



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

Please stand from the Opening Hymn until the First Reading.

Priests of the Parish
Fr Pdraig McMahon, Adm, VF
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy
Fr Robert McGivney
Fr Paul Crosbie
Fr Ciprian Solomon

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 in the Cathedral
Saturday 2.30pm-3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration
8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support
087-6309808

Collections last weekend:

Cathedral: €3,840
St Paul's: €1,395 Thank
Walshestown: €245
You!
Brotenstown: €196
Gainstown: €189
Parish Envelopes: €1,884

The annual financial statement will be

**Mother and Babies Homes:
Statement from the Irish Bishops**

The appalling story of life, death and adoptions related to Mother and Baby Homes has shocked everyone in Ireland and beyond these shores. Sadly, we are again being reminded of a time when unmarried mothers were frequently judged and rejected. We remember in prayer the deceased who suffered so much and their loved ones who continue to experience emotional and psychological hurt.

This culture of isolation and social ostracising was harsh and unforgiving. The Gospel calls us to treat everyone, particularly children and the most vulnerable, with dignity, love, compassion and mercy. We must ensure that all children and their mothers always feel wanted, welcomed and loved. Mindful of the words of Jesus, 'Let the little children come to me, because it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs', we apologise for hurt caused by the Church as part of this system.

The way forward is to seek the truth, to reveal and address the damage of the past, and to the best of our ability, ensure that mothers and children are cherished and respected and never stigmatised again.

It is also critical for Ireland, as a society, to thoroughly examine this dimension of our social history and to consider the legacy it has left us as a people.

We ask all to support the Commission in every way that they can. We encourage the Government to progress the *(Adoption Information and Tracing) Bill 2016* to assist those who are searching for their parents or children.

It is also important at parish level that we ensure that burial sites are appropriately marked so that the deceased and their families will be recognised with dignity and never be forgotten.

Lent in St Paul's Church
Reflections on the Gospel on Wednesdays after Mass.
Stations of the Cross on Fridays after Mass.

Parish fundraiser - Lent for Giving

Today we welcome **Br Kevin Crowley** of the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People, Dublin who will speak at the 11am & 12.30pm Masses in the Cathedral.

Next Sunday we will host a coffee morning as a fundraiser for Br Kevin's work and our parish charity (TEAM). The coffee morning will take place in the Cathedral grounds after the 11am and 12.30pm Masses.

We need your help with the baking! If you can bake some cakes or buns for the fundraiser, please bring them to us on Sunday morning.



Frs Paul & Robert will be having a 'Bake Off' during the week to get ready for the cake sale!

Please note there will be parking restrictions at the front of the Cathedral next Sunday to facilitate the marquee for the coffee morning.

St Patrick's Day

Cathedral: Vigil 6pm (Thursday)
Cathedral: 8.30am, 11am & 12.30pm
St Pauls: 10.30am & 12noon
Walshestown 9am
Brotenstown 10am
Gainstown 11am
Shamrock will be blessed at all Masses



Aifreann lá Phádraig 11rn de Mháirt 17ú Márta 2017 san Árd Eaglais.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend the St Patrick's Day Parade which begins at 4pm.

Trócaire boxes available at the back of the churches.

Your money donated during Lent helps people like Miriam and her daughter Maria from Honduras whose lives are destroyed by flooding and natural disasters. Whatever you can put in the box will go towards giving these families a new home and new hope. Last year, you were remarkably generous and our Trócaire appeal raised over €65,000. When you donate to Trócaire, you're not just giving. You're joining the fight for justice.

For more information check out www.trocaire.org.

Mass Intentions next week

Monday: 10am: Nooney family.
9.15am: Michael Burke.
Tuesday: 7.45am: Farrell family & Mary Cogan.
10am: James Hoover. 7.30pm: Catriona Hegarty.
9.15am: Jack Daly.
Wednesday: 7.45am: James & Ellen (Lena) Savage.
10am: Tony Wiggins. 7.30pm: Una, Michael & Art McCoy. 9.15am: Michael Fee & Coffey family.
Thursday: 7.45am: Noreen Treanor.
10am: Mary & Francis Kavanagh & Jane & Mary Kavanagh. 9.15am: Jonathan O'Donnell.
6pm: Hugh & Ellen Syron.
Friday: 8.30am: Lillie, Hubert & Elizabeth Stenson.
11am: Eamon Colgan. 12.30pm: Paul Hughes.
10.30am: Martin Tarlton. Walshestown: Marie & Paddy McDermott.
Saturday 7.45am: Annie & Denis Feely.
10am: Anniversaries Occurring.
6pm Vigil: Kevin O'Reilly, St Anthony's Cottages (M.M.) **Next Sunday:** 8.30am: Ernie Alford, Lynn (1st Ann) 11am: Christine Archbold, The Moorings (1st Ann) Walshestown 9am: Martin Wall.
Gainstown 11am: Paddy Ronan.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be led by Fr Pdraig for 5 nights on 22—27 May. This will be a beautiful way to mark the 'month of Mary'. Booking forms are available from the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration Committee, meeting, Bethany, Wednesday, 7.30pm.

St Vincent de Paul, holiday breaks available for senior citizens, contact 086-0082036.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, 27th Sept, 7 nights, bus to and from airport, for details contact 9342376/9340587.

Rotary Club, table quiz, Thursday, 8.30pm, Annebrook Hotel.

Retired Nurses Association, AGM, Monday 8.30pm.

Philatelists in the parish: a set of limited edition postage stamps from the Pope's visit to the Holy Land are available free for anyone who is interested.

During Lent the 6pm vigil Mass will be celebrated by a priest from neighbouring parishes. This Saturday we welcome **Fr David O'Hanlon**, Parish Priest of Dysart, and we thank him for being with us.

REST IN PEACE

Damien Lynch, Robinstown
James Tynan, Grand Parade
Rose Christie, Rathconrath
Sheila Hanly nee Murtagh, Walshestown