



# Parish of Mullingar Cathedral of Christ the King 75th Anniversary



## Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Padraig McMahan, Adm.  
Fr. Michael Kilmartin  
Fr. Paul Crosbie  
Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am-1pm; 2-5pm  
Tel: 044 - 9348338  
Email: cathedral@dioceseofmeath.ie

## 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

## Daily Masses

7.45am & 10am Cathedral  
9.15am St Paul's

## Confessions Cathedral

Saturday 2.30pm—3.30pm

## Eucharistic Adoration 8am-8pm

## Bereavement Support

087-6309808

## Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €5,433  
St Paul's: €1,237  
Walshestown: €250  
Brotentown: €201  
Gainstown: €203  
Parish Envelopes: €1,435

**Thank you for your support for the offertory collection last weekend.**



**Thank You!**

There are INSUFFICIENT WORDS TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO THE VERY MANY PEOPLE WHO HELPED TO MAKE THE JUBILEE DAY CELEBRATIONS SUCH AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

We have been greatly encouraged by the participation of so many people in the Jubilee Mass, the street party, the children's entertainment and the guided tours. It would not have been possible without the generous hands and open minds of all who played their part, however big or small. We are forever indebted to countless parishioners for the huge role they played in making the Jubilee Day possible and the parish clergy wish to say a special word of thanks to Linda and Fiona in particular for their tireless efforts and enthusiasm.

We uploaded a number of photos on *FB* and [www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie). If you have photos or videos that you can share with us, please let us know.



**Thanks to Our Volunteers!**

## Solidarity with persecuted Christians "Walk to Church" next weekend

An initiative of solidarity has been launched to support displaced Christians and minority communities of Iraq and Syria. Fr Robert McCabe encourages people to walk all or part of the journey to Mass next weekend. The *Walk to Church* initiative is a means of enabling Irish families and communities to express prayerful solidarity with families of Iraq and Syria who have been targeted, terrorised and banished from their homes because of their Christian identity.

## Holy Hour for Priesthood and Vocations Wednesday 24 September, 7pm

Bishop Colm O'Reilly will lead an hour of prayer for priests and people on Wednesday 24 September at 7pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome. This time of prayer is scheduled to coincide with the ordinations to the priesthood of Rev. Declan Kelly on 21 September and Rev. Ciaran Clarke on 28 September. Both ordinations will be celebrated by Bishop Smith in the Cathedral at 3pm.

The Holy Hour will focus on the renewal of priesthood and on vocations to the priesthood. All parishioners are asked to pray for priests and for vocations. This time of prayer will be an opportunity for the parish to fulfil this request in common.

Bishop O'Reilly was the Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois from 1983 until 2013. He is currently overseeing the reconstruction of St Mel's Cathedral in Longford, a project which is almost completed.

Rev. Declan Kelly (26) attended school in St Colmcille's, Gainstown and St Finian's College before he began his studies for the priesthood. At present he is assisting as a deacon in St Mary's Parish, Navan.

Rev. Ciaran Clarke (32) grew up in Dysart and is known to many in Mullingar, having worked in St Francis Medical Centre, Ballinderry prior to his seminary training which began in 2007. He completed his studies in Maynooth last May. He has served at various times in the parishes of Trim and Tullamore.

**This Holy Hour concludes the jubilee year period of Adoration after the Vigil Mass, which ends on 21 September.**

## Presentation Sisters

Sr Annette and Sr Catherine, the Presentation Sisters who reside in Central Park, are leaving Mullingar. This brings to an end the connection between the Presentation Sisters and Mullingar Parish that began in 1825. Bishop Smith will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Friday 21 November, giving our community an opportunity to acknowledge the enormous contribution the Presentation Sisters have made to Mullingar. Please note the date and we will have further details shortly.

We bid farewell to **Fr Francis from Myanmar (Burma)** who has spent the summer months with us. He will return to Rome next week to continue his studies in canon law. Please remember him in your prayers that God may bless him always.



**Mass of Remembrance** For babies and young children who have died in our parish will take place on Saturday 20th September at 10am in the Cathedral.

Please leave names for inclusion in this Mass into the parish office before Thurs September.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** 10am: Tierney & Deirdre Scally.  
**Tuesday:** 10am: Bob, Rosie & Chrissie Corcoran.  
**Wednesday:** 7.45am: Frank & Brigid McKeown.  
10am: James & Evelyn Mills.  
**Thursday:** 10am: Joe & Lily, Frank & Joan Keena & Joe Jnr. *Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm.*  
**Friday:** 9.15am: Betty Gleeson.  
**Saturday** 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.  
Vigil: 6pm: Bishop John McCormack  
8.30am: Paul (M.M.) & Joe Wilton, Ennell Court.  
Walshestown 9am: Caroline & Moira Dolan.  
Gainstown 11am: Margaret, Tom & Michael Glennon.

**Parish Finance Meeting,** Mon 15th Sept at 8pm, Cathedral House.

**Lectio Divina,** reflections on the Sunday Gospel has resumed in St Paul's church on Wednesday after 9.15am Mass.

**St Paul's Choir,** practice resumes, Wed at 7.15pm.

**Hospice Coffee Mornings,** Thursday, Cons Bar & Rock n' Bowl from 10am—12 noon.

**S.M.A.** family vocations Mass, Tues, 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.

**Culture Night,** Friday, Cathedral Museum will be open from 2.30pm-4pm and a tour of the Cathedral will take place at 4pm.

## From Bishop Smith ahead of Lourdes pilgrimage

"The participation of the youth team in our pilgrimage certainly brings joy to the gathering. The volunteers (doctors, nurses, chaplains and lay helpers) who number more than 200 follow the example of Our Lady's willingness to help without hesitation. Above all, the witness of the pilgrims who are sick, some who are elderly and others who are very young, will remind us that perseverance in faith is at the heart of our Christian response to suffering. Very many pilgrims carrying life's burdens and illnesses, especially cancer, will have a special place on our pilgrimage in the days ahead."

## We pray for those who died in recent days.....

**David Dalton** (Dalton Park), **Pat O'Connor** (Cullionmore), **Seamus Hayden** (Carlow), **Mairead Keenan** (Moyvore), **James O'Connell** (USA)