



Mullingar Parish

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's,
Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown
www.mullingarparish.ie



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: €3,587
St Paul's: €1,235
Walshestown: €187
Brotenstown: €213
Gainstown: €138
Parish Envelopes: €1,170

Thank
You!

Advent begins today!

Advent means 'coming or arrival.' During this season we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas and we look for Him to come again at the end of time. On the four Sundays of Advent, three purple and one pink candle on the Advent Wreath will mark our progress towards the birthday of our Saviour. The candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world. The circle of evergreen leaves speak of God's infinite and eternal love for us.

"Welcoming Jesus into our lives".

You are invited to an evening of **Prayer and Reflection for Advent** led by Fr. Robert on Thursday 7th December, at 7.00pm in Bethany. Refreshments will be provided to celebrate the eve of the Holyday. All are welcome especially Ministers of Holy Communion.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 8th December - Holyday of Obligation

We celebrate Mary who, from the first moment of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was "by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin."

Mass Times in the Cathedral Vigil 6pm (Thursday)

7.45am: 10am, 12noon & 7.30pm (Friday)

Mass in St Paul's Church on Friday at 12noon

Bus to **Night Vigil in Knock** on Thursday 7th December, to book contact 044 9372777 or 9372157.

World Meeting of Families Poetry & Art Competition

A reminder that the closing date for entries to the Poetry & Art Competition is 11 December. We look forward to hearing from you!

Learning to live like Jesus" This weekend we welcome the boys and girls from our primary schools who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time next year.

Confessions in our Secondary Schools The priests will hear confessions for the students in **Loreto College** next Thursday.



Please join us in singing our Advent hymn....

Come, O long expected Jesus,
born to set your people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Christ in whom our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation,
born salvation to impart;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born your people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever,
now your gracious kingdom bring.

Pope Francis visited Myanmar this week. There is a beautiful report from a Meath Columban priest working in that country. It is online at www.dioceseofmeath.ie. While he was in Bangladesh, the Pope met a group of Muslim **Rohingya** refugees in person and urged that they be respected.

Cathedral Carol Service

Sunday 17th December 5.30pm

Confessions for Christmas

Saturday 23rd December in the Cathedral
12noon—5pm and after Vigil Mass
Christmas Eve, after morning Masses in Cathedral
and St Paul's Church

Christmas Children's Mass

6pm Christmas Eve in St Paul's Church

Next weekend St Vincent de Paul will make their annual door to door collection. Members and helpers hope to visit as many homes as possible in the parish next Saturday and Sunday afternoon. However if you are not home when they call, you may if you wish contribute by using the envelope delivered to you and leaving it either at the Cathedral or Ozanam House in Bishopsgate St, or by any other means suitable to you.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts.....

Between 29th December and 7th January the parish will provide an opportunity for you to donate any unwanted Christmas gifts to the Cathedral (beside the crib) for distribution to local charities.



Mullingar Choral Society Christmas Concert will take place today in the Cathedral at 7pm. Among those joining the Mullingar Choral Society will be the Mullingar Town Band and special guests. Tickets are now available from the Cathedral Shop and at the door.

Cathedral Shop 'Walk with me' booklets and a large selection of Advent wreaths, cards, candles and cribs now available. Open on Monday-Saturday (except Wed) 10am-4pm and on Sundays after Masses.

Mass intentions next week

Monday: 7.45am: O'Gorman family.

10am: Tom, Mary, Kathleen & Martin Cahill.

9.15am: Ben Lambden & Currid family.

Tuesday: 7.45am: Patrick Gahan.

10am: Rosemary Creevy.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Ann Kelly.

10am: Tony Charles.

9.15am: Newcombe family.

Thursday: 7.45am: Waters-Callaghan families.

10am: Brendan Griffin.

9.15am: Ita & Thomas Whyte. 6pm: Milo Cox

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

7.45am: Fintan Brennan.

10am: Bernadette & Peter Reilly & Jimmy Harney.

St Paul's 12noon: Brendan Devenney.

7.30pm: Tom Grimes.

Saturday: 7.45am: Julia Bennett

10am: Anniversaries Occurring.

Vigil: Brendan Kirwan, Bishopsgate St (1st Ann)

Next Sunday 11am: Bernadette Egan, Dublin

Road (1st Ann) St Paul's 10.30am: Tom

McCauley, Ashfield (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Kathleen McDermott (1st Ann)

Brotenstown: 10am: Sean & Padraig Lynn.

Gainstown 11am: Alan McDonnell.

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

St Kenny's school Christmas Market, today 12noon—6pm.

Multyfarnham Christmas Fair, next Sunday 11-3pm.

Rest in Peace

Eileen Hope, Lynn

Mairtin O'Muiri, Tarmonbarry

Phyllis Hamilton nee Hayden, Mullingar