



# Parish of Mullingar

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

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## Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Padraig McMahon, Adm.  
Fr. Michael Kilmartin  
Fr. Paul Crosbie  
Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday-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  
Brotenstown: 10am  
Gainstown: 11am

## Daily Masses

7.45am & 10 am in the Cathedral  
9.15am Mass in St. Paul's

## Saturday Confessions

2.30pm-3.30pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 8am — 8pm

**Baptisms:** Sundays: 3pm

**Bereavement Support:** 087 6309808

## Collections last weekend.

Cathedral: €4,430  
St Paul's: €1,520  
Walshestown: €182 Thank  
Brotenstown: €211 You!  
Gainstown: €205  
Parish Envelopes: €1,498

*The annual Senior citizens social takes place today in Gainstown best wishes to all involved.*

## Catholic Schools Week

Pope Francis said to religious in the past few weeks 'Education is a key, key, key mission. Note the emphasis!!' A key to the mission of the church is catholic education. Down the years Mullingar parish has invested time and money in the running of schools in the parish. Our school system supports parents in nurturing children in God's love. Tomorrow Catholic Schools Week will begin. The purpose of the week is to highlight and celebrate the wonderful contribution that Catholic schools (primary and post primary) make to our local communities and to society in general. Schools in our parish are joining in the celebrations, for example by having special school assemblies, Grandparents Day, school Masses and in the making St Brigid's crosses. The diocesan catechists will make their annual visitation to our primary schools this week. We welcome Davy, Sr Annette and Antoinette. We thank all the teachers for the work they do in teaching religion and supporting the ethos of our schools.

## St Brigid's Day

Saturday next, (1 February) is the Feast of Saint Brigid a woman who dedicated her life to the poor. We have a school, a housing estate and an historic well in Cullion named after her. At the well on Saturday at 12 noon, devotions will take place including the blessing of St Brigid's crosses. With the feast falling on a Saturday it would be great if parents or grandparents could bring their child to visit the well on this ancient pattern day.



## Candlemas



Sunday next (2 February) is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple. On this feast we celebrate our Lady and Saint Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple. Simeon, seeing Jesus, is overjoyed and proclaims Jesus as the Light of the World. There is a tradition of blessing candles on this day (Candlemas). Parishioners are welcome to donate candles to the parish or leave their own candles into the Church sacristy for blessing at Mass next Sunday. Candles for home or altar use are on sale in the Cathedral Shop.

## Bishop Michael Smith

On Wednesday next (29 January) it will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Michael Smith. On this day in the Cathedral, prayers will be said for our Bishop, thanking God for his faithful and generous service.



## Mullingar Parish Catholic Primary Schools

St Colman's, St Colmille's, Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn, Presentation Schools (Junior & Senior), St Kenny's, Curraghmore & St Mary's Primary



## ENROL YOUR CHILD THIS WEEK

St Brigid's School on Harbour Street has it's Open Evening next Thursday 7-9pm. If you have a child who needs extra support or resources at school, you may consider the option of St Brigid's School.

## A child receiving a Sacrament this year?

Thanks to all the Mums and Dads who attended the parents' meetings last week. We encourage all of you to do your best to witness to the faith to help your children 'believe, belong and become'. It is vitally important that children see parents integrating Mass, prayer and the sacraments into their lives.

## Celebrating the Cathedral 75th

Jubilee tours of the Cathedral for children are taking place each week as we commemorate in Mullingar the 75th anniversary of the Cathedral. Thanks to the parish catechists who are organising the Cathedral Trail and Museum Tour. In the porch of the Cathedral a display board highlights the Cathedral's history. Thanks to Carmel and Fr Belisario for the work putting it together. Do take some time to learn a little more about the Cathedral.

## Saint Vincent de Paul

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society expresses its thanks to all those who help them with their work. The society is one of the main arms of Mullingar parish's outreach to those in need. The Society is always in need of volunteers and welcomes all support that parishioners can give. Contact 9343868

## Rest in Peace

Sally Taaffe, Lynn: Frank Devany, Norwich

## End of the Parish Financial Year

The Parish Finance Committee are preparing their presentation of the parish accounts for 2013. The parish office is now distributing the weekly envelope boxes to those who wish to receive them and use this method of support to the parish. Thanks is expressed to all those who help distribute the boxes in their areas. It is quite an undertaking! This year we are looking for assistance to get envelopes to homes in the following areas: Willowbrook; Beechgrove;



Patrick Street; Lynn Road; Ladestown.

If you can help in these areas please contact the parish office. It is hoped that in the coming week the boxes will arrive in the homes seeking them.

## Mass Intentions next week

**Monday Feast of St Angela (2 Sm 1-7, 10. Ps 88. Mk 3:22-30.)** 7.45am: Bartley & Cronin families  
10am: Thomas, Annie & Harry Moody.  
**Tuesday Feast of St Thomas Aquinas (2 Sm 6:12-15. Mk 3:31-35.)** 10am: Owen Morris & Denis Hughes 9.15am: Rose Colgan.  
**Wednesday: Bishop Smith's Anniversary (2 Sm 7:4-17. Ps 88. Mk 4:1-20.)** 10am: Tom & Bridie Smyth.  
**Thursday: (2 Sm 17:18-19, 24-29. Ps 131. Lk 1:32. Mk 4:21-25.)** 10am: Patrick Roche.  
9.15am: Thomas, Annie & Harry Moody.  
**Friday: Feast of St John Bosco (2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17. Ps 50. Mk 4:26-34.)** 10am: Joe Dinnegan.  
**Saturday: Feast of St Brigid (Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 Ps 106. Lk 6:32-38.)** 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass  
6pm Vigil: Michael Fagan, Raithin Close (M.M.)  
**Sunday 2nd February Presentation (Mal 3:1-4. Ps 23. Heb 2:14-18. Lk 2:22-40.)** 8.30am: Bill Scally, Springfield (M.M.)  
11am: Bernadette Flanagan, Grange South (M.M.)  
St Paul's: 12 noon: Marie Lennox, Ginnell Tce (M.M.)  
Brotenstown 10am: Paddy & Dolly Smith.  
Gainstown 11am: Donal Hyland, Vilanstown (M.M.)



**Ministers of Holy Communion** who take Communion to the sick and homebound have a role in sharing the Church's ministry to the sick following the example of Jesus. The minister should always take care to maintain the confidentiality and

dignity of the individual. It is beneficial for visits to the sick and homebound to occur after Sunday Mass so that the link between the parish liturgical celebration and the parishioner is maintained. Taking a parish bulletin also helps maintain that link. Ministers should ask if there is anything the parish can do for the sick, if they need to see a priest for the sacrament of reconciliation or anointing of the sick. If the person is not available or cannot receive Communion, ministers should not take the sacred host or leave it in the car. Please consume the sacred host or return it immediately to the Church.