



Parish of Mullingar

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's,
Walshestown, Brotenstown
& Gainstown

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Pdraig McMahon, 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
Brotenstown: 10am
Gainstown: 11am

Daily Masses:

Cathedral 7.45am & 10am
St. Paul's 9.15am
Bank Holiday 10am (Cathedral)

Eucharistic Adoration: 8am — 8pm

Baptisms Sundays: 3pm

Confessions Saturday:

2.30pm—3.30pm & after Vigil Mass
Eve of First Friday after 10am Mass

Bereavement Support 087 6309808

Parish Collections last Sunday

Cathedral:	€4,428	
St Paul's:	€1,452	Thank You!
Walshestown:	€183	
Brotenstown:	€196	
Gainstown:	€298	
Parish Envelopes:	€1,680	

Gaudete Sunday



One of the four candles surrounding the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath is rose 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 rose candle stands for Joy— our joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming. As Christians we to be joy filled.

John the Baptist

One of the saints of Advent is John the Baptist, Jesus' first cousin. He is the link between the Old and New Testament. He encourages us to be prepared to meet Christ. The gospel today reveals John the Baptist as a herald of the Good News of Christ and he is full of humility—'not fit to do the strap of his sandal'.



Prayer book for Christmas



One of the best selling books this Christmas is the prayer book by the Poor Clare nuns in Galway. The nuns have an excellent website on prayer, meditation and scripture. If you want to give someone a book that lasts, this book entitled 'Calm the Soul' is an excellent choice. Pope Benedict's book on the infancy narratives can also be ordered through the Cathedral Shop.

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 Thursday evening from 7.30pm for our annual Penitential Service. Confessions also on Christmas Eve from 12 noon - 5pm.

What the Pope really said about the crib!

Contrary to some news reports, the Pope has not "banished" the ox and donkey from the crib. In fact, on page 69 of his new book, the Pope says that "no representation of the crib would be complete without the ox and donkey". The animals, he says, are part of the experience of recognising God in the presence of the infant Jesus. St Francis of Assisi designed the crib. It remains today a wonderful way for us to reflect on the Christ—child. A selection of cribs are on sale in the Cathedral Shop.



Follow the Pope on twitter @pontifex.

RTE Radio Mass from Brotenstown - a big thank you to all who took part in the broadcast. We received very positive feedback from across the country.

Preparing for Christmas...

St Mary's Care Centre, Annual Remembrance Service will be held today at 1.30pm.
Scoil Mhuire Primary, Carol Service in the Cathedral, Wednesday at 1.30pm. All are welcome.
Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn are holding their Christmas Mass on Thursday in the Cathedral at 12 noon.

R.I.P.

Oliver Macken, Cathedral View
Christopher McDonagh, Parnell Tee & Pettitswood Manor
Fintán McEvoy, late of Harbour Street

Next Sunday we will print our full Christmas Mass Schedule

Mass Intentions for next week

Monday: (Gn 49:2, 8-10. Ps 71 Mt 1:17)
7.45am: Patrick, Mary, Madge & Kathleen Fagan.
10am: Tom O'Donovan & May & Jim Molloy.
9.15am: Newcombe family.
Tuesday: (Jer 23:5-8. Ps Mt 1:18-24.)
7.45am: Maisie & Jack Hanrahan.
10am: Elizabeth & John Dowd & family.
9.15am: Mary Baker.
Wednesday (Jg 13:2-7, 24-25. Ps Lk 1:5-25.)
7.45am: William Heffernan.
10am: Martin Tarlton 9.15am: Patrick Ward.
Thursday (Is 7:10-14. Ps 23 Lk 1:26-38.)
7.45am: Jim & Sheila Murray & Colm O'Doherty.
10am: Tom, May & Kathleen Cahill.
9.15am: Theresa Regan & deceased members of family
Friday (Zeph 3:14-18. Ps 32. Lk 1:39-45.)
7.45am: James, Mary Ann, Attracta & Rita Stenson.
10am: Brigid McDonagh. 9.15am: John Dinnegan.
Saturday (1 Sm 1:24-28. Ps 1 Lk 1:46-56.)
7.45am: Michael Houlihan.
10am: Anniversaries Occurring.
6pm Vigil: Mary (M.M.) & Eugene Boggs, Green Rd.
Next Sunday (Mic 5:1-4. Ps 79 . Heb 10:5-10. Lk 1:39-44.) 11am: Margaret (Babs) O'Rourke, Lynn Rd (1st Ann) St Paul's 10.30am: Jim O'Toole, Assumption Villas (1st Ann) 12 noon: Denis Johnston, Cullionmore (M.M.) Walshestown 9am: Joe Dolan & Dymrna Fitzgerald. Brotenstown: 10am: Paddy & Dolly Smith. Gainstown 11am: Mick, Frank & Kathleen Ryan.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Festival of Carols and Readings with music by the Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Choristers and St. Colmcille's School Choir



Sunday 23rd December at 5.30pm in the Cathedral



*All are welcome
Admission is free*