



# 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.

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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

## Finances

Cathedral €3,332

St Paul's €1,057

Walshestown €196

Brotenstown €262

Gainstown €285

Sacred Heart €150

Parish Envelopes €1,349,

We are very grateful to all who financially support the running of our parish.

## Pope Francis and the Good Samaritan

Pope Francis has denounced the "globalisation of indifference" that greets migrants who risk their lives trying to reach Europe.

Francis decided last week to visit Lampedusa as his first pastoral visit outside of Rome. This is the main port of entry into Europe for African migrants smuggled by boat from Libya or Tunisia. Despite the spur-of-the-moment decision, the locals built a makeshift altar out of recycled wood from shipwrecked migrants boats. The Pope denounced smugglers who take advantage of the poverty of migrants to enrich themselves.

This pastoral visit is part of the new Pope's outreach to the "margins" of life, to those who have no voice. In the same week, Pope Francis demanded that a life-size statue of himself be removed from the cathedral in Buenos Aires as he does not want to be hailed as a 'celebrity'. He also published a reform of the Vatican legal system in order to apply heavier penalties to crimes against children.

## Getting ready for World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro

The World Youth Day International Meeting of Pope Francis with young Catholics is taking place at the end of July in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

As Fr Mark English explains, due to the distance and the costs of travelling not many are able to attend from Ireland. Fr Mark is inviting young people (+18years) to gather in the Bethany Centre, Mullingar for a live screening of the World Youth Day Prayer Vigil on the evening of Saturday 27 July 2013. He is also inviting people living in the Diocese from Brazil to join in the gathering.

## Canonisation of Blessed John Paul II

The following is an excerpt of the recently published diary of French theologian Fr Yves Congar O.P. "My Journal of the Council", 2 February 1965: "Wojtyla made a very great impression. His personality is imposing. A power radiates from him, an attraction, a certain prophetic force that is very calm, but incontestable." At that point Cardinal Wojtyla was Archbishop of Krakow and serving on one of the key committees of the Second Vatican Council.

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will be led by Bishop Smith on Sunday 11 August along with the Diocesan Choir. For further information for groups travelling on this pilgrimage, phone 0469739015.

**The Cathedral Museum** is open to visitors each Wednesday from 2pm until 5pm. Individuals and groups are welcome.

**Mullingar Town Band** will participate in the World Band Championships in Holland from 18 July. They bring with them our appreciation and warmest best wishes.

**The Cullion Gathering** will be a terrific event this summer. We are delighted to let you know about the "What makes a community tick?" seminar which is part of the Gathering and takes place in St Finian's College on Friday 19 July from 7pm. The guest speaker is John Lonergan.

**Mullingar Agri Show** takes place today in Cullion, with a dog show, trade stands and fun for all the family.

**Adoration** in Walshestown Church on Friday at 7.30pm and in the Cathedral each day from 8am until 8pm.

**Work will begin** this week on replacing the steel girders in the basement of the Cathedral.

**May they rest in peace:** *Ciss Acton*, Millmount; *Kitty Carolan*, Millmount Road; *John Wheeler*, Green Road; *Rinalds Zils*, Abbeylands; *Thomas Fagan*, Castletown Finea; *Mary Maloney*, Castletown Geoghegan; *May Murray*, Coventry & St Brigids Tce; *Celine Quinn*, Dublin.

## Mullingar 'camino' - 13 days to go

A very big thank you to all who expressed interest in taking part in the 22 km camino walk from **Fore Abbey to Mullingar Cathedral** on Saturday 27 July. We hope that the trail through historic sites in North Westmeath will help us to rediscover our local heritage and deepen our sense of connection with the St James camino in Spain.

Each walker will receive a "shell" and a "camino passport" that is stamped along the way. The walker's pack (which also include a trail map and a safety jacket) is on sale for €10 from the Parish Office. Bus Transport to Fore from the Cathedral is available for an extra €5 and must be pre booked through the office before 27 July. Each person who completes the walk will receive a 'compostela' – a latin certificate. These will be presented by the Archbishop of Compostela when he visits our parish next month.

**Children's Camino:** young families are invited to the Cathedral on the same day (27 July) from 4pm for a children's treasure hunt. Children will get an opportunity to learn about St James and the story of the shell and its link with our town. Before the summer break, children in some of our primary schools completed projects on the life of the monks in medieval Ireland. These projects are on display in the Cathedral, together with a newly acquired statue of St James, which will be blessed on the saint's feast day, 25 July. You will see that St James wears the camino shells on his outer garments.

## Mass Intentions next week

**Monday: (Ex 1:8-14, 22)** 10am: Florrie Daly.

**Tuesday: (Ex 2:1-15)** 10am: Patricia Flynn.

**Wednesday: (Wx 3:1-6, 9-12)** 10am: Maureen Clyne.

**Thursday: (Ex 3:13-20. Ps 104. Mt 11:28-30.)**

10am: Gerry Logan, Chestnut Drive (1st Ann)

**Friday: (Ex 11:10-12, 14. Ps 115. Mt 12:1-8.)**

7.45am: Rose Devenney. 10am: Pat Delaney

**Saturday (Ex 12:37-42. Ps 135. Mt 12:14-21.)**

10am Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

## Next Sunday

Vigil 6pm: Carmel Wallace, Central Park (M.M.)

11am: Eileen Muldarry, St Loman's Tce (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am Gerry & May Singleton.

Gainstown 11am: Mary Betts & Jimmy McCormack.