



PARISH OF MULLINGAR

Cathedral of Christ the King,
St Paul's Church,
Walshestown, Brotenstown, Gainstown
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Priests of the Parish

Fr Pdraig McMahon, Adm, VF
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy
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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 this week

7.45 & 10am Cathedral Mon—Sat
9.15am St Paul's Mon—Fri

Confessions

Saturday 12noon-1pm for Advent
2.30pm-3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €3,525 Thank
St Paul's: €1,512 You!
Walshestown: €176
Brotenstown: €209
Gainstown: €228
Parish Envelopes: €1,669



Cathedral Carol Service

Please join us in the Cathedral today at 5.30pm with the Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Choristers, Lynn Singers and St Colman's School Choir in a musical celebration of Christmas.



Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

St Paul's 6pm & 9pm
Cathedral 6pm & 10pm

Christmas Day Masses

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

Also this week ...

Loreto Carol Service, Tuesday 2.15pm, Cathedral
St Colman's NS Carol Service, Wed. 11.30am, St Paul's
St Mary's Primary School, Wednesday, 1pm, Cathedral
Colaiste Mhuire Carol Service, Wednesday in school
St Kenny NS, Mass on Tuesday at 10.30am

Confessions for Christmas

Penitential Service in Cathedral Thursday 7.30pm
Christmas Eve Confessions 12 noon until 5.30pm
Walshestown Church Christmas Eve 10am - 11am

How to make a good confession:

No matter how long it has been since your last confession, it is never too late. Make a good examination of conscience and confess your sins. Here are the words of the Act of Sorrow:

O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again, Amen.

"Baby Jesus" Blessing and Making the Crib at Home

Now that we have blessed the "Baby Jesus", you are ready to set up the crib at home.

Here are some prayers to say as you make the crib. Please ask the children and grandchildren to join you.

Place figure of Mary in the crib and say:

This is Mary who lived in a village called Nazareth 2000 years ago. Because of her great goodness God chose her to be the Mother of Jesus. Mary trusted God and said yes.



Place the figure of Joseph in the crib and say:

This is Joseph, the husband of Mary. He was a carpenter and engaged to be married to Mary when God asked him to be the father of Jesus on earth. Joseph trusted God and said yes.



Place the manger and figure of Baby Jesus in the crib and say:

This is Jesus, Son of God, who came to earth to bring peace, love and joy to all people. He was born in a simple place. A manger was his bed. May he live in our hearts for ever, Amen.

Follow us on social media - we are always keen to keep in touch with parishioners at home and away, especially at Christmas time. We'll try to keep our Facebook page (Mullingar Parish) updated and please feel free to share with us any photos you have from parish or Christmas events. Our twitter account is CTKCathedral. Fr Robert's bobble hat could go viral this year!

Volunteers needed for Masses at Christmas

If you can help us in any way with our Masses for Christmas, we would be delighted to hear from you. In particular we are looking for people to lead short prayers of the faithful in **different languages** - eg Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Lithuanian and Malayalam. If you know some people who can help, call us at 9348338.

Parish calendars for 2017 available from the churches this weekend. Thanks to Michael McDonnell for the photo.

Pope Francis at 80 - please remember the Pope who celebrated his birthday yesterday (Saturday). People can tweet birthday messages using the hashtag #Pontifex80 or send an email to the Holy Father using this email address: PopeFrancis80@vatican.va.

Reminder - St Paul's Church
Please stand from the beginning of the Entrance Hymn until the end of the Opening Prayer.

Mass Intentions next week

Monday: 7.45am: Dalton family.
10am: Martin Tarlton.
9.15am: Billy, Bridie & Fred Gaye & deceased members of family.
Tuesday: 7.45am: Waters family.
10am: Patrick Ward. 9.15am: Mary Baker.
Wednesday: 7.45am: Masie & Jack Hanrahan.
10am: Michael Glennon.
9.15am: John & Kathleen Dinnegan.
Thursday: 7.45am: George Lord.
10am: Lyster family & Sonny & Kathleen Kelly & Emily Brennan. 9.15am: Lorenzo Hynes.
Friday: 7.45am: Mick & Bridget Houlihan
10am: Teresa Regan & Regan family.
9.15am: Newcombe family.
Saturday 7.45am: Larry, Mary & Olive O'Reilly & Liz Harding nee O'Reilly. 10am: Anniversaries Occurring.

Christmas Offerings: Christmas Day is the principal offering day towards the support of the Bishop & Priests of the parish. Thank you to all who make their annual contribution at this time. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support throughout the year.

St Colmcille's School Gainstown - Christmas Fare today from 12pm until 4pm. All welcome.

Divine Mercy Devotions, today, 3pm.

Polish Mass on 26 December in St Paul's Church at 2pm celebrated by Fr Janusz.

Indian Mass in Syro-Malabar in St Paul's on 28 Dec at 4pm celebrated by Rev. Dr Naikarakudy.

Rest in Peace

Bernadette Egan, Dublin Rd
Finian Darby, Belvedere Court
Paddy Finneran, Great Oaks
Kate Weir, Ballinderry
Mary O'Gorman, Tuam
Betty Claffey, Ballinagore
Theresa Hayes nee Cahill, Cathedral View
Viva O'Donoghue, nee Woods,
Austin Friars Street & Harrow