



# Mullingar Parish

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

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28th April 2024

## **PRIESTS OF THE PARISH**

Fr. Phil Gaffney, ADM  
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## **Parish Office Hours**

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## **Cathedral Shop Hours**

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Saturdays 10am-3pm

## **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Cathedral 7.45am & 10am  
(Mon-Sat)

St Paul's 9.15am (Mon-Fri)

## **Sunday Mass Times**

Cathedral: Vigil 6pm (Sat)

Cathedral 8.30am, 11am &  
12.30pm

St Paul's 10.30 & 12noon

Walshestown 9am

Brotenstown 10am

Gainstown 11am

## **Confessions Cathedral**

Saturday 2pm—3pm.

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Cathedral 8am-8pm **Mon—Fri**

## **Child Safeguarding Repre-** **sentatives** Linda Duncan &

Maeve Corroon

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## **5th Sunday of Easter –John 15:1-8**

We are invited today to consider our belonging to the Lord and to the Church. The first reading immediately presents us with a picture of Saul. Newly converted to Jesus, provoking fear in the Christian community at Jerusalem. The other people would not believe that he now really followed Christ.

We humans only come to trust people slowly, even as Christians. Our Christianity does not take away our common sense: when someone has been working to destroy us, it is not easy to believe that a conversion is possible.

This is important to understand authority and leadership and service in the Church. When we see that someone really leads us to the Lord Jesus and to God, we slowly begin to give our trust to such a person.

We are all part of the vine when we remain in Christ and seek to do His will. We form Christian communities by this faith in Christ. We come to accept the Catholic Church and its teachings as presenting the truth of Christ and as carrying out His mission in the world. For us, part of remaining connected to the vine as its branches means faithful acceptance of the Church and its teachings and in many ways, acceptance of the role of the Bishop of Rome, the Holy Father.

Perhaps some 50 years ago or more, people who held positions of authority and service, in the Church or in civil life, were given respect and trust simply because they held those positions. That seems no longer true in our present age. Everyone feels free to criticize anyone. Catholics freely disagree with the Holy Father, with bishops and with anyone else in authority in the Church.

The same thing happens now in civil society. No one is above criticism, and no one is given trust and confidence simply because they have a particular job or title. Our readings today invite us to continue to understand the world and our participation in it through the eyes of Jesus Himself.

Once again, we are brought to the same place: speak the words of Christ, live as Christ and in that living and speaking is born the Christian community. Because I am a truly convinced Catholic, I also believe that a deep search for the truth will bring Christians to the Catholic faith.

The most important aspect is to allow the Word of God to penetrate us deeper and deeper. We must strive to let that Word form every aspect of our lives. We must strive to live with deep inner peace and tranquillity so that we can listen to that Word.

We must spend time each day with the Word of God. We must be totally committed to following the Word of God wherever it takes us. "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth," and we can become fully alive.

It is in our actions that we know who we really are. At the same time, we all admit that we are still "in process." We are Christians, Catholics, becoming more completely in deed and in truth followers of Christ.

Today we can ask our Risen Lord to open our hearts and minds more completely to his Word, the Word of God. We can ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate our hearts and our minds so that we can see the truth and have the courage to live it in our deeds.

**Mullingar Choral Society** will present their Summer Concert '**May we Sing**' on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, in St. Pauls Church, at 7.30pm. Included in the programme will be the beautiful **Cherubini Requiem**. We are delighted to announce that famed Soprano **Claudia Boyle** will be joining us again this year. Tickets from Eventbrite, any choir member, or on the door on the night.

### **Rosary at the Grotto for the month of May**

Tuesdays; Railway Station, 6.30pm

Wednesdays; Cathedral Grounds, 6.30pm

Fridays; Springfield, 6.30pm

### **Cemetery Devotions**

Sunday 16th June

Walshestown Cemetery, 3pm

Sunday 4th August

Kilronan, after 11am Mass

Marlinstown 12.15pm

Ballyglass 2pm



We welcome the children and their parents from the **First Holy Communion** classes in our parish schools. They will all receive their First Holy Communion in the month of May.



**Cathedral Shop.** First Holy Communion rosettes, pins, cards and a large range of gifts in stock.

Opening times Monday—Friday 9am—4pm & Saturdays 10am-3pm

**Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10th and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh

Tours [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie) Tel.: 01 2410800.

**Italian Pilgrimage Visiting San Giovanni.** Assisi & St Padua. Visiting the shrines of St Pio, St Michael the Archangel, St Anthony, St Francis, St Clare & Blessed Carlo Acutis, 7th—15th October, for information contact Mary Briody 087-6336513.

### **Mass Intentions 27th April—5th May**

Cathedral Vigil 6pm: David (1st Ann) & Maureen Shaw, Lynn Heights & Kay & Malachy Shaw, Sunday 28th April 8.30am: Julia Stuart, Clonmore (1st Ann) 11am: Sr Monica O'Byrne, late of Johannesburg formerly Inchicore (M.M.)

12.30pm Vincent Newman, Grand Parade (M.M.) & deceased members of family. St Paul's 10.30am: Mary Jean Bennett, Woodlands Ave (M.M.) 12noon: May McCarthy, Marlinstown (M.M.) Brotenstown 10am: Margaret Duggan. Gainstown 11am: Mary, Martin, John & Andrew Duffy.

Monday 7.45am: Johnny & Kathleen Mullen, Blythe family & Malachy Keaveney. 10am: Thomas & Roseanne Reilly, Brigid Neary & Madeline White, Edward Reilly & Maura (Babs) Hurst.

9.15am: Mick, Mona & Michael Seery.

Tuesday 7.45am: Tony Ennis & son Anthony.

10am Tony Wiggins. 9.15am: Eamon Condron.

Wednesday 7.45am: James & Brigid Stenson.

10am: John & Kathleen McGloin.

9.15am: Paddy Colgan, Joan, Tom, Mary & Patrick Brosnan.

Thursday 7.45am: John Joe Reilly & Ward & Reilly Families. 10am: James Conlon. 9.15am: Michael Dunne.

First Friday All Masses for List of Dead.

Saturday 7.45am: Eddie, Johnny & Lil Carroll.

10am Anniversaries Occurring Mass. Cathedral Vigil 6pm: Kathleen Devlin, Ballinderry (M.M.)

Sunday 5th May 11am: Kathleen Treanor, Austin Friars Street (M.M.) 12.30pm Aedin Collins, Lynn (M.M.) St Paul's 12noon: Ann McLoughlin, Tower View. Gainstown 11am: Paul O'Grady, Corbally, Gaybrook (M.M.)

### **National Pilgrimage for Life—4th May**

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

### **Rest in Peace**

**Patrick (Macker) McCarthy**, Greatdown, The Downs

**Pawel Bartnikiewicz**, Ardleigh Vale

**Elizabeth (Remi) Wallace**, Dalystown

**Gemma Stroud nee Fitzsimons**, late of Green Road & Thomond Lodge, Ballymahon