



# Parish of Mullingar

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



### Priests of the Parish

Fr. Padraig McMahon, Adm.  
Fr. Michael Kilmartin  
Fr. Paul Crosbie  
Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy

### 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 Times

7.45am & 10am Cathedral  
9.15am: St Paul's  
7.30pm: Tues, Wed & Thurs

### Eucharistic Adoration 8am-8pm

### Bereavement Support

087-6309808

### Saturday Confessions

Cathedral 2.30pm-3.30pm

### Collections Last weekend

Cathedral: €3,481 Thank  
St Paul's: €1,302 You!  
Walshstown: €185  
Brotenstown: €237  
Gainstown: €171  
Parish Envelopes: €2,418

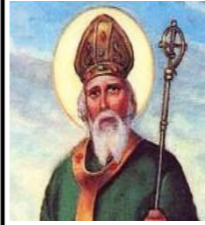
### 'Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it'

Within weeks the people of Ireland will be asked to vote in a referendum that will change the meaning of marriage in the *Constitution of Ireland*. Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers, and society - all of us need to reflect deeply before changing it. We ask the people of Ireland to consider very carefully the profound implications which this constitutional amendment would have on the family environment and on our understanding of parenthood. We respect the views of people who think differently to us, trusting that our sincerely held views, grounded in faith, will also be heard and respected. We come to this debate believing that the union of a man and a woman in marriage, open to the procreation of children, is a gift from God who created us 'male and female'. Reason also points to the truth about human sexuality that makes the relationship between a man and a woman unique. Mothers and fathers bring different, yet complementary gifts and strengths into a child's life.

We cannot support an amendment to the Constitution which redefines marriage and effectively places the union of two men, or two women, on a par with the marriage relationship between a husband and wife which is open to the procreation of children. We are concerned that, should the amendment be passed, it will become increasingly difficult to speak any longer in public about marriage as being between a man and a woman. What will we be expected to teach children in school about marriage? Will those who sincerely continue to believe that marriage is between a man and a woman be forced to act against their conscience? Can a way be found to protect the civil rights of gay people without undermining the fundamental meaning of marriage as commonly understood across cultures, faiths and down the ages? Already, in *The Children and Family Relationships Bill*, it is proposed to remove mention of mothers and fathers from a whole raft of previous legislation.

We encourage everyone to think about these issues and to vote on May 22nd. The effects of this proposed amendment will be far-reaching for this and for future generations. We say to all voters: Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it. We invite people of faith to bring this decision to prayer. In the coming weeks, and particularly in May, the month of Mary, we call for prayer for Marriage and the Family. *Statement from the Spring General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference*

### St Patrick's Day Mass Times



Cathedral: Vigil 6pm (Monday)  
8.30am, 11am & 12.30pm (Tuesday)  
St Paul's: 10.30am & 12 noon  
Walshestown 9am  
Brotenstown 10am  
Gainstown 11am

Shamrock will be blessed at all Masses

Aifreann lá Phádraig 11rn de Mháirt 17ú Márta 2015  
san Árd Eaglais. Mass leaflets with the Irish responses will be distributed on the day.

**Confirmation** will be celebrated next Saturday at 11am and 3pm in the Cathedral for 270 young parishioners. We thank them, their families and teachers for their good work in preparing for the sacrament. Confessions for the children being confirmed and for their parents will take place on Friday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.



**C**hrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Smith in the Cathedral at 7pm on Wednesday 1st April. All parishioners are very welcome to join this celebration with priests and people from all the 69 parishes in the diocese. During Mass the priests will renew their commitment to priestly life and the Holy Oils for use during the year in the parishes of our diocese, will be blessed.

### Trócaire Message

The Catechism of the Catholic church says that *'The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest, his brethren'*. Please continue to remember those who need our help by supporting Trócaire during Lent.

Congratulations to all the children from St Mary's Primary School, Gaelscoil an Choillín, Presentation Junior School, St Colman's and the Parish Programme who received their First Confession last week.



**L**ourdes Fr Padraig will lead Mullingar Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Sunday 17th – Friday 22nd May. Booking forms & further details are available from the Parish Office 9348338. (4 places remaining)  
**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** led by Bishop Smith takes place 12th—17th September.

### Hymn for Lent - please join in

God of mercy and compassion,  
Look with pity upon me,  
Father, let me call Thee Father,  
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

Refrain: *Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;  
Let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins, I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.*

**Penitential Service** will be held on Tuesday 31st March after the 7.30pm Mass in the Cathedral.

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** 7.45am: George Boyle 10am: Lillie, Hubert & Elizabeth Stenson & family. 9.15am: John Redmond. 6pm: Tony Wiggins.  
**Tuesday:** 11am: Eamonn Colgan. 12.30pm: Rena Daly. 10.30am: Martin Tarlton 12noon: Teresa Crosby.  
**Wednesday:** 7.45am: Mary Kavanagh. 10am: Noreen Treanor. 7.30pm: Fred Matthews. 9.15am: Diane & Dominick Roche & family.  
**Thursday** 10am: Kathleen & Christopher Russell & Christopher Mahoney. 7.30pm: Michael & Martin Geraghty. 9.15am: Jimmy & Mary Keena.  
**Friday:** 7.45am: Philip Pentony. 10am: Nancy Price 9.15am: O'Catháin & Lynch family  
**Saturday** 7.45am: Annie & Denis Feely & family 10am: Anniversaries Occurring.  
*Wedding Mass Gainstown 2pm.*  
Vigil 6pm: Erin O'Connor-Nolan, Beechgrove (1st Ann)  
**Sunday** Cathedral 11am: Paul Hughes, Walshestown (1st Ann) St Paul's 10.30am: Moira Casey, Prospect Ave (M.M.) 12 noon: Tony McAnaney, Dalton Park (M.M.) Walshestown: Alice McConnell.  
Brotenstown: Margaret & Majella Scally. Gainstown 11am: Bill Flood & Flood & Monaghan families.

**San Giovanni & Piacenza**, 17th October, for details contact 9374118. **Our Lady of Knots** Novena, each Wednesday during Lent 7.30pm. **Divine Mercy** devotions, today, 2.40pm, St Mary's **Cathedral Shop**, Lenten booklets, religious cards and gifts for Confirmation and First Holy Communion in stock. **Charismatic Prayer Group**, Monday, 8pm, Bethany. **Brosna Art Group**, exhibition now on, Annebrook Hotel, supporting North Westmeath Hospice.

### RIP

**William Newman**, Ardilaun Green  
**Patsy Martin**, New Ballinderry  
**Michael Hynes**, Cullionbeg  
**Nancy Kennedy**, Lynn