



Parish of Mullingar

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's Church
Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown
www.mullingarparish.ie

Priests of the Parish:

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Parish Office Hours:

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Vigil Mass (Saturday)

Cathedral: 6pm

Sunday Masses:

Cathedral: 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm
St. Paul's: 10.30am, 12noon
Walshestown: 9am
Brotenstown: 10am
Gainstown: 11am

Daily Masses

7.45am & 10 am in the Cathedral
9.15am Mass resumes in September

Confessions Saturdays

2.30pm-3.30pm & after Vigil Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: 8am — 8pm

Baptisms Sundays: 3pm

Bereavement Support 087 6309808

Collections

Cathedral €3,526
St Paul's €1,252
Walshestown €180
Brotenstown €175
Gainstown €315
Parish Envelopes €1,385

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Hail Mary, Full of Grace Feast of the Assumption 15 August 2013

The doctrine of the Assumption says that, at the end of her life on earth, Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. Some people think Catholics believe Mary "ascended" into heaven. That's not correct. Christ, by his own power, ascended into heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God. She did not do it under her own power. Pope Pius XII, in *Munificentissimus Deus* (1950), defined that Mary, "after the completion of her earthly life" (note the silence regarding her death), "was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven".



Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation:

Cathedral: Vigil 6pm (Wednesday)
7.45am, 10am and 7.30pm
St Paul's Church: 12.00 noon

A message relating to Cemetery Sunday

The Bishop and priests regret the disruption experienced at the cemetery devotions in Ballyglass last Sunday. This annual gathering evokes very personal and emotional memories for all present at the graves of their loved ones. Many travelled long distances to pay respect to their departed family members. That such sacred and personal moments were disrupted by violence was deeply shocking, upsetting and cannot be condoned.

We take this opportunity to all who assisted with the devotions in each of the three cemeteries, as well as the Cathedral Stewards, the Choir and St Finian's College for parking facilities. Thanks also to all who contributed to the collection at the gate, which raised €1,787 towards the costs of the day.

The Funeral Mass Guidance from Bishop Smith

In a book entitled '*Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life*' by the then Cardinal Ratzinger, he sums up the modern approach to death as 'the materialistic trivialization of death'. He writes: 'Death is deprived of its character as a place where the metaphysical breaks through. Death is rendered banal so as to quell the unsettling questions that arise from it'.

The funeral Mass has a very clear and intended focus. It is a prayer of petition for the deceased, a prayer commending the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, a prayer rooted in the hope engendered by the Death and Resurrection of Christ. In the directives for the funeral Mass it is stated 'A brief homily, based on the readings, should always be given at the funeral liturgy, but never any kind of eulogy. The homilist should dwell on God's compassionate love and on the paschal mystery of the Lord proclaimed in the Scripture readings'.

All priests are asked to uphold the integrity of the Funeral Mass. A 'dumbing down' of its integrity does no service to the faith. If family members wish to speak about the deceased, this can be done at the graveside or when the family and friends gather after the burial.

The following regulations are to be followed at all funerals:

1. Appreciations or eulogies by family members or friends of the deceased should not take place in the Church but may take place in the cemetery or when the family and friends gather.
2. Readings at the Funeral Mass should be taken from the Scriptures.
3. Secular songs, poems and texts devoid of a Christian content are out of place in the Funeral Mass.
4. A post-Communion reflection of a prayerful nature can be given after Communion but this should be agreed beforehand with the Celebrant and should not be used as a cloak for a eulogy.
5. If a visiting priest is officiating at the Funeral Mass he should be informed of these regulations and asked to abide by them.
6. It is important that clear arrangements are in place on the signing of books of condolence. Some priests expressed the view that they should not be allowed in the Church as they can delay or continue to be available during the Funeral Mass.
7. Clear arrangements, allowing people the opportunity to offer sympathy to the family of the deceased, should be put in place in each parish.
8. In some places it seems that the 'funeral planner' has made an appearance. Priests should only engage with the family in relation to the Funeral Rite.

Mass Intentions next week

Monday: (Deut 10:12-22. Ps 147. Mt 17:22-27.)
10am: Matthew Archibald.
Tuesday: (Duet 31:1-8. Ps 32. Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14.)
10am: George & Kate O'Connor & Eoin & Mary Carroll.
Wednesday: (Duet 34:1-12. Ps 65. Mt 18:15-20.)
7.45am: Rose McNally. 10am: The O'Gorman family.
6pm: George & Ann Savage & grandson Christopher.
Thursday: Assumption of Mary (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10. Ps 44. 1 Cor 15:20-26. Lk 1:39-56.)
10am: James & Una Lee & deceased members of family.
St Paul's 12 noon: Paddy Kelly.
Wedding Mass Brotenstown 2pm & Cathedral 2pm
Friday: (Jos 24:1-13. Ps 135. Mt 19:3-12.)
7.45am: Frank, Ernie & Brendan Oakes.
10am: Martin & Mary Doyle.
Saturday - Our Lady of Knock
7.45am: Sheila & Christy Kenny.
10am Anniversaries Occurring Mass.
Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm.
Vigil 6pm: Eileen (1st Ann) & James Moody, Green Rd.
Next Sunday (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10. Ps 39. Heb 12:1-4. Lk 12:49-53.)Cathedral 8.30am: John Wheeler, Green Rd (M.M.)
11am: Marie Byrne (1st Ann) Joseph & Kathleen Gorman & Kevin & Nancy Doherty. 12.30pm: Martin Towey, late of O'Growney Drive & Dublin (M.M.) St Paul's 12noon: Quentin Reilly, Auburn Village (1st Ann) Walshestown
9am: Maura Egleston & parents Mary Ann & Christopher. Brotenstown 10am: Bertie McLoughlin Gainstown 11am: Patrick Nolan & deceased members of family.

For video highlights from Bishop Denis Nulty's ordination ceremony, go to www.dioceseofmeath.ie.
The first encyclical of Pope Francis entitled "The Light of Faith" is available in the Cathedral shop.
Charismatic Prayer Group, Mon, Bethany, 8pm.
Lough Derg, one day pilgrimage, tel: 086-2571645
Thanks to all who contributed to the recent coffee morning in Sacred Heart Chapel for Msgr Daniel's Ghana project.
Feast of St Mazimilian Kolbe, movie after 10am Mass, Wednesday, Bethany.
Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 12 - 17 September. Hotel forms are available from Pilgrimages Abroad at 01-6359300 and from Rochfort's in Dominick Street. Hospital pilgrim forms available from 087-1360275.

Rest in Peace

Mary Patricia (Patsy) Maguire, Ginnell Tce
Mary Kelly, Rathcolman
Des McCann, Ardleigh Crescent & Athlone
Anne Lyster, Gaybrook
Mary Ellen Kelly, Donegal
Paul Kuriyako, India