



Mullingar Parish

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

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Priests of the Parish

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm (lunch 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 9.15am Mon - Fri

Confessions in the Cathedral

Saturday 2.30 - 3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

Trócaire Please return your Trócaire box to the large Trócaire box at the back of the Cathedral or St Paul's. Where possible, please change coin into notes to help us process the collection. For security reasons please return your box to the Parish Office on weekdays. Thank you for your generosity to those in need of our help.

"We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount"

This is a key point in the new letter from Pope Francis ("Rejoice and Be Glad") published this week.

The Pope says that "The Lord asks everything of us and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence."

The 104 page document will be available shortly in the Cathedral bookshop and we hope that parishioners will read the Pope's insightful comments online or in hard copy.

The **Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee** would like to thank all who participated in the 40 hrs Adoration in St Paul's Church. Please remember that Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Cathedral every day from 8am until 8pm and we are always eager to encourage new Adorers.

First Holy Communion Next Weekend

St Mary's Primary School, next Sunday, 12.30pm, Cathedral
Gaelscoil an Choillín, next Sunday, 11am, Walshestown
Curraghmore School, next Sunday, 12noon, St Paul's church

An extra Sunday Mass in the Cathedral at 10am will be celebrated on Sunday 29th April to facilitate parishioners.

Vocations Sunday Next Sunday

The Diocese of Meath is renewing efforts to promote Vocations, Fr Joe Campbell, Vocations Director, has published a guide to assist people who are considering a vocation to priesthood.

"I can identify with the role priests played in helping me to follow my own vocation", Fr Joe said. "The priests in my home parish had a big influence on me, as well as those I got to know through the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes".

Fergal Cummins who is studying in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth will be ordained a Deacon for the Diocese next month. Tony Shannon is studying in the Pontifical Irish College, and Norman Allred and Colin Dunne are studying in the Pontifical Beda College. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next Sunday the collection at Masses will be our annual contribution towards the support of those studying for priesthood in our diocese.

A Prayer for Life

O Mary, mother of the life within, all life we entrust to you;
The life of every expectant mother and the child within her womb
The life of every human body, the life of every human soul;
The life of every newborn child and the life of all grown old,
You held the Lord to your own heart and drew Him so close in.
So draw us now in all our needs, O Mother of the life within.

A Thought for Life (a letter printed in the Irish Independent)

I am concerned that recent statements are causing unnecessary fears for women. They suggest that obstetricians are curtailed in their ability to care for pregnant patients who are seriously ill.

Across the world, only a tiny proportion of terminations of pregnancy are related to obstetrical care. Ireland's law fully provides for the small number of cases relating to necessary obstetric interventions.

Where it arises, the duty to intervene to save the woman's life is clear. Under the present law we have full freedom and support for the requirements of ethical and safe practice. We have the scope of practice needed to guarantee best standards of care to women in pregnancy.

Dr Mary Holohan Consultant Obstetrician at Rotunda Hospital

Saving Life - Preventing Suicide

The *Cycle against Suicide* arrives to St Finian's College on Sunday 6th May. If you can support them for example by offering a cyclist a meal and accommodation for the night, we would be very grateful. If you can help, please contact 085-2236142 or email hsmullingar@gamil.com

Thanks to Fr Ignatius for his help with us since Holy Week. We look forward to welcoming him back soon again and we can keep him in our prayers.



A big thank you to the pupils in **Presentation Senior School** who raised €150 for Trócaire at Easter time. This donation will be used to provide children in Sierra Leone with school

We welcome these children who were recently baptised:

Hugh Lewis, Glenmore Wood: Róisín Harney, Lakepoint;
Aidan Kelly-Hussey, Marketpoint: Blake Dunne, Ashfield & Pdraig savage, Glenmore Wood.

Eucharistic Adoration Annual pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday 29th April contact Úna 087-6450046.

Stars in Your Eyes, Friday, 20th April, 8pm, Mullingar Arts Centre, tickets from Cathedral Shop.

GROW Community Mental Health Movement would like to thank all who supported their recent collection and all who collected at it. A GROW group meets every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the 1428 Club, Harbour street. All welcome

Please join in our singing...

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain.
Love lives again, that with the dead has been.
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen,
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green.

There is a wonderful exhibition currently at the **Chester Beatty Library** in the grounds of Dublin Castle. It features 148 beautifully painted images from a 15th century Book of Hours (the Breviary). The miniature paintings depict biblical scenes and stories from the lives of the saints. Admission is free and it is well worth visiting.

Mass intentions next week

Monday: 7.45am: Deceased members of Mullany family. 10am: Paddy Doyle & family & Roche family. 9.15am: Mary Hannon.

Tuesday: 7.45am: Rose & Pattie McKeown. 10am: Denise Nolan.

9.15am: Mary & Anthony Gavin.

Wednesday 7.45am: Thomas Irwin. 10am: James & Brigid Burke & Ina & Pat Brennan.

Thursday 10am: James McCormick.

Friday: 10am: Bernadette & Joseph Burke. 9.15am: Jerome Brophy.

Saturday 7.45am: Gabriel Treanor. 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

Vigil 6pm: Alice Gavigan, Cathedral View (1st Ann)

Next Sunday 8.30am: Johnny Mackin, Auburn Rd (M.M.) 11am: Sr Mary Barry (M.M.) & John & Mary Barry.

St Paul's 10.30am: Battista Ottolini, Propect (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Mary Kenny.

Brotenstown 10am: Deceased members of Shandonagh GAA.

Gainstown 11am: John, Mary & Martin Duffy.

Rest in Peace

Kathleen Keating, Ginnell Tce
Matthew Murray, Royal Canal
Peter O'Mahoney, Ennell Court
Michael Dolan, Canada & Ardmore Rd
James Lysaght, Cork
Bridget Shortt, Newbrook Nursing Home