



PARISH OF MULLINGAR

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Priests of the Parish

Fr. Padraig McMahon, Adm.

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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 this week

7.45 & 10am Cathedral

9.15am St Paul's

Confessions

Saturday 12noon-1pm

2.30pm-3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €3,516

St Paul's: €1,223

Walshestown: €142

Brotentown: €176

Gainstown: €176

Parish Envelopes €1,898

Vocations Sunday collection next weekend.

Thank
You

“No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed”

Pope writes letter on marriage and family

Pope Francis published his much anticipated letter “The Joy of Love” this weekend. This document is the Holy Father’s response to the recent Synods in Rome on marriage and family life. You may recall that we held a parish consultation in February 2015 ahead of the Synod last October. The text of the Pope’s letter is available at www.mullingarparish.ie.



Here are some quotations from the Pope’s letter:

“No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need to grow and mature in the ability to love. All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant desire. Let us make this journey as families. May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us.”

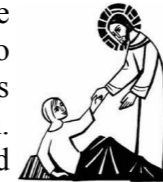
“Parishes can help in a variety of ways to support families and help them grow. These include meetings of couples living in the same neighbourhood, brief retreats for couples; talks by experts on concrete issues facing families, marriage counselling, social services dealing with financial supports to families in times of crisis. The parish should deal helpfully and sensitively with family needs and be able to make referrals to those who can help. There is also the contribution made by groups of married couples that provide assistance as part of their commitment to faith. Such groups enable couples to be generous, to assist other families and to share the faith; at the same time they strengthen marriages and help them to grow.”

Meanwhile, **Pope Francis will visit the Greek island of Lesbos** next Saturday and he will meet with the refugees accommodated there. The small island has been at the centre of the refugee crisis for over 12 months.

Please join in this Easter hymn
*Rejoice Queen of Heaven.
 Rejoice, may joy fill your heart,
 For he whom you were worthy
 to bear has risen as he said. Alleluia*

*Rejoice Queen of Heaven
 Rejoice, for us pray to God,
 for he whom you were worthy
 to bear has risen as he said. Alleluia*


Mass for the Sick on Tuesday 19 April at 3pm in the Cathedral. This Mass welcomes everyone who is sick in mind or body. We also welcome their family members as well as people who work in the caring profession. If you or a loved one is ill at this time and may not have come to this Mass for the Sick before, you are most welcome.



1916 The 1916 Commemoration Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 24 April. Anyone who has ideas or suggestions for the celebration (entrance procession with flags, local scouts etc), please let us know. We would also like to involve family members of 1916 participants. Anyone with information please call us at 9348338.

Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday 24 April, contact Bridie 044 9344926.

Trócaire boxes can be returned now. They are more useful when we get them back to Trócaire than just sitting on our window sills! €5 in the box helps to feed 50 children for 1 day in Malawi. €15 provides tools and seeds for a family in Sierra Leone. €100 in the Trócaire means that a young mother can deliver her baby safely with a midwife in Somalia. These are real ways of putting the Year of Mercy into practice and also responding to the Pope’s request to support couples and families who are more in need than we are. Thanks to all who have sent us their donations already.

 **‘Mother of Perpetual Help Pilgrimage’**
Icon in the Cathedral on 26th – 27th April
 Details to follow next week

Mass intentions this week

Monday: 7.45am: O’Donnell, Murray & Higgins family. 10am: Deceased members of Reynolds family. 9.15am: Ena O’Grady.

Tuesday: 7.45am: William & Mary Hackett. 10am: James, Helen, Paddy, Joe & Bridie Mullen.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Elizabeth O’Mahony. 10am: Brigid & Jim Burke & Ina & Pat Brennan. 9.15am: Josephine Keegan.

Thursday: 10am: John, Brigid, Jimmy & John Joe Walsh. *Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm*

Friday: 7.45am: Marie McWalter. 10am: Denise Nolan 9.15am: Peter, Martha & Kitty McEnroe.

Saturday 7.45am: Katie, Jim & Seamus Donoghue. 10am Anniversaries Occurring. *Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm*

Vigil 6pm: Mark Clooney, Meadow Court (1st Ann) **Next Sunday** Cathedral 8.30am: Jonathan O’Donnell, Clonmore Heights (M.M.) 11am: James McCormick, Mount Street (1st Ann) St Paul’s 12noon: Christine Archbold, The Moorings & Ginnell Tce (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Nancy Carolan, Walshestown (1st Ann) Brotentown 10am: James & Bridget Gunning.

Gainstown 11am: Jimmy Geraghty.

April Talks in Multyfarnham Friary, Fridays in April, at 7.30pm.

Apostolic Works Society, Tues, 8pm, Parish Community Centre.

Eucharistic Adoration Committee, AGM, Tuesday, 7.30pm, Bethany.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr Padraig on 9 – 17 August. Phone 9348338.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes on 12 - 17 September.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome, 19th—27th August, to book contact Mullingar Travel, 9340587.

Anam Cara, bereavement information evening, Wednesday 13th April 7.30pm, Mullingar Park Hotel.

Retired Nurses Association, meeting, Monday, 8.30pm, Greville Arms.

A free resource guide for seniors in the community will be distributed in The Greville Arms next Friday (10am-2pm). The book covers everything from tips on healthy living to tax entitlements for seniors. All are welcome.

We pray for our dead
Robert Bardon, Dalton Park
Philomena Fitzsimons, Tullaniskey
Eamonn Murray, Edgeworthstown
Sheila Fallon, Milltown
Pat Coyle, Athlone