



Mullingar Parish

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

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Sunday 17th March 2024

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

Tues, Wed & Thurs

7.30pm, Cathedral (during
Lent)

Sunday Mass Times

Cathedral: Vigil 6pm (Sat)
Cathedral 8.30am, 11am,
12.30pm
St Paul's 10.30 & 12noon
Walshestown 9am
Brotentown 10am
Gainstown 11am

Confessions Cathedral

Saturday 2pm-3pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cathedral: 8am-8pm (Mon-Fri)

Child Safeguarding Representatives Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon *Contact Parish Office.*

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A REFLECTION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17th, is the feast day of St. Patrick, a saint who is celebrated widely not just in Ireland but in many other countries around the world. It is a day of celebration that is marked by parades, bands, music, costumes, and green lights. Yet behind all these celebrations is the story of an ordinary man who faced an extraordinary mission: to bring the Christian faith to the pagan Irish almost sixteen centuries ago. The outcome was one of the most notable success stories of the early Church, one that resulted not only in the Irish being converted to the faith, but them becoming missionaries of the faith themselves.



Patrick composed at least the two short works which still survive. These are known as his *Confessio* or *Confession* and His *Letter to Coroticus*. These are the oldest texts, in any language, written in Ireland that have survived. Patrick is the only individual from ancient Roman Britain that we truly get to know, simply on account of his authorship of these works. Secondly, he is the only citizen of the late Roman Empire to have been taken prisoner by raiders and sold into slavery, who lived to tell his story.

From his *Confession* we know that Patrick was born and raised somewhere in Britain. We know he was captured as a slave at 16yrs old and he spent six years as a captive in Ireland. He escaped and returned to the land of his birth. He then returned to Ireland and preached the Gospel for around 30yrs until his death in AD 461.

During the 6 years as a slave Patrick learned the language of the Irish people and was sensitive to the culture. Patrick got to know Irish ways and grew to love the Irish people. This was obviously indispensable to his missionary efforts. He did not ride in on a white horse as an outsider bringing a foreign salvation; he came to the Irish as one who had spent the time becoming one of them. His ministry was marked by evangelizing, preaching, and teaching. It is thought that thousands of Irish came to faith in Christ. Patrick's evangelistic results were solidified and established through his own work and the people that followed him.

History testifies that Patrick's efforts began a chain of events that not only led to the Christianization of Ireland but to the arrival of Irish missionaries into mainland Europe. Missionaries including the monastic saints Columbanus (c. 540-615) and Malachy (1094-1148) who brought key elements of Christian faith that promoted ecclesial and social unity, which were absorbed by cultures in a way that fostered education, virtue, and basic human rights. This was the legacy of these Irish men and women of courage, and it originated with Patrick, their father in faith. For this reason, St. Patrick is celebrated not just by the Irish but by

churches around the world, who thank God for the gift of faith received by their Irish ancestors, who brought the faith to other cultures and peoples after the example of Patrick himself. What the story of Patrick teaches us with renewed force and effect is simply that Christian mission matters. On his feast day, we remember Saint Patrick and give thanks for what God achieved through him. May we never doubt the wonders God continues to do in our own day through men and women who share Patrick's passion.



Evening Prayer at 7.15pm, every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in the Cathedral during Lent.
Evening Mass at 7.30pm; every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in the Cathedral during Lent.
Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm; Every Friday in the Cathedral during Lent at 7.30pm.

Holy Week Ceremonies 2024

Chrism Mass, Wednesday 27th March, 7pm, Cathedral

Holy Thursday, 7.30pm, Cathedral

Good Friday

St Paul's 3pm, Passion of the Lord

Cathedral, 3pm, Stations of the Cross

Cathedral 7.30pm, Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 9pm, Cathedral

Full schedule will be available next weekend.



Hymn for today

*Dóchas linn Naomh Pádraig, aspal mór na hÉireann,
Aimn oirdhearc gléigeal, solas mór an tsaoil é.
D'fhill le soiscéal grá dúinn ainneoin blianta
'ngéibheann, Grá mór Mhac na páirte d'fhuascail cách
ón daorbhroid.*

*Sléibhte, gleannta, maighe's bailte mór' na hÉireann:
Ghlan sé iad go deo dúinn, míle glóir dár naomh dhil.
Iarr'mid ort, a Phádraig, guí orainn na Gaela, Dial
linn lá 'gus oíche's Pádraig aspal Éireann.*

Cathedral Clean up for Holy Week

Volunteers needed for Monday 25th March. If available to help please meet in the Cathedral at 7.30pm. We appreciate your help.



