



Parish of Mullingar

Cathedral of Christ the King,

St Paul's Church, Walshestown,
Brotentown & Gainstown

www.mullingarparish.ie

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Padraig McMahon, Adm.

Fr. Michael Kilmartin

Fr. Paul Crosbie

Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy

Parish Office Hours this week:

Bank Holiday Monday—closed

Tuesday-Friday: 9am-1pm; 2-5pm

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Vigil Mass (Saturday)

Cathedral: 6pm

Sunday Masses:

Cathedral: 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm

St. Paul's: 10.30am, 12noon

Walshestown: 9am

Brotentown: 10am

Gainstown: 11am

Daily Masses

10am Mass in the Cathedral
(no 9.15am or 7.45am)

Confessions

No Confessions next Saturday

Collections on Palm Sunday

Cathedral: €3,654

St Paul's: €1,197

Walshestown: €200

Brotentown: €206

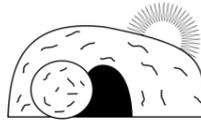
Gainstown: €264

Parish Envelopes: €1,893

**TODAY IS AN OFFERING DAY
FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE
BISHOP AND PRIESTS OF THE
PARISH. THANK YOU**



Easter Sunday is the first day of Eastertide. Churches are festooned in colour as we celebrate the good news of Easter. We use the word Alleluia at Mass again after refraining for Lent. The Readings at Mass for the next 40 days of Easter are from the New Testament and record the resurrection appearances of Jesus and the formation of the church (Acts of the Apostles).



Now that Lent is over it is time to collect the Trócaire boxes from the homes, schools and workplaces of our parish. Please return your Trócaire box or envelope to Mass next Sunday. Otherwise you can leave your Trócaire envelope in the large Trócaire box at the back of the Cathedral. Where possible please change coin into notes to help us process the collection.



We thank all who took part in the Holy week ceremonies. Thanks to the altar servers, the readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, sacristans and choirs in our various churches. The work that you do to enhance our liturgy

week in week out is very much appreciated. Photos from our ceremonies are on our website www.mullingarparish.ie Facebook page and Twitter.

The Bishop and Priests of the Parish wish you and your families a Happy and peaceful Easter

History behind Easter Eggs



For many years people gave up eggs for Lent and they were collected up to be used during the days of Easter. People swapped eggs and gave them as gifts as a reward for doing the Lenten Fast. Sometimes the story of Easter would be painted on the eggs. A chick hatching from an egg reflects Jesus rising from the dead and leaving the tomb. When the Lenten fast moved on to people giving up sweet things, chocolate eggs became the norm in many parts of the world.

Walk the Camino de Santiago

26 August—2 September, 100 km



Ten days ago in Mullingar human remains were found on Austin Friars Street where the Augustinian cemetery was located in town. We know from archaeological research in 1996 on the bones and shells found back then that in the 15th Century monks from Mullingar left their priory on Austin Friars Street and walked to the city of Santiago de Compostela. A group of parishioners will retrace the steps at the end of August by walking from the port city of La Coruna to Santiago de Compostela. If you like walking and would like to be part of this historic trip make sure to book your place now. Group Leader—Mary Wynne (086) 3761500. Itinerary from Parish Office.



We pray for the following parishioners next Sunday: Cathedral: 11am: Paul Hughes, College St & Slanemore (M.M.) Walshestown: 9am: John & Christine Kenny & deceased members of family. Brotentown 10am: James & Bridget Gunning. Gainstown 11am: Anthony McLoughlin & son Jimmy. Paddy Ronan, Tyrrellstown (M.M.)

We pray for those who died during Holy Week

**John Gratton, St Loman's
Bertie Duggan, College Hill
Frank Mulligan, Ballinderry**

May they Rest in Peace

Canonisation of Pope John Paul II & Pope John XXIII next Sunday

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in Northern Italy in 1881. In 1953 he was appointed Cardinal of Venice. To his surprise in 1958 at the age of seventy six he was elected Pope. Active and pastoral he was committed to the cause of peace. His most notable achievement was to call for the Second Vatican Council. He is remembered for being a man of prayer and simplicity. He kept a spiritual journal from his teens and his writings were published in his 'Journal of a Soul'. He is often fondly called 'Good Pope John'.



Karol Jozef Wojtyla was born in the Polish city of Wadowice, near Krakow in 1920. In 1978, the year of the three Popes, he was elected. The first non Italian Pope for 455 years he travelled more than any other Pope in history, visiting Ireland a year after his election. He instituted World Youth Day and presided over the Great jubilee year of 2000. He spoke out against Communist dictatorships and worked for Christian unity. Through his warm personality and love of life he inspired millions of people. Having suffered failing health for some years he died on April 2nd, 2005.

Coverage of the historic event will be on EWTN and RTE. One of the main Irish Church Celebrations will be in Galway Racecourse at 11am next Sunday. Prayer Cards of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II are available from the Cathedral shop.

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo & Assisi

25th October—7 days

Visiting Shrines of St Padre Pio, St Francis, St Claire, St Rita and the Cathedral town of Orvieto which celebrates this year the 750th anniversary of the Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena. For information contact Mary Briody at 087-6336513.

