



Parish of Mullingar

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The Eucharistic Congress



10–17 June ... Four weeks to go

What will happen at a Eucharistic Congress?

The Congress days are a mix of activities and people and prayer. The main part of each day will be the celebration of Mass, which will be well prepared and involve people from all over the world. There will be exhibitions and displays about all sorts of things related to faith. A variety of talks and workshops will happen and participants can choose which they would like to attend. Some speakers will talk about their own faith, as might happen at a parish mission. Others will describe the experience of faith in their parish or community. Spiritual writers will give reflections on the Eucharist. Everyone who will attend can browse, wander and chat at their own pace and according to their own needs.

Where and When?

The main sessions will take place from Monday 10 June until Saturday 16 June at the RDS, beginning around 10am. The final session will take place in Croke Park on Sunday 17 June, the Mass beginning at 3pm.

How to get there?

We have organised for a bus from the Cathedral to the RDS on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, departing at 8am and returning by 7.30pm. Frs Michael and Paul will be leading the group during these days. Two buses will leave on Sunday for the final Mass in Croke Park. Tickets for the bus and for entry to the Congress are available from the Cathedral Shop and parish office. Demand is high so book on time.

Why attend the Eucharistic Congress?

At a time when faith is being questioned, the Congress is a chance for us to have a deeper knowledge of the faith we share. The Congress will be a warm and joyful occasion. It should be an uplifting event for all who take part in it. We are encouraging all parishioners, especially parents and children, to attend some part of the Congress.

Remember 1932?

The last time the International Eucharistic Congress took place in Ireland was 1932. Fr Paul Connell and Phil Tierney have done some research of the 1932 Congress. Their fascinating articles and photos are available at www.mullingarparish.ie. Many thanks to Deirdre Bane and the 1932 “veterans” who took part in the vigil Mass this weekend.

Welcoming Guests from Abroad

During the days of the Congress, we hope to welcome Archbishop Kriengsak from Bangkok (Thailand), Archbishop Grawng from Mandalay (Burma), Bishop Pierre from Phu Cuong (Vietnam) and Bishop Rice from St Louis (USA). Each of these delegations has links with the Diocese of Meath.

Priests of the Parish:

Padraig McMahon, Adm.
Michael Kilmartin
Paul Crosbie
Padraig Corcoran

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9am-1pm; 2-5pm
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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
Brotentown: 10am
Gainstown: 11am

Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 10 June 2012

Outdoor Celebration of Mass and Eucharistic Procession

To mark the beginning of the Eucharistic Congress on Sunday 10 June, the Cathedral will “relocate” to Pearse Street for the celebration of Mass at 11am. We are very grateful to the County Council, Gardaí and others for helping with this plan. The music for the Mass will be provided by the Cathedral Choir, Mullingar Town Band and the newly formed Cathedral Gospel Choir. We will be asking the children in primary schools to join us for the Mass and to make flags at home or at school for the occasion. Following the Mass, which will be celebrated by Fr Padraig McMahon with Bishop Smith presiding, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament will make its way through the town, leading to the steps of the Cathedral where the Bishop will give Benediction. There will be no 12.30pm Mass on that day.

First Communion in our Parish



Today we welcome the children from Curraghmore School to St Paul's Church at 12 noon who will receive their First Holy Communion.

Next Sunday we welcome to the Cathedral the boys from Scoil Mhuire at 11 am and the girls from Presentation Junior School at 12.30 pm. Next Sunday will be the final day of First Communions in the parish.

On Monday the children from Christ the King Group (Educate Together and All Saints) will receive their First Confession at 6pm in the Cathedral.

St Paul's Church—Silver Jubilee Year 2012

The next celebration of the Jubilee will take place on Sunday 27 May. This will focus on the Sacrament of Marriage. **We invite couples celebrating anniversaries or those who were married in St Paul's Church to join us for the 10.30 am & 12 noon Masses on that occasion.** If possible, please let us know beforehand. We will also mark the 50th Anniversary of Accord / CMAC and we invite those who have volunteered with marriage preparation down through the years to join us.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, those travelling to Lourdes in May who wish to take the bus to the airport are reminded to leave their name and fare in the parish office before 18th May.

Finance Committee meeting, Monday, 8pm, Cathedral House. **Public Rosary**, at statue in Ginnell Tce, Friday evenings during May, 6.45pm. **St Joseph's Young Priest Society**, meeting, Monday, 7.30pm, Bethany. **Retired Nurses Association**, meeting, Greville, Mon, 8.30pm. **Osteoporosis**, sponsored Walk, Belvedere, Today 3pm. **M.E.** Information meeting, Greville, Monday 8pm. **Table Quiz**, in aid of Team, Wed, Con's Pub, 9pm. **Coffee Morning** in aid of DEBRA, Tues, 11-2pm, 94 Hillside Drive.

Mass Intentions this week

Monday (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26. Ps 112 Jn 15:9-17)

7.45am: Peter & Teresa McEvoy.

10am: Christy Gorman.

9.15am: Michael & Mary Purcell.

Tuesday (Acts 16:22-34. Ps 137. Jn 16:5-11.)

7.45am: Margaret & Edward Hickey.

10am: Bill & Nano Cooley, daughters Winnie & Angela.

9.15am: Jimmy & Lillie Ledwith.

Wednesday (Acts 17:15, 22-18:1. Ps 148. Jn 16:12-15)

7.45am: Patrick Manny & son Tomás.

10am: Blanche Mulholland.

9.15am: Mary, Owen, James & Bobby Moore.

Thursday (Acts 18:1-8. Ps 97 Jn 16:16-20.)

7.45am: Cecelia Carroll.

10am: Peter & Mary Josephine Macken.

Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm

Friday (Acts 18:9-18. Ps 46. Jn 16:20-23.)

7.45am: James Maguire.

10am: Charles & Ita Tomkins.

Saturday (Acts 18:23-28. Ps 46. Jn 16:23-28.)

7.45am: Ben Kelly 10am: Anniversaries Occurring

Cathedral 6pm: Seamus O'Brien, Grange Crescent

(M.M.) **Sunday** (Acts 1:1-11. Ps 46 Eph 1:17-23. Mk

16:15-20.) 8.30am: Josephine Keegan, Oaklawns

(M.M.) St Paul's 10.30am: Petru Balint, Romania

(M.M.) 12noon: Brian Delamere, Beechgrove (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Mick & Gretta Lyons. Brotentown

10am: Pat Ballesty. Gainstown 11am: Wil-

liam, Kathleen & Seamus Hickey.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Thanks to all who contributed to the collection last weekend for the Eucharistic Congress €4,708

Parish Envelopes: €1,679 Thank You!

Rest In Peace

Anne Curran, Pettitswood Manor; **Triona Murray**, Dalton Park; **Margaret Bennett**, New Ballinderry; **Sean Egerton**, Gaybrook; **Sarah Turley**, Birr.