



# 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

Re-opens Tuesday 2nd January

## 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

10am Cathedral Mon - Sat

## Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

## Bereavement Support

087-6309808

## Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

## Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €3,682

St Paul's: €1,150

Walshestown: €332

Brotentown: €206

Gainstown: €320

Parish Envelopes: €2,475

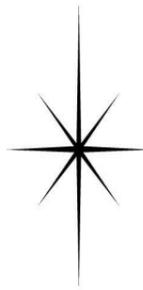
**Christmas Day is an offering day for the support of the Bishop and priests of the parish. We appreciate your generous support.**

Thank  
You!

We wish you peace and joy  
at Christmas and always.  
Thank you for your support and  
kindness to us throughout the year.

Welcome home to all who have returned to spend Christmas with families and loved ones and a special welcome to visitors who are spending Christmas in Mullingar for the first time.

A reminder that you can keep up with all that is happening in our parish at Christmas on our Facebook page and at [www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie). All ceremonies in the Cathedral are streamed live on the website.



## Christmas Eve Vigil Mass Times

Cathedral 6pm & 10pm

St Paul's 6pm & 9pm

## Christmas Day Mass Times

Cathedral 8.30am, 11am & 12.30pm

St Paul's 10.30am & 12noon

Walshestown 9am

Brotentown & Gainstown 10am

## Confessions available after all Masses today

### Examination of conscience on the Ten Commandments

1. Has God been prominent in my life?
2. Did I use God's name disrespectfully?
3. How was my attendance at Mass?
4. Have I been caring towards my parents?
5. Did I kill or hurt in anger?
6. Did I commit adultery?
7. Did I steal?
8. Did I tell lies?
9. Have I honoured my spouse exclusively?
10. Was I envious of others?



**Act of Sorrow:** *O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.*

## Parish Schedule Next Week

### Tuesday - Saturday

10am Mass in the Cathedral

### Sunday 31 December

Usual Sunday Schedule (including 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening)

**Regular Mass schedule** from Tuesday 2 January



## Re-Gift your Christmas Presents

It's probably too early today to be thinking about re-gifting Christmas presents but we just want to let you know that from 29 December until 7 January we will provide an opportunity for you to donate any unwanted gift for distribution to local charities. We received a collection point from the Lions Club and it will set it up at the crib in the Cathedral. It will be safeguarded by our security personnel.



## Message of Pope Francis to the Roman Curia at the Vatican on 21 December

"A faith that does not trouble us is a troubled faith. A faith that does not make us grow is a faith that needs to grow. A faith that does not rouse us is a faith that needs to be roused. A faith that does not shake us is a faith that needs to be shaken. A faith that is only intellectual or lukewarm is only a notion of faith. Faith only becomes real when it touches our heart, our soul, our spirit and our whole being."



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**World Meeting of Families** - A Christmas card for families is being distributed at Masses this wee. The card is based on the 'Icon of the Holy Family'. Families are asked to say the prayer on the card together before dinner on Christmas Day.



**Parish calendars for 2018** now in the Cathedral shop.

## A message from the priests in the parish

Dear parishioners,

We know Christmas and new year can be a difficult time for people. We want to let parishioners know that we are available to guide and support you in any way we can and at any hour of the day or night. We pray all the time with and for people who carry heavy burdens.

We encourage you to reach out for help. Don't be afraid to ask. We are not social workers but we can refer you to people better qualified than ourselves if need be. If you want to speak to someone anonymously, the number of the Samaritans is 116123.

Yours sincerely,

Frs Padraig, Joseph, Paul and Robert.

**T**hank you to all who joined us for the **Cathedral Carol Service** last Sunday. Special thanks to the Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Choristers, Lynn Singers and Presentation Senior School Choir, to all the soloists, instrumentalists and to William Woods, for co-ordinating the service for the first time. Photos now on the parish Facebook page.

**Cathedral Ministers of Holy Communion**, new rota now available.

**St Stephen's Day**, walk/run, in aid of TEAM, 11am, starting at Kerrigan's.

**Healing Mass**, St Camillus Thursday 28th, 8pm.

**Classical Evening** in aid of TEAM on Sunday 14 January in St Paul's Church, 7.30pm,

## Mass intentions next week

### Next Sunday

Vigil (Sat) 6pm: Tommy Boyle, Oaklawns (M.M.)  
11am: Kitty Murrin, Newtown (1st Ann)  
St Paul's 10.30am: Joe Neville, Monilea (1st Ann)  
Walshestown 9am: Sr Edel Weir, Ballyboy House, Walshestown (1st Ann)  
Brotentown: 10am: Michael L'Estrange.  
Gainstown 11am: Donal Hyland & Mick, Frank & Kathleen Ryan.

## Rest in Peace

**Carmel Boyle**, Brosna Lawns  
**John Barry**, Ballinea  
**Sr Carmella McGoldrick**, Loreto Community  
**Olive Bird**, Tallanstown

1. **Once in Royal David's city**  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

3. And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love,  
for that child so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

2. He came down to earth from Heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall:  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour Holy.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the Oxen standing by,  
we shall see Him; but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
where like stars his children crown'd  
all in white shall wait around.



**O come, O come Emmanuel,**  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:* Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,  
to you shall come Emmanuel.

O come now, Wisdom from on high  
who orders all things mightily.  
To us, the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in Her ways to go. R./

O come, O come Great Lord of Might,  
Who once appeared on Sinai's height,  
And gave your faithful people Law,  
In all the splendour we adore. R/

1. **Away in a manger,**  
No crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing  
The baby awakes  
the little Lord Jesus  
no crying he makes  
I love thee Lord Jesus  
look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle  
til morning is nigh.

3. Be near me Lord Jesus  
I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever  
and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children  
in thy tender care  
and take us to heaven  
to live with thee there.

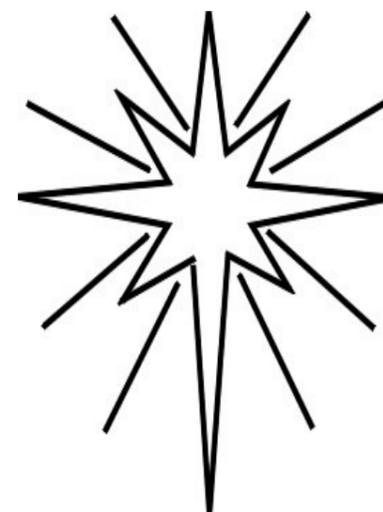
*Bishop Michael, Fr Padraig, Fr Paul,  
Fr Joseph & Fr Robert wish you peace  
and joy at Christmas and  
throughout the New Year.*

*We say thank you for your support and  
kindness to us throughout the past year.*

1. **Silent night, holy night.**  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child:  
Holy infant so tender and mild:  
Sleep in heavenly peace (2)

2. Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Saviour is born (2)

3. Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. (2)



1. **O little town of Bethlehem**  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight

2. O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.

3. How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him till  
The dear Christ enters in

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

