



Mullingar Parish

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

Priests of the Parish

Fr Padraig McMahon, Adm, VF
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy
Fr Paul Crosbie
Fr Robert McGivney

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm (lunch 1-2pm)
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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
Brotentown: 10am
Gainstown: 11am

Daily Mass

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

Confessions in the Cathedral

Saturday 2.30 - 3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Child Safeguarding Representatives

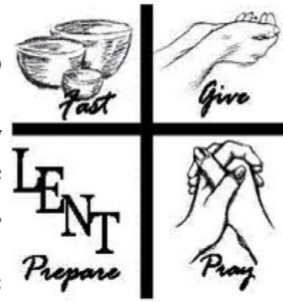
Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

Collection last weekend

Cathedral €4,023
St Paul's €1,442 Thank
Walshestown €204 You!
Brotentown €130
Gainstown €190
Parish Envelopes: €1,695

Three things to do during Lent

Pray....Many people make an effort to attend daily Mass during the weeks of Lent. Along with the usual schedule of daily Masses in the Cathedral and St Paul's, there are evening Masses at 7.30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during Lent. The Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration are other suggestions if you would like to make this Lent a time of increased personal prayer. Stations of the Cross take place on Fridays of Lent after 9.15am Mass in St Paul's Church.



Fast..... Fasting can take different forms; abstaining from alcohol, tobacco, sugar etc or alternatively fasting from a favourite TV programme or suspend Facebook for Lent. The goal of fasting should always be to make more time for God or for the benefit of others. Another suggestion is to fast from gossip and cynicism.

Share with the Poor..... The proceeds of our fasting, or whatever sacrifice we make during Lent, should be used to help others who are hungry or who need our help to live.

Trocaire boxes are available from the back of the churches. Please take one home and encourage every member of the family to make a contribution. Trocaire tells us about **Kumba**, the girl who features on this year's Trocaire box. At the age of just seven, Kumba has already survived an Ebola outbreak that killed 4,000 people and a mudslide that killed 1,000 people in her local community. As the Trocaire message says, "this Lent, don't give up on Kumba". Please support this good cause. Every little helps.

12 Mass challenge..... a Lenten challenge for young people
If you are under 30, you can pick up your card today from the Cathedral or St Paul's Church.. Simply go to the 7 Sunday Masses of Lent and 5 weekday Masses in the other forty days of Lent. Every time you come to Mass, get your card stamped.



You can have the Mass card stamped at **St Joseph's chapel** in the Cathedral and in the sacristy in the other churches. At the end of the challenge, send us a Facebook message and we will invite you to receive a blessing from the Bishop on Holy Saturday (31st March) at 9pm.

Spread the news - let's get plenty of people involved.

During Lent we welcome priests from the surrounding parishes who will speak at the vigil Mass in the Cathedral. This week we welcome **Fr Barry Condron PP** Castletown Geoghegan.

Celebrating Penance for the first time...

The children in First Class will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on the dates listed below. Thanks to the parents and teachers for preparing them.

St Mary's Primary, 20th February, 6pm, Cathedral
St Kenny's School, 20th February, 7.30pm, Walshestown
Presentation Junior School, 21st February, Cathedral 6pm
St Colmcille's School, 21st February, 7pm, Gainstown
Gaelscoil an Choillín, 27th February, 6pm, Walshestown
Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn, 28th February, 6pm, Cathedral.
Parish Programme, 8th March, 3.15pm, Cathedral.
St Colman's School, 13th March, 6.30pm, St Paul's
Curraghmore School, 14th March, 6.30pm, St Paul's

Frs Padraig, Joseph and Paul will hear confessions with the children in **Presentation Senior, Presentation Junior** and **St Mary's Primary** during this week.

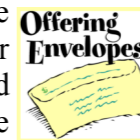
Pro Life Quotes

"Let us remember that every child is created at its very conception for greater things - to love and to be loved. How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers." (**Mother Teresa of Calcutta**)

"The possible repeal of the eighth amendment is a pivotal moment for our society and how we cherish life. In Britain, where abortion was introduced with the conviction that it would only be in exceptional cases, today one in five pregnancies end in abortion." (**Bishop Brendan Leahy**)

Pro Life leaflets and other information is available from a table at the back of the Cathedral. Please take some home with you.

Envelope boxes are now available from the Parish Office. We need volunteers to help deliver the boxes in **Rathconnell, Tullaniskey** and **Ballyoate**. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office.



World Meeting of Families 21 - 26 August
The World Meeting of Families was established in 1994 when Saint John Paul II established an international gathering of prayer, catechesis and celebration that would draw participants from around the world and that would help to strengthen

the bonds between families and bear witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family to all of society. **Please support the third National Collection next weekend to help with the costs of hosting this Papal event in Ireland.**

Please join in our singing....

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who am I his praise to sing?
Praise him! Praise him! (x2)
Praise the everlasting King!
Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! (x2)
Glorious in his faithfulness.



Mass intentions next week

Monday: 10am: Kiernan family.
9.15am: Aisling Mullally & family.
Tuesday: 10am: Una Mulligan, Susie Cahill & Rosie Englishby. 9.15am: Christina Foran.
Wednesday: 10am: Dominic Magee.
7.30pm: Tony McAnaney.
Thursday: 10am: Johnny Rattigan.
7.30pm Terri McGuinness.
Friday: 7.45am: Patrick Leonard.
10am: Annie, Joseph & Ronnie Ward.
9.15am: Nuala Garry
Saturday: 7.45am: Anne Feely.
10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass
6pm: Deirdre Fenton, Walshestown South (M.M.)
Next Sunday 8.30am: Peter Bracken, Green Rd (M.M.) 11am: Bernie Kennedy, Tailtain Court (1st Ann)
Walshestown 9am: Ann McCrumm & Sr Catherine Hanley.
Brotentown 10am: Thomas, Dympna & Monica Keena.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes Last weekend marked the 160th anniversary of the apparition to St Bernadette. Fr Padraig will lead a pilgrimage on 22-27 May. Booking forms and further information are available from the Parish Office.

Vocation Retreat Day - A retreat day for young adults (18-40) will take place in Dalgan Park, Navan next Saturday from 9:30 am - 5pm. For more information, contact Fr. Joe Campbell (086 603 6506), Mary Ruane (087 247 8519) or youthretreats@gmail.com.

Divine Mercy Devotions, today, 3pm, St Mary's.

Rest in Peace
Monica Dalton, Curraghmore