



# PARISH OF MULLINGAR

Third Sunday of Advent  
12 December 2010

**Snow thaws,  
hearts melt .....  
getting ready  
for Christmas**

**Priests of the Parish:**  
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**Sunday Vigil Mass:**  
Cathedral: 6pm

**Sunday Masses:**  
Cathedral: 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm  
St. Paul's: 10.30am, 12noon  
Walshestown: 9am  
Sacred Heart: 9.30am  
Brotentown: 10am  
Gainstown: 11am

**Daily Mass:**  
Cathedral 7.45am & 10am  
St Paul's 9.15 am  
Bank Holiday 10 am (Cathedral)

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Cathedral Daily 8 am—8pm

**Baptisms Sundays:** 3pm

**Confessions Saturday:**  
2.30pm—3.30pm & after Vigil Mass  
Also eve of First Friday after 10am Mass

**First Fridays:**  
All Masses for List of the Dead  
7.45am, 10 am & 9.15 am

**Bethany Bereavement Group**  
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## Five advent steps to Bethlehem

- Saint Vincent de Paul Society** hold the annual church door and house-to-house collection. We thank the members for their good work in the parish and for their presence at all Masses today.
- Cathedral Carol Service** takes place on Tuesday week (21 December) at 7.30pm. It's great if families and children can come along and join in singing the Christmas carols. Among the choirs taking part will be the Choristers, St. Finian's College, All Saints and Presentation Junior.
- Messengers of Hope:** as part of our advent series, we are delighted to welcome Orla Walsh, who will speak at Masses in Saint Paul's today. Orla is a wife, mother and secondary school catechist.
- Children's Liturgy ("Kiddies Lit")** will resume next Sunday in St Paul's at 10.30am. This session will draw the attention of children (aged 5 - 8 yrs) to the real message of Christmas.
- Our daily prayer:** you are welcome to spend some time in Eucharistic adoration in the Cathedral; or reflect with [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie). The penitential service takes place on Wednesday 22 December at 7.30pm. Time spent in personal prayer helps us to become more like Jesus, "more simple-minded, more humble, more holy, more affectionate, more resigned, more content, more full of God" (Blessed John Henry Newman).

Mullingar Choral Society with Mullingar Town Band presents 'Christmas Festival' in St Paul's Church tonight at 7pm. Tickets available at the door.



**Caring for the elderly:** During the past week, we have been able to celebrate Mass and anoint the sick in each of the wards in Saint Mary's Hospital. Sincerest thanks to the staff and residents for their welcome.

**Caring for the children:** Our safeguarding representatives (Fiona and Kathleen) have successfully completed an audit of parish activities with children and they are all compliant with child protection requirements. Thanks to all for their help.



**We welcome children baptised in the past few weeks:** Laoise Ennis, Ashfield; David Golden, Dalton Park; Aaron Mawdesley, Greenpark; Michelle Kecht, Ardleigh Vale; Alan Piechocki, Harbour Quay.

**Cathedral Shop,** Full range of Christmas Cards, Cribs and religious items now available.

**Night Prayer Vigil,** Clonmacnois, Friday.

**Retired Nurses Association,** Mon. 8.30 pm, Greville Development Fund €1,015 Offertory Fund €5,125

### Pilgrimages ....

Fr McMahan is hoping to lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes in May and to the Holy Land in August. More details will be available in the New Year.

**RIP Anne Kelly,** Harbour Road; **Bernie Reilly,** O'Growney Drive; **Mary McInerney** (nee Maher), Walshestown; **Ollie Gaffney,** Martinstown; **Sr De Montford,** St Francis Medical Centre. **Patrick Gahan,** Greenpark, Ballinea, **Joe Stuart,** Killucan

### Masses for Christmas ([www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie))

Christmas Eve: Cathedral 6pm & 10 pm  
St Paul's 6pm (Children's Mass ) & 9pm  
Christmas Day: Cathedral 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm  
St Paul's 10.30 am & 12 noon  
Walshestown; 9am,  
Brotentown & Gainstown 10 am  
Full Christmas schedule (incl. confessions) printed next week

Encouraging congregational singing

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray,  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Keep me praising 'till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!*

### Mass Intentions for the week ahead

**Monday: Num 24:2-7, 15-17. Ps 24. Mt 21:23-27.**  
7.45 am: Elizabeth & John Dowd & family.  
10 am: Bridie Mac Cabe.  
9.15 am: Sean, Joan & Tony McEntee & Caoimhe Bray.

**Tuesday: Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13. Ps 33. Mt 21:28-32.**  
7.45 am: Seamus Daly.  
10 am: Teresa Tuohy.  
9.15am: William & Betty Archbold & Billy Martin & Mary Carroll.

**Wednesday: Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-26. Ps 84. Lk 7:19-23.**  
7.45 am: Maisie & Jack Hanrahan.  
10 am: Betty McGuinn. 9.15 am: Kitty Donoghue.

**Thursday: Is 54:1-10. Ps 29. Lk 7:24-30.**  
7.45 am: Patricia Lavin.  
10 am: Helen Quinn (nee McCoy)  
9.15 am: Denis & Brigid Keenan.

**Friday: Gen 49:2, 8-10. Ps 71. Mt 1:1-17**  
7.45 am: Kathleen Quinn. *Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm*  
10am: Martin Tarlton. 9.15 am: Mary Baker.

**Saturday: Jer 23:5-8. Ps 71. Mt 1:18-24.**  
7.45 am: William Heffernan.  
10am Anniversaries Occurring Mass.  
6pm: Kathleen Tiernan, Bishopsgate St (M.M.)

**Sunday: Cathedral: Is 7:10-14. Ps 23. Rom 1:1-7. Mt 1:18-24.**  
11 am: Mary Gaynor, Brownstown & Cullionmore (1st Ann)  
**Walshestown** 9am: Thomas & Philomena Sullivan.  
**Brotentown** 10 am: Geoghegan family.  
**Gainstown** 11 am: Michael Ryan, Vilanstown (1st Ann)

**Offering Masses** for the living and the dead is a good way for us to take part actively in the Eucharist and to pray for specific intentions. The Bishops have issued some guidelines on Mass intentions. For instance, "a priest who received an offering has an obligation to celebrate Mass for the specific intention of the person who made the offering". In this regard, the Bishops describe as unacceptable the practice of selling Masses commercially. It undermines our respect for the Eucharist and has been associated with malpractice for some time. The guidelines are available at [www.mullingarparish.ie/news](http://www.mullingarparish.ie/news).