Mass Intentions 16th—24th March

Cathedral Vigil 6pm: Joseph Jessop, Belvedere Hills (1st Ann) Sunday 17th March 8.30am: Tommy Grimes, Belmont, Ballinea (M.M.) 12.30pm Ann Glennon, Dalton Park (1st Ann) St Paul's 10.30am: Dickie McDonald, Cullion Hse (M.M.) 12noon: Teresa Crosbie, Bunbrosna.

Walshestown 9am, Vincent & Michael Dolan.

Brottenstown 10am, James (Jay) Fox. Gainstown

11am: Conor, Catherine & Finian Clarke.

Monday: *Bank Holiday, 10am Mass only in the Cathedral.*

Tuesday 7.45am: Ernest Alford. 10am: Mary Ellen Oakes & deceased members of family.

7.30pm Patrick McLoughlin. 9.15am: Christine Archibald.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Patrick & Mary Margaret Fagan. 10am: Sheila Gilligan. 7.30pm: Eddie Foran. 9.15am: Pauline & Aidan Moore & daughter Olive.

Thursday 7.45am: Breda & Gerry Kelly, Maureen Lyons & Una Mulligan. 10am: Special Intention. 7.30pm: Martin & Michael Geraghty & Maureen Fitzgerald. 9.15am: Kathleen, Patrick & Sean Gerry & deceased members.

Friday: 10am: Danny & Frank McCormack.

9.15am: Willie & Carmel MacNamara & granddaughter Róise Quinn. Saturday 7.45am: Edward & Rose Hamill. 10am: Anniversaries

Occurring. Cathedral 6pm Vigil Elizabeth Duff (1st Ann) & Sarah Keogh, Glenmore Wood & Newbrook Nursing Home. Sunday 23rd March. Cathedral

8.30am: Bridie Bauer, Belvedere Hills (M.M.) 11am:

Liam Clyne, Clonmore Heights (1st Ann) 12.30pm

John Russell, St Brigid's Tce (1st Ann) St Paul's

10.30am: Una Lee, Clongowney (1st Ann) 12noon:

Noreen Coyle, Lakepoint Park (1st Ann)

Walshestown 9am: Alacoque & Paddy Quinn.

Brottenstown 10am: Margaret Scally & daughter

Majella. Gainstown 11am: Edward Glennon, Gorteen (1st Ann)

Divine Mercy Devotions, today, 3pm, Cluain Lir
The Franciscan Sisters of Renewal invite you to Light the Fire, Hill of Slane today Vespers 5pm, Mass 6pm followed by Adoration.

National Pioneer Ball will be held in Annebrook House Hotel, on Saturday 6th April, tickets €40 contact Daisy on 0876544626. Mass will be held at 6pm in the Cathedral.

Give Blood, Mullingar Park Hotel, Tuesday 19th—Thursday 21st March & 2nd & 3rd April 3.45pm—8pm, call 1800 222 111 to book appointment.

Daffodil Day, Friday 22nd March, Please support to help raise funds.

Table Quiz in aid of Mullingar Agri Show, Thursday 21st March in Annebrook Hotel.

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10th and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours www.joewalshstours.ie Tel.: 01 2410800.

Italian Pilgrimage Visiting San Giovanni. Assisi & Padua. Visiting the shrines of St Pio, St Michael the Archangel, St Francis, St Clare & Blessed Carlo Acutis, 7th—15th October, for information contact Mary Briody 087-6336513.

RIP **Kay Morrin** nee Flynn, Ladestown
Pauline Boyne, Glenview Heights
Tony Gilligan, Hillside Drive & Multyfarnham
Michael Piggott, Tower View
John Maher, Walshestown
Maí Byrne, Auburn Terrace
Martin Buckley, Tyrrellspass & Mullingar
Theresa Campbell, Birr & Mullingar
Jimmy Henry, Dunboyne
Ramis (Bobby) Vasithiva, Kinnegad
Natalie Bennett, Kells