get ashes at the start of Lent?

Ashes are a reminder that our bodies and all material things will return to dust. 'Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return.' In other words, take an honest look at where your life is heading. The ashes are put on the forehead in the shape of a cross to indicate that we are taking on the cross of penance through acts of self-denial, or works of charity, or a resolution to be more prayerful in the time of preparation for Easter. *(Fr Sylvester O'Flynn OFM)*

Stations of the Cross

For the year of faith the parish is encouraging people to pray the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the cross is a popular devotion dating back many centuries, which finds a special place during Lent as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection. It invites us to follow Jesus along his *via crucis*—his last journey through Jerusalem. At fourteen stations or stops along the way we pause and reflect on a detail of the passion.

Each of our parish schools is being presented with 14 posters of the stations which can be used for prayer and reflection in the school. A Booklet called 'Praying the Stations with Faith & Courage' will be on sale after Masses on Ash Wednesday for €1. You can use this at home or when doing the stations in the Cathedral or your local church.

Trócaire Boxes are being distributed at all Masses today. Please take home a box with you. They are available from the back of all the churches or through the Cathedral Shop.

Lent 2013?
What Should I do?

Early morning or evening Mass?

The First Mass in the Cathedral is at **7.30am** to facilitate those going to work and school. An extra Mass in the Cathedral will take place at **7.30pm** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.



Fast for the Fridays of Lent

Muslims fast, Hindus fast, have Christians become a little too complacent?



Find out more about your faith



New Books for Lent are available from the Cathedral Shop. A Book of particular note is Timothy Rathcliffe's 'Take the Plunge' €13.75. Timothy was one the most popular speakers at the Eucharistic Congress.

Young People

Why not do the dishes on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday? Or make a special effort to keep your bedroom tidy! Is it time to try to give up sweets??



**Cheer up!
Only 39
days to go**

Take a Temporary Pledge?

This Lent might be a good time to give up smoking? or abstain from alcohol! Fill your Trócaire box?

Fund Raising Concerts

The Cathedral Choristers, Presentation Senior School choir, St Colman's School choir will sing with the Three Tenors on Friday night in the Park Hotel in aid of local charities. Tickets available at the door. All are welcome.



St Patrick's Day Parade, Fund Raising Concert, Tuesday, Arts Centre, 8pm.