



Mullingar Parish

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's,
Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown
www.mullingarparish.ie

Priests of the Parish

Fr Derek Darby Adm.
Fr Joe Campbell CC
Fr Kevin Heery CC

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9am—5pm
(closed 1-2pm)
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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

Cathedral 7.45am & 10am Mon - Sat
St Paul's Church: 9.15am Mon - Fri

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral daily

Confessions

Saturday 2.30pm-3.30pm—Cathedral

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Support
Service - 9348707

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Cathedral: €3,441
St Paul's: €1,289
Walshestown: €158
Brotenstown: €195
Gainstown: €187
Envelopes: €1,510

Thank You

Mullingar Choral Society, presents Handel's "Messiah" in the Cathedral this Sunday 8th March at 8pm. Tickets €20 available from the Cathedral Shop or at the door on the night.

Westmeath Archaeological and Historical Society, 'A history of Irish showbands' Wednesday 11th March, Greville Arms Hotel, 8pm

Mullingar ICA Seminar marking International Women's Day, Monday 9th March, 7.30pm in Áras an Mhuilinn. All welcome



A JOURNEY TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE

"Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message."

Jeremiah 18:1-2

This Lent you are invited to take –A journey to the Potter's House' - An illustrated parable that brings the gospel to life, presented by Dr. Mike Ferris in the **Greville Arms Hotel, April 1st at 7.30pm.**

A Journey to the Potter's House is an illustrated sermon in which you will see what Jeremiah saw as he watched the potter take the clay through various stages, fashioning it into a useful vessel and like Jeremiah, you will grow in your understanding of how God can use all of the circumstances of your life, even the most painful ones, to fashion your life into a vessel of beauty, worth and purpose "a vessel of honour, fit for the masters use." 2 Timothy 2:21.



LENT IN ST. PAUL'S

Wednesday—Lectio Divina
Thursday—Adoration -after daily Mass
Friday—Stations of the Cross - after daily Mass

LENT IN THE CATHEDRAL

Friday—Stations of the Cross, 7pm
Eucharistic Adoration—Daily 8am-8pm
Evening Mass every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7.30pm.

12 MASS CHALLENGE - a Lenten challenge for young people

- Children and young people aged 8 to 18 years are welcome to take part in our new challenge for Lent.
- Go to Mass on the 7 Sundays of Lent and 5 other Masses over the course of the 40 days.
- The "sign up" card is available at all Masses this weekend.
- The card lists all parish Mass times during Lent.
- A priest will sign the card when you attend Mass during Lent.
- We are relying on parents to help us encourage and support their kids to take up this challenge.
- When you finish the challenge, we ask you to write a note on the card, explaining what you learned from Lent 2020. Then let us know that you've completed the task and you will be invited to Mass on Easter Sunday at 11am for a certificate presentation.

#LIVING LENT 2020

Penance is an essential part of the lives of all Christ's faithful. It arises from the Lord's call to conversion and repentance. Lent is the traditional season for renewal and penance. In addition to the season of Lent, Catholics observe each Friday of the whole year as days of penance. The link between Friday and penance is even reflected in the Irish word for 'Friday', An Aoine (the fast). We do penance in memory of the passion and death of the Lord, as a sharing in Christ's suffering, as an expression of inner conversion, as a form of reparation for sin.

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament or making the Stations of the Cross;
- Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.

Parish Precautions Regarding COVID-19 Coronavirus, in Response to Episcopal Conference and HSE recommendations



This week, the parish received a guidance document giving general advice about preventing the spread of COVID-19 during religious services. The following protocols take immediate effect:

- The obligation to attend Mass does not apply to anyone who is sick. Parishioners who are ill (even if symptoms are mild) are asked not to attend. The parish webcam service is available for those who are sick or housebound: www.mullingarparish.ie
- The Holy Water fonts will remain empty during this time of risk.
- The Chalice will not be shared with the Ministers of the Eucharist during this period.
- The exchange of the sign of peace will be suspended until this risk is over.
- The HSE recommends Holy Communion should be administered into the hand during this period.
- The HSE advises the practice of shaking hands on departure at religious services should be suspended for both religious leaders and laity. This also extends to the offering of condolences at funerals.

Reducing the spread of infection:

- Wash or sanitise your hands frequently.
- When you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a clean tissue and dispose of it in a bin and wash your hands.
- People at increased risk should limit their social interactions, including staying at home.

As previously advised, the parish will continue to monitor the situation and if further recommendations are issued, the parish will implement them as required.

MULLINGAR PIONEERS

Mass in honour of Venerable Matt Talbot and novena will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 13th March at 7.30pm. Rosary will be recited at 7.15pm. All welcome.

Temporary Pledge for Lent: During the season of Lent, people fast in different ways. For some it means giving up something, for others they may commit to something which involves a sacrifice, but which also has a spiritual benefit, such as daily Mass or praying more. We also have the tradition of the Trócaire campaign where we help those in need. Another aspect of Lent is taking on a temporary pledge whereby we abstain from alcohol. So why not take the short-term pledge? You are welcome to contact the local branch of Pioneers if you feel you would like to take on this commitment for the season or contact www.pioneerassociation.ie.



VOCATIONS INFORMATION DAY

April 5th: St Mary's Church, Navan

The Diocese will hold a vocations information day on Palm Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Navan. If you have been considering the priesthood this is an opportunity for you to find out more about what priesthood entails, about seminary studies; and a chance to explore God's call to priesthood in a deeper way. The event begins at 1pm with the Mass of Palm Sunday in the Parish Church. For more information please contact Fr Shane Crombie frshane@gmail.com

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

To his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who am I his praise to sing?
Praise him! Praise him! (x2)
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! (x2)
Glorious in his faithfulness.



MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Monday: 7.45am: Dempsey family.
10am: Pauline Cassidy & Davy & Bernie Tobin.
9.15am: Declan Creevy.
Tuesday: 7.45am: McKeown family.
10am: David Lyons, 7.30pm: Lily, Hubert & Elizabeth Stenson & family.
9.15am: Nicholas Purcell.
Wednesday: 7.45am: James Kelly.
10am: Elizabeth Hoover. 7.30pm Harry Devine.
9.15am: Bridget, Edward, Thomas & James Colgan & deceased members of family.
Thursday: 7.45am: O'Connor family.
10am: Francis & Mary Kavanagh & daughters Mary & Jane. 7.30pm: Jack & Ethel Shanley.
Friday: 7.45am: Christy Coffey.
10am: Bridget Kiernan & family.
Saturday: 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.
Vigil 6pm: Ann Skey, Grange Crescent (M.M.)
Next Sunday
Cathedral: 8.30am: Kevin Lambden, Austin Friars St (M.M.) 11am: Mary Ellen Oakes, Bishopsgate St (1st Ann) St Paul's 10.30am: Philomena (Kathleen) Leech, The Blossoms, New Ballinderry (M.M.) 12noon: Ellen Creagh, Glenview Heights & The Downs (M.M.)
Walshestown 9am: Billy, William & Mary Connolly.
Brotenstown 10am: Sharon, Johnny & Nicky Smyth & deceased members of family.

St Joseph 's Young Priest's Society, meeting Monday 9th March at 7.30pm, Bethany.
Retired Nurses Association, meeting 9th March at 8.30pm.

Rest in Peace

Patrick Dolan, Cathedral View
Nuala Armstrong nee Hope,
late of Gas Lane & Cheshire.