



# Parish of Mullingar

Cathedral of Christ the King,  
St Paul's Church, Walshestown,  
Brotenstown & Gainstown  
[www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie)



## Priests of the Parish:

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

## 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  
Brotenstown: 10am  
Gainstown: 11am

## Daily Masses

7.45am & 10 am in the Cathedral  
9.15am Mass in St. Paul's

## Confessions in the Cathedral:

Saturday 2.30pm-3.30pm  
& after Vigil Mass

## Eucharistic Adoration: 8am — 8pm

**Baptisms:** Sundays: 3pm

**Bereavement Support:** 087 6309808

## Collection Last weekend—

Cathedral	€3,765	
St Paul's	€1,398	
Walshestown	€267	Thank
Brotenstown	€255	You!
Gainstown	€193	
Parish Envelopes	€2,709	

## Gaudete Sunday



One of the four candles surrounding the white Christ Candle in the Advent wreath is pink coloured. It is lit today, the beginning of the third week of Advent. Whereas the purple candles speak to us of the need for penance during Advent, the pink candle stands for Joy— our joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming. As Christians we to be joy filled.

This Sunday dedicated to the theme of Joy is a good Sunday to introduce the Pope's recently published apostolic letter called 'Evangelii Gaudium' - 'The Joy of the Gospel.' Pope Francis wants as many Catholics as possible to read the letter and reflect on it's contents. In very direct and simple language Pope Francis challenges us to be joyful messengers of Christ, to realise Jesus loves us and calls us to live the joy of the Gospel.



The Bishops conference of Ireland are organising a Pastoral Conference next September on putting the vision of Pope Francis' letter into practice. Priests of the diocese are currently studying the document. The document is now on sale in the Cathedral Shop.

### RIP

**Fr Seamus Giles, PP, Castletown Geoghegan**  
**Michael Myers, Ardleigh Crescent**  
**Fergus Doyne, Crookedwood**  
**John Scally, late of Springfield**



A very important concern of Pope Francis is support for the Catholic family.

Realising the challenges families face today Pope Francis has asked believers to engage in a process of consultation on the faith and family.

What are your thoughts?

- Do you think it is difficult to bring children up in the Catholic faith?
- What are the challenges?
- Do you think the church's teaching on the family is relevant?

Email us with your thoughts at...

[cathedral@dioceseofmeath.ie](mailto:cathedral@dioceseofmeath.ie)

A meeting to discuss the above will be held in Bethany, Bishopsgate Street this Tuesday evening at 7pm. All are welcome.

**Mass Times**  
**Christmas Day**

**Cathedral**  
6pm & 10pm (Vigils)  
8.30am, 11am & 12.30pm

**St Paul's**  
6pm & 9pm (Vigils)  
10.30am & 12 noon

Walshestown 9am  
Brotenstown 10am  
Gainstown 10am

**Please consider donating flowers** to the Cathedral for Christmas. Help us make the Cathedral beautiful for Christmas by leaving flowers into parish office.

**Thanks** to the pupils of St Finian's College, Loreto College and the Community College who came to Confessions during the week.

**Cathedral Readers** Sunday and Weekday rota now available in the Cathedral sacristy. Thanks to all who read at Mass in our parish.

**Cathedral Youth Readers**, gathering in Cathedral House, on Wednesday at 4.30pm.

**Cathedral Shop**, give a spiritual gift this Christmas, Family Prayer book, Crib, Christmas Cards, Children's bibles all available from the shop.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**, Bethany, Monday 8pm.

**Divine Mercy Devotions**, today, Ballinderry, 2.40pm.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Festival of Carols and Readings with...  
The Cathedral Choir  
The Cathedral Choristers  
St Kenny's School Choir  
Mullingar Town Band

**Sunday 22nd December at 5.30pm**  
**in the Cathedral**

*All are welcome*  
*Admission is free*

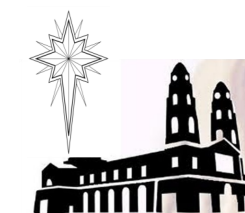


## Mass intentions for the coming week

**Monday: (Num 24:2-7, 15-17. Ps 24. Mt 21:23-27.)**  
7.45am: Seamus Daly. 10am: Tom O'Donovan, May & Jim Molloy. 9.15am: Josephine & Michael Coyne.  
**Tuesday: (Gn 49:2, 8-10, Ps 71. Mt 1:1-17.)**  
7.45am: Patrick, Mary, Kathleen & Madge Fagan.  
10am: Michael, Jane & Kevin Healy.  
9.15am: Deceased members of Doolin family.  
**Wednesday: (Jer 23:5-8. Ps 71. Mt 1:18-24.)**  
7.45am: Maisie & Jack Hanrahan.  
10am: Stephen McCoy. 9.15am: Martin Tarlton.  
**Thursday: (Jg 13:2-7, 24-25. Ps 70. Lk 1:5-25.)**  
7.45am: William Heffernan 10am: Tom, May & Kathleen Cahill. 9.15am: Patrick Ward.  
**Friday: (Is 7:10-14. Ps 23. Lk 1:26-38.)**  
7.45am: James, Mary Ann, Attracta & Rita Stenson.  
10am: Michael Glennon. 9.15am: Newcombe family.  
**Saturday (Zeph 3:14-18. Ps 32. Lk 1:39-45.)**  
7.45am: Kitty Donoghue & son Noel. 10am: Anniversaries Occurring. 6pm: Vigil Mass: Eamonn (1st Ann) & Brenda Dalton, Dalton Park.  
**Next Sunday (Is 7:10-14. Ps 23. Rm 1:1-7. Mt 1:18-24.)**  
11am: Noel Roche, Grand Parade (M.M.)  
Walshestown 9am: Pat & Ann Sullivan.  
Gainstown 11am: Patrick & Margaret Morton.

## The Light is ON for You

*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*



**During Advent every Catholic is encouraged to go to Confession**

The Cathedral will be open late for confessions on Monday 23rd from 7.30pm for our annual Penitential Service. Confessions also on Christmas Eve from 12 noon - 5.30pm.