



PARISH OF MULLINGAR

Cathedral of Christ the King,
St Paul's Church,

Walshestown, Brotenstown, Gainstown

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Priests of the Parish

Fr Padraig McMahon, Adm, VF
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Parish Office Hours

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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
Brotenstown: 10am
Gainstown: 11am

Daily Mass this week

7.45 & 10am Cathedral Mon—Sat
9.15am St Paul's Mon—Fri

Confessions

Saturday 12noon-1pm for Advent
2.30pm-3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €3,576 Thank
St Paul's: €1,126 You!
Walshestown: €266
Brotenstown: €239
Gainstown: €152
Parish Envelopes €1,265



This weekend, members of Mullingar St Vincent de Paul Society make their annual appeal. The collection taken up at the church doors and from the door to door collection this weekend, funds much of the society's work throughout the year.

In addition to its core work of visiting and supporting the needy the Society in the past year.

- ⇒ Responded to 40 calls for help each week
- ⇒ Provided assistance for up to 100 students in 3rd level
- ⇒ Supported the Parish Women's Community Project
- ⇒ Provided breaks for 21 families in our Holiday Centre in Bundoran and for 87 elderly people in our premises in Mornington
- ⇒ Provided housing in the Society's 8 apartments
- ⇒ Visited long term patients in both St Loman's and St Mary's Hospitals.



Cathedral Carol Service

Please join us in the Cathedral next Sunday evening, 18 December, at 5.30pm with the Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Choristers, Lynn Singers and St Colman's School Choir, in a musical celebration of Christmas.



Baby Jesus Sunday

For the past several decades, each year during Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at all Masses next Sunday. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass that morning to be blessed.



Mullingar Parish Toy Appeal

A massive thank you to all who donated toys to our Toy Appeal. The toys will be donated at the 6pm vigil Mass this weekend. Pictures available on our parish website.

Mullingar Choral Society

Annual Christmas Concert tonight (Sunday) at 7pm in the Cathedral with Mullingar Town Band. Tickets available at the door.

Confessions for Christmas in the Cathedral

Penitential Service, Thursday 22 December at 7.30pm
Christmas Eve from 12 noon until 5.30pm



Joyful, joyful
We adore Thee
God of glory
Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Hail Thee to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness

Welcoming the stranger and refugee

Local media reports suggest that Syrian refugees will come to Westmeath in the new year. The parish of Mullingar welcomes this announcement and is willing to play our part. Last April, Pope Francis welcomed 12 Syrian refugees to the Vatican and encouraged Catholic parishes in Europe to do the same. At this time of year, we think of Mary and Joseph who had nowhere to call home.

Bishop John Kyne was a native of Longwood. He served as Vice Rector of the Irish College in Rome before coming to Mullingar as Bishop of Meath in 1947. He died on 23 December, 50 years ago. A memorial Mass will be offered for him today at 8.30am.

Cathedral Shop, 'Advent Walk with Me' booklets €1.30, Parish Christmas Cards 50 cent each, Diocesan Calendar €5, cribs etc, lots of Advent and Christmas goods. Opening hours; Monday—Saturday 10am—1pm & 2-4pm (closed Wednesday)

Cathedral Railings and Gates Update

Conservation work is continuing on the Cathedral railings and gates. After they were removed in July their condition was found to be more fragile than previously thought. It is hoped to return the first set of gates in the coming weeks.



Mass Intentions next week

Monday: 7.45am: Michael MacCaughey.
10am: Tom O'Donovan & May & Jim Molloy.
9.15am: Ita & Thomas White.
Tuesday: 7.45am: Seamus Daly.
10am: Elizabeth & John Dowd & Dowd family.
9.15am: Charles MacDermott-Roe.
Wednesday: 7.45am: Patrick, Mary, Matthew, Kathleen & Madge Fagan.
10am: Billy, Mary, Martin, William, Betty & Christine Archbold & Mary Carroll.
9.15am: Joan, Sean & Tony McEntee & Caoimhe Bray.
Thursday: 7.45am: William Heffernan.
10am: Teresa Tuohy. 9.15am: Mary Purcell.
Friday: 7.45am: James, Mary Anne & Attracta Stenson & Rita Cole. 10am: Benny Columb.
9.15am: Kitty & Noel Donoghue.
Saturday 7.45am: Julia Bennett.
10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.
Wedding Mass Cathedral & Brotenstown 2pm.
6pm Vigil Bill Ready (M.M.) **Sunday** 8.30am: Jimmy Bennett. 11am Patrick Horan (1st Ann) & Ria Quintiliani. (M.M) 10.30am: Christy Duffy
12noon: Nora (1st Ann) & Michael Burke, Maura Gillen nee Burke.
Walshestown: 9am: Paddy, Joe, Caroline & Moira Dolan & Dymphna Fitzgerald. Brotenstown 10am: Christopher, Rosie & Anthony Allen. Gainstown 11am: Donal Hyland & Michael Ryan & Frank & Kathleen Ryan.

St Colman's School, Annual Cake Sale Christmas Fair, today, after 10.30am Mass.

ICA would like to thank all who supported their recent Fashion show, a total of €6,500 was raised for TEAM.

Mullingar....Time Goes By (second edition) a photographic history of Mullingar over the past 50 years by Matt Nolan in Cathedral Shop, in aid of North Westmeath Hospice.

The Little Book of Westmeath, by Ruth Illingworth, will be launched on Monday, 8pm, Greville Arms.

Lions Club Christmas Food Appeal takes place this week, Thursday—Saturday; please support.

Rest in Peace

Brendan Kirwan, Bishopsgate St
Gerry Boyle, Raithin
Shay Sweeney, The Moorings
Fred Smyth, London
Michael McGrath, Castledaly
Bridget Martin, Blanchardstown
Tom Grimes, St Bridget's Tce
Una Maguire, Rathowen