



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 Joseph Naikarakudy CC
Fr Joe Campbell CC
Fr Kevin Heery CC

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 Church: 9.15am Mon - Fri

Confessions in the Cathedral

Saturday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon
Contact Parish Office

Tweet



Mary's journey to Heaven began with that "yes" pronounced at Nazareth. Every "yes" to God is a step towards Heaven, towards eternal life. Because the Lord wants us all with Himself, in His house!

(Pope Francis's Tweet 15th August)

Heritage Week 17th—25th August

The Cathedral museum will open on Monday 19th August from 2pm—5pm in support of Heritage Week.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



Over the coming weeks, the parish will begin recruiting, training and commissioning new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Existing Ministers will also be invited to be recommissioned at a ceremony in the autumn.

Anyone interested in being considered as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion should contact the Parish Office. Alternatively, if you think someone possesses the qualities necessary to become a minister in our parish, please put their name forward and a priest of the parish will extend the invitation to them.

YOUTH READERS

The parish is currently recruiting new Youth Readers to join our existing team of readers. Youth Readers assist in the reading of the Word of God and Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. Application Forms are available from the Parish Office.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is a faith-formation process which prepares and supports adults and children who wish to be received into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Expressions of interest are currently being invited for September 2019. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

WHAT IS A PRACTISING CATHOLIC?

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin
Becoming the Body of Christ

'There are two temptations to avoid. One is to think that "practising Catholics" can be determined by a demographic survey of how many people are present in our Churches on any particular Sunday. The other is to lower the threshold so low that anyone who does not formally defect from the Church is somehow still considered to be practising in some sense.'

Being a practising Catholic must be about:

- Sharing in a spiritual journey of daily prayer
- Celebration of Sunday Mass
- Participation in regular catechesis—adult faith development
- Adoration before the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament
- Daily prayerful reading of the Word of God
- Acts of charity
- An understanding of the role of the Christian in day-to-day life, all fostered within a parish community.

'The call to holiness and the witness of love are the key to the authenticity of the Christian contribution to society.'

WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS?

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" the Mass possesses a power that our personal prayers do not. The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century give evidence for this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian (c. 200) attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices, i.e. the Mass. This tradition is also seen in St. Augustine's Confessions (c. 397), where Monica asks Augustine, "One thing only I ask you, remember me at the altar of the Lord." Canon Law confirms this practice and states, "In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention" (Can. 945 §1). Furthermore, it continues by saying, "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2). The important part is to remember that we are not paying for graces from God which are of infinite value and cannot be paid for. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Adapted from 'What are Mass Intentions?' By Philip Kosloski

Mass Intentions Next Week

St Paul's 9.15am daily Mass resumes on 2nd September

Monday: 7.45am: Quentin Reilly. 10am: Richard Byrne.

Tuesday: 10am: Michael, Peter & Mary Menton & Granddaughter Rachel.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Michael Nevin. 10am: Nancy Willis.

Thursday: 10am: James Maguire.

Friday: 10am Martin & Mary Doyle.

Saturday: 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

Vigil Mass 6pm: Richard (Dick) Green, Hawthorn Crescent (1st Ann)

Sunday:

Cathedral 11am Anthony Buckley, Canal Ave (1st Ann)

St Paul's 10.30am: Seamus Butler, Austin Friars St (1st Ann)

12noon: Thomas Nugent, Robinstown (1st Ann)

Walshestown 9am: Vera Farrell.

Brotenstown: 10am: Whelan family.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

9th-14th September led by Bishop Tom Deenihan. To book contact Pilgrimages Abroad 01-6359300. Hospital pilgrim forms available from 087-1360275

Camillian Pilgrimage following in the footsteps of the great saints, St Pio and St Camillus; visiting San Giovanni, Alba Adriatica and Rome, departing 26th September for seven nights. For details contact Mary 087-6336513.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock:

Sun 8 Sept.



Are you going to third level college this September? Do you know that St Vincent de Paul can offer financial assistance? Freephone 1800 677 777 for an application form.



Parishioners are reminded that Church services from the Cathedral are accessible on the Parish website where the parish webcam provides continuous live streaming 24/7.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Thank you to our Parish Safeguarding Reps who oversee the safety of children participating in parish activities, ministries and events. They ensure the safeguarding standards and practices in our parish are compliant with those set down by the National Board for Safeguarding Children. They also ensure all volunteers, church personnel and priests are trained and vetted. Safeguarding is ultimately everyone's responsibility as together we create a safe, healthy, enriching faith-community for the children of our Parish.

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Maeve Corroon & Linda Duncan. Further information is always available in the church porches.

Anyone who has safeguarding concerns should report them to An Gardaí, Tusla, or the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person. Victims or survivors of abuse can avail of support and counselling from: **Towards Healing** Freephone 1800 303416 or www.towardshealing.ie



A prayer for those who have entered eternal rest

Patsy Byrne, Comolan, Wexford

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Cathedral €3,325

St Paul's €1,176

Walshestown €186

Brotenstown €159

Gainstown €151

Parish Envelopes: €1,211

Thank

You

