



# 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 €3,872  
St Paul's €1,235 Thank  
Walshestown €170 You!  
Brotentown €196  
Gainstown €257  
Parish Envelopes: €1,595

## LIFE NEWS

### James and Ann-Marie's Story

"As a couple, some of the most precious moments shared together include meeting our two children for the first time. We have great memories of marvelling at their growth and development during pregnancy.

"Realising that their hearts were beating from three weeks was astonishing. Watching them move in the womb was a beautiful, emotional experience for both of us.

"From personal experience, during both pregnancies, it was a great consolation for us to know that both lives were protected by the Eighth Amendment; the life of the mother, and the life of baby.

"We are pro-woman and pro-baby. We are pro-life. We value each human life at every stage of development. Protecting the right of the unborn child is the greatest human rights issue of our time.

"Without the right to life, all other human rights are meaningless. The right to life is the keystone human right upon which all other rights are built upon.

"We are proud that the Eighth Amendment represented by Article 40.3.3 of the Irish Constitution creates a truly equal society, recognising both the rights of the mother and the unborn.

"We aim as a society to be just, equitable and humane to everyone, especially the most vulnerable. We have a duty to stand up and protect the most defenceless, the most silent, the unborn.

"Article 40.3.3 recognises the equality of life of both the mother and the child in the womb. It recognises the unborn as a human being.

"To repeal the Eighth Amendment is to abolish the right to existence of another human being. Did we all not start our journey in the womb?"

**More information is available at the pro-life table in the Cathedral. Please bring some leaflets home with you.**

## FAMILY NEWS

### Countdown to World Meeting of Families

Lots of efforts are already being made to prepare for what we hope will be the visit of Pope Francis for the World Meeting of Families. A number of volunteers from our parish are assisting with the preparations nationwide. We are encouraging parishioners to act as 'host families' and to welcome visiting families who will be with us next August. **Please support the third National Collection this weekend to help with the costs of hosting this Papal event in Ireland.**



## SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the children from Presentation Junior school, St Mary's Primary School, St Colmcille's school and St Kenny's School who all celebrated Penance for the first time during the week. We will celebrate the sacrament for children from Gaelscoil an Choillín on Tuesday and Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn on Wednesday. We will also have Lenten confessions for the pupils of St Colman's School and Curraghmore School.

**Do This in Memory:** Next weekend we welcome to Mass the children preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

## LENT NEWS

We welcome our **Lenten guest preacher**, Mullingar native Fr Brendan Corrigan and we thank him for his homily at the vigil Mass.

### Trocaire for Lent

"The Search" tells the story of a young girl, Dawa who, when her parents die, is forced to leave her village and try to survive on the streets of the big city. A caring neighbour, with the help of Trócaire, comes to the city in search of Dawa and manages to track her down and bring her home. Your love, like that neighbour, can change lives. Trocaire puts faith into action "until love conquers fear".

## PARISH NEWS

**We welcome these children who were recently baptised:** Jasmine Loran, Abbeylands; Cillian Grainger, Chestnut Drive; Emilia Smith, Grange Crescent; Naomi Kilmurray, Clongowney; Jaxson Tully-Massey, St Brigid's Tce; Ryan Smith, Grange Meadows; Ruby McEnerney, Belvedere Hills; William Brian, Assumption Villas; Teodor Stanivukovic, Glenmore Wood; Anna Maleady, Rathconnell; Henry Bolger-Butler, Newbrook; Mason Matthews-Hickey, Green Road; Lucy Maguire, Ardilaun Green; Robert Ormsby, Brookfield; Jayden Martin-Crichton, Ardleigh Vale; Louis Vambeck, Gaybrook; Alex Coffey, Greenpark Meadows; Alyssia Owen-Maher, Carra Grove; Orfhlaith Boyle, Ardilaun Green.



### The Cathedral heating system

During the week a section of the main Cathedral heating system was closed off after a leak was discovered in the basement area. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**Thanks to all who helped deliver** the envelope boxes to parishioners. If you have not received a box and would like to contribute to the parish there are spare envelope boxes at the back of the churches this weekend. Simply include your name and address on the enclosed slip with your first contribution.

**The Cathedral is pleased to host** the Mullingar Choral Society Spring Concert next Sunday at 8pm. Tickets available from the Cathedral shop and from the door on the night.

## 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:** 7.45am: Edward & Rose Hamill.

**Tuesday:** 10am: Angela McCormick.  
9.15am: Elizabeth & Peter Bennett.  
7.30pm: Pat Foran.

**Wednesday:** 7.45am: Paddy & Thomas Brophy & deceased members of family.

10am: Hugh & Mary Nevin, babies Brigid & Hugh

**Thursday:** 7.45am: John Smith.

10am: James & John Charles.

**First Friday:** List of the Dead.

**Saturday:** 7.45am: Dempsey family.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass  
6pm: Kathleen (Cassie) Quinn, St Brigid's Tce (M.M.) **Next Sunday** 8.30am: Joe O'Reilly, Woodlands (M.M.) 11am: Christina (1st Ann) & Brian Dale, Lynn Road.

Walshestown 9am: Alacoque (M.M.) & Paddy Quinn, Walshestown.

**Save the 8th Rally**, Saturday 10th March, free bus departing from Mr Wong's, Mullingar Park Hotel, 12.30pm.

**Cathedral Shop** has a selection of Confirmation and First Holy Communion gifts in stock.

**Irish UN Veterans Association**, new Charity Shop now open at Columb Barracks.

**Transition year students** from Colaiste Mhuire, St Finian's College, Loreto College & St Joseph's Rochfortbridge are walking 5km on Wednesday to raise funds for LARCC, Good2talk, TEAM & MRI scanner. To donate contact schools.

## Rest in Peace

**Wayne Carroll**, The Court, Lakepoint  
**Sr Mary Barry**, Grange South & Derby  
**Rita Smith**, Valley Cottages  
**Christy Connolly**, Highfield  
**Phyl Reville**, Newtown Lawns  
**Liam Mullen**, late of Ginnell Tce