



Mullingar Parish

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

Priests of the Parish

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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

Walshestown *Churches open during*
Brotenstown *the day for private*
Gainstown *prayer*

Daily Mass via webcam

Cathedral 7.45am, 9.15am & 10am

Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am—8pm

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: €3,244

St Paul's: €1,090

Walshestown: €188

Thank You

Brotenstown: €227

Gainstown: €173

Envelopes: €3,100

Bellview/Springfield Community Games

have a new Community Games area in Mullingar. Please see our Facebook Page for eligibility and events.

www.facebook.com/bellviewspringfieldcommunitygames

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Updates will be available on our Parish Website and Facebook page



CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Following the Government's recent announcement of restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Irish Episcopal Conference issued instructions governing liturgical celebrations, administering of Sacraments and pastoral care. These instructions will remain in place until 29th March. It is likely that these restrictions will continue for some time after that, and instructions regarding the celebration of Holy Week will be issued in due course.

The motivation for these new restrictive measures is a sense of care for the common good and especially for those most vulnerable. Each Christian community should be acutely aware of the responsibility to care for those who are most at risk. While acknowledging these directives will involve sacrifice for all, the bishops encourage a positive engagement in order that the most vulnerable amongst us can be protected and so the coronavirus can be contained.

Mullingar Parish has implemented the following changes in response to the instructions:

Bishop Deenihan has requested that all Public Masses will be suspended with immediate effect until further notice from the statutory authorities.

In these extra-ordinary circumstances all parishioners are dispensed from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. They are encouraged to avail of religious services and unite in prayer via radio and on-line facilities. Those particularly at risk or those with underlying conditions are advised to remain at home.

The cathedral will open at 10.30am to 8pm each day for private and personal prayer and St Paul's from 10.30am to 5pm. In these difficult and uncertain times, people find strength, consolation and hope in prayer. It is therefore important the Church offers a message of hope and consolation at this time.

Daily Mass Schedule: The priests of the parish will continue to offer daily Masses in the cathedral at 7.45am, 9.15am and 10am without a congregation present. These Masses can be followed through the webcam service, accessed at www.mullingarparish.ie. Although parishioners will not be in attendance, these Masses will be offered for the intentions previously booked.

Sunday Mass Schedule: Sunday Masses in St. Paul's, Brotenstown, Walshestown and Gainstown are suspended until further notice. Those who have booked Masses in these churches can contact the Parish Office in due course to reschedule. Masses in the cathedral will be broadcast via webcam at 6pm(Sat), 8.30am, 11am and 12.30pm. As with the daily Masses, these Masses will be offered by the priests of the parish for the intentions previously booked.

Altar Servers: are not required to serve at Masses during this period.

Should families wish to reschedule daily or Sunday Masses, please contact the Parish Office.

The '12 Mass Challenge' and Station of the Cross are suspended for this Lent.

Funerals: The parish will continue to celebrate the funeral rites of the Church during this period. Removals and Requiem Masses will be celebrated as the need arises with only the immediate family and relatives in attendance. We wish to express our thanks to our local Funeral Directors for their support at this sensitive time.

Weddings: At present, wedding ceremonies can be celebrated on condition the attendance in Church does not exceed 100 people. If couples wish to discuss these restrictions or reschedule, they should contact their local priest or the Parish Office.

Confirmations: All Confirmation ceremonies are postponed with immediate effect. Contact will be made via the schools when restrictions are relaxed and ceremonies rescheduled.

Baptisms: Baptisms will proceed as scheduled; however only parents and godparents should be in attendance. Parents with baptisms booked can contact the Parish Office and reschedule if necessary. Please note: a new date cannot be given until restrictions are removed.

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

When the cathedral closes each evening, the priests of the parish will conduct a Holy Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 8.00pm. Parishioners are encouraged to unite in prayer via the webcam in the safety and comfort of their own homes.

Sacrament of Confession: The Sacrament of Confession will remain available at the scheduled time of 2.30pm on Saturdays for the foreseeable future. The Sacrament will no longer be administered in the Confession Box, but in the sanctuary area. Parishioners are reminded to observe an appropriate 'social distance' from other penitents while waiting to avail of the Sacrament.

The sick and housebound: The priests of our parish will continue to minister to those who are sick and in need of anointing and viaticum. Contact should be made with the Parish Office for the priest to call to administer the sacraments.

For those who are housebound we would remind them of the services provided by EWTN (Sky 588) and Radio Maria (Saorview, Channel 210 or by downloading their free app – Radio Maria Ireland).

Our priests continue to offer a full chaplaincy service to our local hospital and their pastoral care of the sick and dying will remain an integral part of their ministry during these times.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations: Mass will be celebrated in the cathedral at 6pm, 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm without a congregation present. These Masses can be followed via the parish website.

All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings such as Parish Pastoral Team, Baptism meetings, Parish Finance Committee are cancelled.

In Mullingar, as in every parish, we have financial responsibilities to those employed in our parish and the current restrictions and suspension of Masses will impact significantly on our financial resources and ability to meet those responsibilities. We would like to thank parishioners who continue to support our parish, its pastoral services and its work.

Our thanks to the local newspapers for assisting in the dissemination of information to the public.

This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families -to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those in the frontlines – especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy – that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.

Should the Parish receive additional information, we will review the aforementioned protocols accordingly.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ before me today.
Christ behind me, Christ to win me,
Christ to guide me on my way.
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Christ be near me, Christ above me,
Christ be with me today.

Christ in resting, Christ in rising,
Christ the Lord of my life.
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ my shield in the strife.
Christ in ev'ry heart that is broken,
Christ in ev'ry word as it's spoken.
Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ before me today.



REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy Intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

St Patrick pray for us

St Loman pray for us

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Monday: 7.45am: Michael McCarthy.

10am: Tony, Mary & Bertie Wiggins.

Vigil 6pm: Kevin & Elizabeth Collins & son Kevin.

St Patrick's Day 8.30am: Ernie Alford.

11am: Grace Brennan, Greenpark Close (M.M.)

Wednesday: 7.45am: Edward & Rose Hamill.

10am: Patrick McLoughlin.

9.15am: Joseph Jarmolinski & Domaniuk, Sohwy & Wychech families.

Thursday: 7.45am: Patrick & Mary Margaret Fagan & family. 10am: Burke family.

9.15am: Christine Archbold.

Friday: 7.45am: Fred Matthews.

10am: Patrick Cassidy.

Saturday: 7.45am: Ann & Denis Feely.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

Wedding Mass Gainstown 2pm.

Vigil 6pm: Danny McCormack, Raithin Eoghan (1st Ann)

Next Sunday Cathedral: 11am: Sheila Gilligan, Lynn (1st Ann) 12.30pm: Arthur Fallon, Cullionbeg (M.M.)

For those who have entered eternal rest.....

Paul Beggs, Carravale;

Pauline Moore, Beechlawns;

Brian Nally, Walshestown South;

Michael Reidy, Ballinafid;

Maureen O' Connor late of Millmount Road and Alabama.

Barbara Knodel, late of Mullingar and Canada;

Sr. Camillus Walsh, late of The Downs and London.

May they rest in peace.