



# 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

## Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9am-5pm  
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## Vigil Mass (Saturday)

Cathedral: 6pm

## Sunday Mass Times

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

## Daily Mass Times

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

## Eucharistic Adoration 8am-8pm

**Bereavement Support**  
087-6309808

## Confessions

Saturday 2.30pm—3.30pm

## Collections Last weekend

Cathedral: €3,825      Thank  
St Paul's: €1,256      You!  
Walshstown: €209  
Brotenstown: €155  
Gainstown: €210  
Parish Envelopes: €1,445

## The Marriage Referendum

The choice we are asked to make in the Marriage Referendum on Friday next is a decision that only the people can make. The Constitution belongs to the people of Ireland. As the Referendum Commission states, "a referendum gives Irish citizens the opportunity to make a decision for their country". You are encouraged to exercise your democratic right to vote on Friday.

There have been many words spoken and opinions expressed over recent weeks. The decision before the people touches on a matter that goes to the very heart of the Constitution. Now it is your turn to ensure that your voice is heard. Please reflect carefully about the choice you will make and pray for guidance as you undertake your civic duty.

**The full text of Bishop Smith's statement is available at [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie).**

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children from Presentation Junior School, St Mary's Primary School and St Colman's school who received their First Holy Communion last weekend.

## We welcome the following schools today....

St Kenny's School—Cathedral 11am  
St Colmcille's School—Gainstown 11am

## Next Sunday.....

Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn, Cathedral 11am  
Gaelscoil an Choilin, Walshestown 11am



We encourage parents to continue to give witness to their faith by accompanying their children to Mass on a Sunday. We value very much the hard work done by teachers in our parish schools to prepare the children for receiving this sacrament.

## Confirmation Enrolment



Next Sunday 24th May, is Pentecost Sunday. As in previous years, children attending 5th class are invited to enrol for Confirmation in 2016. Forms have been distributed to all our Catholic schools; children in 5th class who do not attend Catholic schools must also enrol for Confirmation next weekend. An Enrolment Form can be downloaded from the parish website, parish facebook page and is also available from the Parish Office. Completed forms must be returned at any of the Masses listed below next weekend.

Cathedral: Vigil 6pm 12.30pm, (24<sup>th</sup> May)  
St Paul's 10.30am or 12 noon  
Brotenstown 10am Gainstown 11am



**Do you like working with flowers?** If you have some spare time, why not help with the flowers in the Cathedral? If interested please contact the parish office or Cathedral Shop. Thank you to Waterlily Florist, Harbour Place for donating the flowers in the Cathedral for First Holy Communion.

## ACCORD - Marriage preparation and counselling

It is astonishing that the Government this week stopped all funding with immediate effect for Accord's pre-marriage work. One has to wonder at the timing of this decision. The decision raises serious questions over the value placed on providing proper preparation for marriage. The Accord service in Mullingar, which relies on well trained volunteers who are very generous with their time, enjoys our fullest support and appreciation. We are sorry for their sake that their good work is being undermined.

**Nepal Earthquake Appeal** – thank you for your very generous response. The first donations have already been sent directly to Nepal. All donations from schools and parishioners will be acknowledged personally on behalf of Bishop Smith where possible. **Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 12 -17 September 2015. Return flights, 5 nights Hotel full board, insurance & taxes €719. Tel: 01-6359300. **Congratulations** to the people of Longford on the rededication of St Mel's Cathedral today. **Rosary** will take place at the statue in Ginnell Tee every Friday in May at 6.45pm. **Divine Mercy Devotions**, today, St Mary's 2.40pm.

## Walk the Way of the Mullingar Monks 22km Walk—Saturday 20th June



Two years ago the parish organised a very successful walk with a difference. It was around the monastic sites of North Westmeath starting at Fore Abbey along back roads to Mullingar. The parish is currently organising to do the walk a second time for the 1400 celebrations of St Columban. If you enjoying walking this event might be suitable for you so keep Saturday 20 June in the diary. Details of what the walk entails for first timers will follow in the coming weeks.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** 7.45am: Patrick Manny. 10am: Richard & May Mulkerrin. 9.15am: Michael & Mary Purcell.  
**Tuesday:** 7.45am: Jim, Katie & Seamus Donoghue. 10am: John, Marcella, Sean & Peggy Devine & family & Martin Cahill. 9.15am: Annie & Brian Smith & Elizabeth & Joseph Bennett. **Wednesday:** 7.45am: James Maguire. 10am: Ann Waldron. 9.15am: Bill, Bridie & Fred Gaye & family & Gilgan family. **Thursday:** 7.45am: Christopher Molloy. 10am: Sean Dinnegan. 9.15am: James & Nell Power. **Friday:** 7.45am: Antoinette Gallagher. 10am: Tom Morrin. *Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm.* 9.15am: Larry & John Paul McKeivitt. **Saturday** 7.45am: Ben Kelly. 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass. Vigil: Arthur Fenton, Rathgowan (M.M.) Sunday: 8.30am: James Gogerty, Lakepoint (1st Ann) Walshestown: Nancy Carolan, Walshestown (M.M.) Brotenstown 10am: Imelda Dibbs, Ballinea (M.M.) Gainstown 11am: Neil McLoughlin.

## A prayer for guidance

*(composed by Christian Voices Together)*

Lord God Almighty, we thank you for the gift of life and for the making all people in your image - equal, valued and dignified.

As we prepare to vote,

we seek your guidance and direction.

We know from Sacred Scripture your teaching. May marriage be built upon the sure foundation of our love for you and for each other.

We ask you to bless our nation and to give us courage to follow honest convictions, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Thanks to the County Council and local representatives who secured the reinstatement of the yellow junction box outside St Paul's Church.

## Rest in Peace

**Caroline McCabe** nee Hogg, Limerick