

# **Parish of Mullingar**

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

## **Priests of the Parish**

Fr. Padraig McMahon, Adm.

Fr. Michael Kilmartin

Fr. Paul Crosbie

Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday—Friday 9am-5pm (closed 1-2pm) Tel: 044 9348338 Email: cathedral@dioceseofmeath.ie

## Vigil Mass (Saturday)

Cathedral: 6pm

**Sunday Mass Times** 

Cathedral: 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm

St. Paul's: 10.30am, 12noon

Walshestown: 9am Brotenstown: 10am Gainstown: 11am

## **Daily Mass Times**

7.45am & 10am Cathedral

9.15am: St Paul's

**Eucharistic Adoration** 8am-8pm

# **Bereavement Support**

087-6309808

## **Confessions**

Saturday 2.30—3.30pm

### Collections Last weekend

Cathedral: €3,432 St Paul's: €1,097 Walshstown: €161 Brotenstown: €227 Gainstown: €170

Parish Envelopes: €1,704

Vocations Sunday collection next

weekend.

# **Easter Season**

# "Time to learn more about faith" Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Bethany

Sometimes we are inclined to overlook the 50 days of Easter - we give more attention to the 40 days of Lent. Did you know that the Easter season lasts for 50 days? So this year the parish is Answers? running a short course (30 minutes each week) to help people better understand the faith. Each session will take place on Tuesdays from now until Pentecost, beginning at 7.30pm in Bethany on

**Confessions - God is full of mercy** Tues. 21 April Tues. 28 April The Sacrament of Marriage Tues. 5 May The Pope and the Joy of the Gospel

Bishopsgate Street. All are welcome to come along.

Tues. 12 May Tues. 19 May

What is life after death? "Lord, teach us to pray"

## Mass for the Sick - Tuesday 28 April at 4pm All are very welcome

Parishioners who are sick or housebound are invited to this Mass where they will be anointed by Bishop Smith and the priests of the parish in the Cathedral. We would be grateful for the help of family members and neighbours in bringing people to the Mass.



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The anointing of the Sick is a beautiful Sacrament of Healing in which the community of faith comes together to pray and support those who are having physical, emotional or mental difficulty. The ritual and prayers call us to "lift up our prayers" and find an inner strength that can offer another person peace.

# **Next Weekend - Vocations Sunday**

Deacon Robert McGinvey, who will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Meath in Navan on 28 June, will join us at Mass in the Cathedral next Sunday at 11am and give the homily for Vocations Sunday.

Every parish needs to have a concern for encouraging and fostering vocations. Crucial to fostering vocations in prayer. Bishop Smith asks parishioners, especially those taking part in Eucharistic Adoration, to pray for vocations. What to pray for?

- We pray for the family, which is the first seminary
- For an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life
- For young men and women in Mullingar parish who may be considering a vocation
- For the seminarians in Maynooth and Rome

We can all do our part in planting seeds, by encouraging young people to explore the possibility of vocation. Many vocations have grown from a tap on the shoulder, an encouraging word or a question to someone who may have a vocation.

Thank you for supporting the appeal during Lent

The parish is eager to return your generous donations to Trocaire without delay. If you haven't already done so, please bring your Trocaire box to the church, parish office or parish school. You can also easy to make your Lenten donation at www.trocaire.ie.

# The persecution of Christians

St Paul tells us that we are one body. If one part suffers, every part suffers. If one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it (cf. 1 Cor. 12:26). Very many Christians are persecuted today in the Middle East, Nigeria, Kenya, Pakistan and elsewhere.

### Each month,

**322** Christians are killed for their faith,

214 churches and parish properties are destroyed. 772 acts of violence are committed against Christians (such as beatings, abductions, rapes, unjust arrests and forced migrations).

Please remember our Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers and in acts of solidarity.

#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** 10am: Bernadette and Joseph Burke

9.15am: Mary Gavin

Tuesday: 7.45am: Ben Kelly

10am: John Dalton

Wednesday: 10am: Bridget and James Burke; Ina

and Pat Brennan

Thursday: 10am: William and Elizabeth Walsh

9.15am: Brenda Traynor Friday: 10am: Dermot Newe 9.15am: Robert Foran

Saturday 7.45am: Mary McDermott

10am: Anniversaries Occurring

Gainstown: Stiofan Ormsby

Vigil: Nancy Kennedy (MM) and Michael Kennedy Sunday 8.30am: Bridie Dunning (MM), Tullaghan 10.30am Rose O'Reilly (1st ann.), Mount Street 11am Kathleen Nooney (MM), Spoutwell Lane 12 noon Alan Moran (MM), Pettitswood Manor Walshestown: Michael Graham Murphy and Jasmine Frances Ruzzier (nee Murphy)

## **Preparing for Marriage Referendum**

A conference will take place at Marino College, Dublin next Saturday. The speakers include Bruce Arnold and Patrick Treacy SC, who will outline the reasons for affirming marriage between man and woman, as well as the impact of the proposal on the rights of children. Further information from Cathedral House or www.mothersandfathersmatter.org (phone 01 637 3909).

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 12th—17th September.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage, 26th April.

Mullingar Comhaltas Concert next Saturday Saturday at Mullingar Park Hotel in aid of Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust Fund.

Cycle Against Suicide 2015 - looking for accommodation for the cyclists for one night; if you can help please contact 087-1881850.

# **Rest in Peace**

Tess Brennan, Millmount; Nancy Carolan, Walshestown: Imelda Dibbs, Brotenstown: Fr Art McCoy, OFM; Tony Maloney, Tyrrellspass; Judy Murtagh, Multyfarnham; Breige (nee Hunter) Ridge, UK.