



Parish of Mullingar

Cathedral of Christ the King St Paul's

Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown

Priests of the Parish:

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

Sunday Mass Times

Cathedral: 6pm, 8.30am, 11am & 12.30pm
St Paul's: 10.30am & 12 noon
Walshestown 9am; Brotenstown 10am
Gainstown 11am

Mass Intentions next week

Monday: (Lev 19:1-2, 11-18. Ps 18. Mt 25:31-46.)

10am: Ned Walsh. 9.15am: Christy Sleator.

Tuesday: (Is 55:10-11. Ps 33. Mt 6:7-15.)

7.30am: Oliver Creevy. 10am: James Keena.
7.30pm: Terry McGuinness. 9.15am: Aisling Mullally & deceased members of family.

Wednesday: (Jon 3:1-10. Ps 50. Lk 11:29-32.) 7.30am: Mary & Thomas Daly & Willie Donoghue. 10am: Kathleen Lennon & family.

7.30pm: Una & Michael McCoy. 9.15am: John Paul McKeivitt.

Thursday: (Est 4:17. Ps 137. Mt 7:7-12)

10am: Dominick McGee. 7.30pm: William & Masie Curran. 9.15am: Johnny Rhattigan.

Friday: (1 Pt 5:1-4. Ps 22. Mt 16:13-19.)

10am: Christina Foran.

9.15am: Elizabeth & Peter Bennett.

Saturday: (Deut 26:16-19. Ps 118. Mt 5:43-48.) 7.30am: Ann Feely. 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass. *Wedding Mass St Paul's*

2pm Next Sunday (Gn 15g:5-12, 17-18. Ps 26. Phil 3:17-4:1) Cathedral 8.30am: Patrick McCarthy, Ballymahon Road (M.M.)

11am: Masie Mulligan, Parnell Tce (M.M.)

St Paul's 12 noon: Joe Duff, Ginnell Tce (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Joseph Brady & Brady & McGarrigle families. **Brotenstown:**

10am: Thomas, Dymrna & Monica Keena.

Pope Benedict XVI



In a surprise announcement last Monday morning Pope Benedict XVI announced his decision to relinquish his Petrine ministry from February 28th. Pope Benedict was elected in April 2005.

He is remembered fondly in this country for writing three books on the person of Jesus, his pastoral letter to the Irish Church at a difficult time and his visit to Great Britain. Pope Benedict spoke live from Rome to the Irish people who attended the closing ceremony of the Eucharistic Congress in Croke Park. His Holiness asks us all to pray for him and the church at this time.

Ordination to the Priesthood



Bishop Michael Smith will ordain Michael Hinds today in his local parish church Trim at 3pm. Michael did parish placement as a seminarian in Mullingar parish in 2009. He studied for six years in the Irish College in Rome. He will celebrate his first Mass on Monday evening at 7pm. We pray for Michael at Mass today and parishioners are asked to keep him and all priests in their prayers.

First Confession

Lent is a penitential season. During Lent children in 1st and 2nd Class will be receiving their First Confession. Ceremonies will take place in churches in our parish on the following days this week



Curraghmore School, Tuesday, 6.30pm, St Paul's Church

St Colmcille's School, Wednesday, 6.30pm, Gainstown

St Colman's School, Wednesday 6.30pm, St Paul's Church

Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn, Thursday 6.30pm, Cathedral

Christ the King Group (Catholic children from Educate Together & All Saints schools) Thursday 8pm, Cathedral

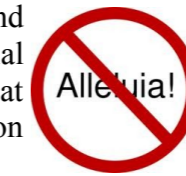
LENT 2013



The Gospel this Sunday reminds us of Jesus' forty days in the desert. We hear how our Lord was tempted. Now that Lent has begun each of us is asked to look at ourselves and see how we are doing before God. Perhaps we have already broken our Lenten pledge or not engaged in the Lenten invitation to pray,

fast and give alms this first Sunday is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to a Lenten challenge.

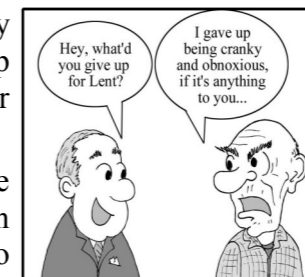
Why are there little or no flowers in the church during Lent? During Lent the sanctuary of churches is left relatively bare except for a cross. The purple vestments and drapes remind us that this is a penitential season. The word Alleluia is not said or sung at Masses for these 40 days. Our focus is on preparing for Easter.



Prayer: You could do an extra hour of adoration - pray the Stations of the Cross once a week - make an effort to pray as a family - get to Mass on time. Reminder Weekday Mass Times: Cathedral 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) St Paul's 9.15am.

Fasting: You could Fast every Friday - do the Trócaire Fast - give up alcohol, cigarettes, sweets or other bad habits!

Almsgiving: You could donate towards Trocaire - visit someone in hospital - contact an old friend - do some voluntary work in your community.



Celebrating 40 years

Trócaire the Irish Catholic Agency for World development was established by the Irish bishops 40 years ago this year. The organisation expresses the Irish Church's concern for the needs and problems of the people of the developing world. Over the past four decades the money collected during Lent in parishes and dioceses across the country has been put to good use to express solidarity with the poor and less well off in regions of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

If you have not got a Trócaire Box yet this year they are available from all the churches, Cathedral Shop and Parish Office.

We pray for those who have died

Owen Dyer, Dublin Road **Matt Darby,** Ashe Road

Ollie Farrell, Canal Avenue, **Seán Dwyer,** Boyle

Six week Bereavement Support



in Bethany Pastoral Care Centre, for people who have experienced bereavement prior to the last year. The course starts Wednesday 27th February contact 087-6309808.



Mullingar Parish Walk the Portuguese

Camino de Santiago

10th - 17th September

Walk the Portuguese stage of the Camino. The 6 day walk is approx 22kms per day, is relatively flat with a combination of small country roads, stone footpaths and well maintained dirt tracks. Mix with parishioners, learn about St James and the ancient city pilgrimage of Compostela. Spiritual Director Fr. Michael. If interested please contact Mary Wynne at 086-3761500. Posters in parish churches. Itinerary available from the Cathedral Shop and Parish Office.

A "Choose Life" talk on 28 Feb at 8pm in Social Services Centre will be given by Dr Enda Hayden. He will speak on "not linking abortion and suicide". All are welcome.

Confirmation and First Communion prayer books, beads, religious gifts and momentos are now available from the Cathedral Shop.

Every Friday during Lent a series of five sessions on Jesus in the Gospel of St Luke, Friary in Multyfarnham, starting Friday at 7.30pm.

Every Monday during Lent a 45 minute excerpt from the award winning film 'Jesus of Nazareth' will be shown after the 10am Mass in Bethany.

Liturgy Meeting, Thurs 7.30 pm, Cathedral House
Divine Mercy Devotions, Today, Sacred Heart Church, 2.40pm. **Multiple Sclerosis Support Group,** AGM, Mon, 8pm, Ballinderry. **Women's Group,** meeting, Thursday, 8pm, Gainstown School.

Collection last weekend

Cathedral €3,841

St Paul's €1,169

Walshestown €152

Brotenstown €162

Gainstown €304

Parish Envelopes: €2,521

Today is an offering Day for the support of the Bishop and priests of our parish

Thank You!