



Parish of Mullingar

Cathedral of Christ the King

St Paul's Church, Walshestown,

Brotentown & Gainstown

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Priests of the Parish:

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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

7.45am & 10am Cathedral

Confessions Cathedral

Saturday 2.30pm—3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration 8am-8pm

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €3364

St Paul's: €1127

Walshestown: €262

Brotentown: €193

Gainstown: €232

Parish Envelopes: €1985

THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED
LAST WEEKEND.

Inspiring people the story of Matt Talbot



Matt Talbot was born in May 1856, to a family of twelve children who lived in poverty. He started work at age twelve, in a firm which bottled beer and began drinking the dregs from bottles which had been returned. By the time he was in his twenties he was a chronic alcoholic.

Drink was Matt's only interest in life, until an incident that changed his life. One Saturday in 1884, he waited outside a pub without a penny hoping his drinking friends would help him out. But they passed him by and he went home sober for the first time. However, it was a moment of grace. He realised that he was totally enslaved to drink and took the pledge. The first three months of withdrawal were sheer hell, but he had an iron will. Once, when he was almost tempted, he decided never to carry money again, and he kept that resolution all his life.

He attended Mass every morning and turned all his effort to developing his life of prayer. The strict ascetical life of the early Irish monks attracted him. Nobody had an idea that Matt was leading a life of such austerity. But many people know about his generosity when he lent them money to buy clothes for their children or to pay rent.

Matt Talbot died suddenly from a heart attack in Granby Lane, Dublin on the way to Mass on Sunday 7 June 1925. In 1975 the Holy See conferred the title "Venerable" on him, making him a candidate for canonisation. St John Paul II had great devotion to Matt Talbot and often cited the example of Matt's life while he was a Bishop in Poland.

Inspiring places the city of Nicaea

Known today as Iznik, this lakeside town in Turkey reached its prominence in 325AD, when the Emperor Constantine chose Nicaea as the location of the first Ecumenical Council of the Church. The meeting produced the Nicene Creed, which we recite during the Mass on Sundays and major feast days. The Nicene Creed is composed in three parts:



"I believe in God the Father" (the creator and source of all that we see and cannot see)

"I believe in Jesus Christ" (born of Mary, suffered for our sake, rose on the third day, judge of the living and the dead)

"I believe in the Holy Spirit" (who spoke through the Prophets; through whom the Church is inspired; by whose grace we are baptised and have our sins forgiven).

The ancient walls and pavements of Nicaea (Iznik) tell a truly remarkable story of how the Christian faith developed, as well as the gradual rise of Islam along the shores of Europe. Nicaea recalls the great debates which led to a clearer understanding of what the universal Church believes. It also recounts the tale of how misplaced religious zeal and political motivations sometimes produced crusades and violent clashes.

Pope Francis visited the Muslim community in Jerusalem on 26 May 2014 and he said:

In our earthly pilgrimage we are not alone. We cross paths with other faithful; at times we share with them a stretch of the road and at other times we experience with them a moment of rest which refreshes us. May we respect and love one another as brothers and sisters. May we learn to understand the sufferings of others. May no one abuse the name of God through violence. May we work together for justice and peace."

As violence continues to bring suffering in the Holy Land, please pray that all the children of Abraham (Christians, Jews and Muslims) may find a way to live in peace.

Have you noticed ?

There is a bust of Bishop John Cantwell on the side wall near the middle entrance door of the Cathedral. It was Bishop Cantwell who built the earlier Church of the Immaculate Conception that preceded this Cathedral. He was Bishop of Meath for thirty six turbulent years between 1830 and 1866, which included the period of the Great Famine and a great deal of political agitation. Bishop Cantwell stood firmly on the side of his people. His remains lie directly beneath the floor of the Cathedral at the spot where the bust was erected in his memory. Fr Paul Connell has written a biography of Bishop Cantwell, published by Four Court Press, which is available in the Cathedral shop.



Next week we will publish details of the Jubilee Day celebrations on 7 September.

Keep in touch

If you are away from Mullingar during the summer period, you can still keep in touch with your parish. The online webcam broadcasts daily Mass from the Cathedral. The newsletter is available at www.mullingarparish.ie. If you visit any places of faith or pilgrimage, share them with us on Facebook.

Mass intentions this week

Monday: 7.45am Richard Byrne

10am John & Peg McCormack

Tuesday: 7.45am Tony Ennis

10am Michael Devine

Wednesday: 7.45am Annie, Patrick & Bobby Clarke

10am Mattie, Matthew & Mary Bourke

Thursday: 7.45am Lawrence & Jane Hanevy

10am Molloy family

Friday: 7.45am P J O'Rourke

10am Joe Whaley

Saturday: 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

Vigil: 6pm: Michael Fleming (MM)

Next Sunday 27 July 2014

8.30am Josephine Macken (MM) & Raymond Macken

11am: Vera O'Neill, St Dominic's (MM)

Walshestown 9am Molly Clarke & Clarke family

Brotentown 10am Whelan family, Shandonogh

Gainstown 11am Thomas Arthur, Gainstown

REST IN PEACE
Kieran Flynn, Kinnegad
Matt Garry, Moyliscar

