



Mullingar Parish

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

Priests of the Parish

Fr Padraig McMahon, Adm, VF
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy
Fr Paul Crosbie
Fr Robert McGivney

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm (lunch 1-2pm)

Vigil Mass (Saturday)

Cathedral: 6pm

Sunday Mass Times

Cathedral: 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm
St. Paul's: 10.30am, 12noon
Walshestown: 9am
Brotentown: 10am
Gainstown: 11am

Daily Mass

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

Confessions in the Cathedral

Saturday 2.30 - 3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

Collection last weekend

Cathedral €3,911
St Paul's €1,132 Thank
Walshestown €176 You!
Brotentown €210
Gainstown €258
Parish Envelopes: €1,657

Next Sunday is an offering day for support of the Bishop and Priests of the parish.

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. During Lent we are invited to Pray, to Fast and to Give to the Poor. Ashes will be blessed and distributed on Wednesday.

Masses in the Cathedral: 7.45am, 10am, 12noon & 7.30pm

Mass in St Paul's Church: 9.15am

Mass in Gainstown Church: 7.30pm

During Lent there will be a 7.30pm Mass in the Cathedral on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** evenings.

During the Fridays of Lent the **Stations of the Cross** will take place after the 9.15am Mass in St Paul's Church.

Lenten Calendars for children are available in the Cathedral Shop for 50 cent we encourage you to give one to children receiving sacraments this year. **'Walk with me'** booklets are also available from the Cathedral Shop.



The **Trócaire Lenten Campaign** gives us an opportunity to share in the work of development. Please take home a Trócaire box this weekend, open it on Ash Wednesday and encourage all the family to help those in need of our support. Trócaire boxes are available in all the churches and in the parish office.

Once again this Lent, why not take up our 12 Mass challenge?

- The challenge is for people under 30!
- The cards will be available from Ash Wednesday
- Go to Mass each Sunday (that's 7 Masses) and on 5 other days during Lent (that makes 12)
- After each Mass get your card stamped. This can be done in either the Cathedral or St Paul's Church.
- You can attend any Mass over the forty days of Lent to fulfil this challenge.
- On Holy Saturday night, bring your completed card to the 9pm vigil Mass and you will receive a blessing from Bishop Smith.

Today is World Day of Prayer for the Sick

I reach out to you, my God,
In this time of need.
Carry me on the difficult days
When I have no strength.
Wrap me in your love when I am discouraged.
May your grace wash over me and refresh me.
And as you hold me tenderly in the palm of your hand,
I ask for healing of all my afflictions. Amen.



Please join in our singing today...

God's blessing sends us forth,
strengthened for our task on earth:
refreshed in soul, renewed in mind.
May God with us remain, through us his
Spirit reign
that Christ be known to all mankind.

When does a baby's heart start to beat?

The first few weeks are the most rapid time of development of a new human life. The baby's beating heart has been recorded as early as 21 days after conception - this is sometimes before mum discovers she's pregnant.



A new weekly newsletter called **'ChooseLife2018'** is now available and we are eager to promote it as much as possible. The weekly newsletter is online at www.chooselife2018.ie. If you can't find it online, please let us know and we will get you a copy of it.

In the coming weeks, we will use our parish newsletter to share with you some information to help us value the beauty of every unborn child in the womb. We do not believe that the unborn child should be left with no rights in our Constitution. We can stand for a better vision of life.

Meath Diocesan Assembly on Tuesday

Eilis Mulroy (Pro Life Campaign) will speak about "How can my parish best contribute to the referendum debate?" Fr Aidan Ryan will reflect on "The priest's own Lent - how can Lent enrich the spiritual life of a priest?" Kevin Hoy will address a number of legal questions relating to church properties and parish administration. These include rules for external groups using parish property and data protection regulations. Linda and Mary from our parish finance committee will also attend.

Pilgrimages to Lourdes - 2018

Fr Padraig will lead a pilgrimage on **22nd-27th May**. Booking forms and further information are available from the Parish Office.



Envelope boxes for the coming year are now available from the Parish Office. We need volunteers to help deliver the boxes in the following areas: **Marlinstown; Gaybrook; Vilanstown; Tullaniskey; Greatdown; Catherinestown; Anneville; Lynn; Walshestown; Walshestown South; Ladestown; Ashe Road & Grange South**. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you to all who support the parish on an ongoing basis.

Mass intentions next week

Monday: 7.45am: Brigid & Frank McKeown.
10am: Joseph Gahan.

Tuesday: 7.45am: Devine family.
10am: Ned Walsh.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Matt Fagan. 10am: Crown & Kane families. 7.30pm: John, Brigid, Kathleen, Patricia & Dolores Neary. 9.15am: Peter, James & Lawrence Scally.

Thursday: 10am: Julie Corcoran. 7.30pm: Thomas & Roseanne Reilly, Brigid Neary & Madeline White. 9.15am: Breda Condon.

Friday: 7.45am: Tommy, Brigid & Rose Nugent.
10am: Oliver Creevy.

Saturday: 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass
6pm: Bridie Hynes, Newlands (M.M.)

Next Sunday 11am: All names on Remembrance Tree. 10.30am: Kevin Newman, Grand Parade & Cork (M.M.) 12noon: Pauline Ward, Trinity Cottages (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Joseph Brady & Brady & McGarrigle families.

Brotentown 10: James Carey.

Gainstown 11am: Ita & Michael Murtagh.

Divine Mercy Conference, Saturday 18th February, Bus leaving Post Office at 8am, to book seat contact Frank 086-1912697.

Camino 2018 Walk the first stage in France on 11th -18th September. Walking grade is strenuous (start) to moderate. Contact Mary 086-3761500.

Mullingar Town Band, Band Hall Refurbishment; Information evening, Friday, 7.30pm, Band Hall.

Retired Nurses, Monday, 8.30pm, Greville Arms.

ICA meeting, Monday, Aras an Mhuilinn.

Rest in Peace

May Gallagher, Lynn Rd & Oliver Plunkett St

Declan O'Farrell, Green Rd & Lynn Ave

Joe O'Reilly, Harbour Court

John Gilhooley, Curraghmore & England

Mary Gaffney nee Gilhooley, late of

Curraghmore & Chester

Niall Hannon, Royal Canal & Phibsborough

Martina Yeoman (nee McEnerney) Delvin & London