



# 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

*Parish Office reopens  
Friday 2nd January*

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### Vigil Mass (Saturday)

Cathedral: 6pm

### Sunday Masses:

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

### Daily Masses

10am Cathedral

*Mass in St Paul's resumes 2nd Jan*

### Eucharistic Adoration 8am-8pm

### Bereavement Support

087-6309808

### Saturday Confessions will resume on 3rd January

### Collections Last weekend

Cathedral: €4,491

St Paul's: €1,357


Walshstown: €180

Brotenstown: €230

Gainstown: €221

Parish Envelopes: €1,350

*Thank you for your generous contribution to the offertory collection on Christmas Day.*

 *We wish all our parishioners at home and abroad, a Happy and Peaceful New Year.*

*We wish to express our gratitude to the Sacristans, Choirs, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Stewards, cleaners, florists and children who helped to enhance the Christmas liturgies and to all who assisted in any way. Thanks also to teachers and staff of our schools, and parents, for helping our children to know the Christmas story through the nativity plays and carols.*

*Thank You!*

### From the homily of Pope Francis on Christmas Eve

On this holy night, while we contemplate the Infant Jesus just born and placed in the manger, we are invited to reflect. How do we welcome the tenderness of God? Do I allow myself to be taken up by God, to be embraced by him, or do I prevent him from drawing close? "But I am searching for the Lord" – we could respond. Nevertheless, what is most important is not seeking him, but rather allowing him to find me and caress me with tenderness. The question put to us simply by the Infant's presence is: do I allow God to love me?



More so, do we have the courage to welcome with tenderness the difficulties and problems of those who are near to us, or do we prefer impersonal solutions, perhaps effective but devoid of the warmth of the Gospel? How much the world needs the tenderness of God today! The patience of God! The closeness of God!

### Mass Schedule next week.....

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**  
10am Mass in the Cathedral

**Thursday 1st January**  
10am Mass for Peace

Regular Parish Mass Schedule resumes  
Friday 2nd January.

The Parish Office will reopen on Friday 2nd January. Mass bookings, weddings and baptism enquires can be made after that date.

### We welcome these children who were recently baptised:

Aedan Walshe, Pettitswood Manor; Finn Hogan, Dalton Park; Geoffrey Mahon-Rogers; Newbrook Grove; Jack Flannery, Raithin; Rory McDonnell, Gorteen.



*Baptisms take place in the Cathedral every Sunday at 3pm, except the fourth Sunday of each month which takes place in St Paul's. For further details see [www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie) or 9348338*

### Tuesday 6th January Holyday of Obligation

**Cathedral:** 6pm (vigil), 7.45am, 10am & 7.30pm  
**St Paul's:** 12 noon



Check out some photos from Christmas at the Cathedral on our Facebook page and at [www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie), thanks to John McCauley. If you have any photos you'd like to share with us, please feel free to do so.



Congratulations to Longford Parish on the reopening of St Mel's Cathedral after 5 years. It is a beautiful Cathedral and certainly worth a visit.

**Here to help....** We know that 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. Meanwhile, the number for the Samaritans is 116123.

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday:** 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.  
*Wedding Mass Gainstown 2pm*  
Vigil 6pm: Tom Frayne, Mount Street (1st Ann)  
**Sunday** Cathedral 8.30am: William (1st Ann) & John (1st Ann) Scally, Springfield.  
Cathedral 11am: Marcella Gaye, Pettitswood Close (1st Ann) St Paul's 10.30am: Mass for all on Remembrance Tree. 12 noon: Marie (1st Ann) & James Lennox, Ginnell Tce & Joe Lennox.  
Walshestown: 9am: Mary Theresa Gallagher.  
Brotenstown 10am: Dolly & Paddy Brennan.  
Gainstown 11am: Donal Hyland, Vilanstown (1st Ann)

**Ministers of Holy Communion**, Cathedral & St Paul's, new rotas now available in Sacristies.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**, Mon, Bethany, 8pm.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace prayer group**, every Thurs, 7pm, Cathedral.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, 2-10 September. For further details contact Map Travel, 01-8783111 or [maptravel.ie](http://maptravel.ie)

**George Lambden**, Highfield; **Myra Casey**, Prospect Avenue; **Lorenzo Hynes**, Newlands; **George Lord**, Marlinstown; **Kathleen Donoghue**, O'Growney Gardens; **Ricki Childs**, Raithin Eoghan & Newtown, **Olive Winckworth**, Mullingar; **Belie O'Meara** nee Barry, Tralee.