



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, VF

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm

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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

Brotenstown: 10am

Gainstown: 11am

Daily Mass

7.45am & 10am Cathedral Mon - Sat

9.15am St Paul's Mon-Fri

Confessions in the Cathedral

Saturday 2.30pm-3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €3,671

Thank

St Paul's: €1,153

You!

Walshestown: €132

Brotenstown: €200

Gainstown: €198

Parish Envelopes: €1,475

Today is an offering day for the care of retired clergy in the Diocese of Meath.

“Protecting Life and Respecting Women”: a message for the international Day for Life, 1 October 2017

The joy of a couple at the prospect of becoming parents gives way to despair if the mother suffers a miscarriage of their baby is stillborn. We share the following true stories from Ireland and UK with sensitivity.

Caroline miscarried her baby, Raphael, in the fourteenth week of pregnancy in 2013. She and her husband asked their priest to conduct a funeral and a burial. ‘Actually doing something to mark our loss was so healing. It was a reminder that the baby was a real person. Naming the baby was important too. The way we see it, we have a child ahead of us in heaven praying for us.’

Grief can also be associated with having an abortion. **Laura**, who had an abortion at eight weeks, describes the moment, years later, when she acknowledged she had ended a life. It happened when she saw a group of primary school children and realised that her baby would have been the same age. Her next step was to go to Confession. She says: ‘Understanding the truth of abortion is just the beginning. With absolution, the weight of shame and guilt is lifted forever.’

Jenny could see no future for herself and her baby when she found herself pregnant, homeless and in debt. But she sought help and was given a room in a house run by a local pro-life charity, Life Housing, where she now lives with her son, Oliver. The local parish provided baby clothes, toys and Christmas presents, and a local charity gave Jenny a pram and other equipment. She received help to clear her debts and soon mother and baby will move into their first home, a fully furnished two-bedroom house. When Jenny was at her most vulnerable, discovering she was not alone saved her life, and Oliver's life too.

This message was prepared for **Day for Life**. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Check out www.dayforlife.org

Abortion, Disability and the Law: A one-day conference examining the ethical, legal, social and psychological issues raised by abortion or childbirth following a diagnosis of foetal anomaly takes place on 20 October in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone. Check out www.bioethics.org.uk. **Everyone is welcome, especially people working in the field of medicine.**



Mass of Remembrance for babies and young children who died in our parish will take place on Saturday 21 October at 10am in the Cathedral. Please leave names for inclusion in this Mass into the Parish Office.

A Day of Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 14 October: Bloomfield Hotel

We encourage all weekly Adorers to a Eucharistic Assembly in Bloomfield on Saturday 14 October from 9.30am until 4.30pm.

“We are excited that our parish will host this unique gathering in our locality” **Fr Joseph** said. “It is inspiring to see the dedication of parishioners who spend a “holy hour” before the Blessed Sacrament each week in the Cathedral. They pray for the intentions of everyone, especially for the sick, for families facing difficulties and for vocations. This Assembly gives us a chance to affirm their dedication and, I hope, to encourage new people to join them in this beautiful devotion”. It is estimated that over 1,000 people in Westmeath take part in Eucharistic Adoration every week.

First Holy Communion - Meetings with Parents

St Mary's School - Monday, 7pm, in the school

St Kenny's School - Wednesday, 7pm, in the school

Presentation Junior School - Wednesday, 7pm, in school

St Colman's School - Wednesday, 7.30pm, in the school

Gaelscoil an Choilin - Wednesday, 8.15pm, in the school.

Training for all members of Boards of Management of parish schools on Thursday at 7.30pm in Park Hotel. The session will address the role of Board members in relation to the Catholic ethos of our schools.

Child safeguarding notice - A meeting of all volunteers who work with children in our parish will take place on Wednesday 11 October at 7pm in Bethany. All sacristans, choir directors, and others who help in child-related activities are expect to attend.

We say goodbye and thanks to Fr Vjeko and Fr Ionut who helped us during September.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society, Monday 7.30pm, Bethany.

REST IN PEACE

Dolores Ham, Hillside Drive

John McDonnell, St Brigid's Tce

Edward Tynan, Ballinea

Susan Horan, O'Growney Drive

Thomas Doherty, Clongowney & Lynn Heights

Baby Ellie Marie Donoghue, Farran Ashe

Mary Ena Bailey nee Clinton, late of Cullionbeg

Music at Mass

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.



In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord
let us, like them, obey his word:
'Rise up and follow me,
rise up and follow me!'

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Calling all our musicians

“The faithful who gather together to await the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together psalms, hymns, and inspired liturgical songs (see Colossians 3:16). Liturgical song is the sign of the heart's joy (see Acts 2:46). Thus Saint Augustine says rightly: "To sing belongs to lovers." There is also the ancient proverb: "One who sings well prays twice." (GIRM 39)

Fr Robert will lead an hour on sacred music entitled “Why sing at Mass?” which will help all who aid the liturgies in our parish to give praise and glory to God. Anyone who plays, sings or makes music in any way is invited at 7pm on **Tuesday 17 October** to the music room in the Cathedral.

Mass Intentions next week

Monday: 7.45am: Rose & John Duignam.

10am: O'Gorman family.

9.15am: Martin & Mary Tormey & family.

Tuesday: 10am: Seamus Sheerin.

Wednesday: 10am: Dr JP Van & Jus Van Besoun.

Thursday: 7.45am: Dermot Fagan, Ballinderry (M.M.). 10am: James & Annie Lyster & Elizabeth & John Dowd. 9.15am: Ann Sleator.

Friday: 7.45am; 10am & 9.15am List of the Dead.

Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm.

Saturday: 10am: Anniversaries Occurring.

Vigil: Larry Fagan, Hanstown, Ballinea (1st Ann)

Next Sunday 11am: Mary Quinn, Dublin Rd (M.M.)

St Paul's 12noon: Celia Claffey, Ballinderry (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Healy family.

Brotenstown 10am: Paddy & Breda Reilly & Mary O'Reilly.

Gainstown 11am: Sean Donoghue.