



# Mullingar Parish

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

### Priests of the Parish

Fr Padraig McMahon, Adm, VF  
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy  
Fr Paul Crosbie

### 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  
Brotentown: 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

### Collection last weekend

Cathedral €3,708

St Paul's €1,182

Walshestown €185

Brotentown €170

Gainstown €120

Parish Envelopes: €2,356

Thank  
You!

## 12 Hours of Prayer for Lent Friday in the Cathedral

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after 7.45am Mass and continue on the main altar in the Cathedral throughout the day.

**7.45am: Mass**

**10am: Mass**

**12noon: Mass**

**3pm: Stations of the Cross**

**5pm: Rosary for the Protection of Life**

**7.30pm: Candlelit Mass & Benediction**



A priest will be available during the day every hour on the hour for the Sacrament of Penance.

Please join us at some point during the day as we prepare for Holy Week.

Next Sunday is **Passion Sunday**. Palms will be blessed and available at Masses next weekend. The list of Holy Week ceremonies will be published next week.

### Looking ahead....

Penitential Service, Tuesday 27th March after 7.30pm Mass

Chrism Mass, Wednesday 28th March 7pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper, Thursday 29th, 7.30pm

### Trocaire - Empowering women through the Church

Every year Trocaire is among the most passionate and effective voices for women, standing by women who experience violence and abuse, empowering women for leadership in local communities and on the international stage. This key work of Trocaire on behalf of the Irish Catholic Church is made possible because of your support during Lent. We can give young women like Kumba (who features on this year's Trocaire box) the dignity and opportunities they deserve.

**First Confession** for Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn will take place on Tuesday at 6pm in the Cathedral. Congratulations to the children from St Colman's & Curraghamore NS who celebrated First Penance last week. The priests will hear confessions for the students from Colaiste Mhuire on Thursday in the Cathedral.

**Congrats to Colaiste Mhuire on the Leinster title on Friday.**

## PRO LIFE UPDATES

**Why do abortions take place?** In 2016, 97% of abortions were performed in England and Wales for social reasons. Some 38% of the total number of abortions were performed on women who had at least one previous abortion. The rate of abortion was highest among women aged 22.

Katie Ascough **"LoveBoth Tour"** on Wednesday at 1pm in Market Square, All are welcome. Refreshments in the Greville Arms at 1.45pm. Check out [www.loveboth.ie](http://www.loveboth.ie)

### Mission Cross in Cathedral Grounds

Work is taking place to repair the wood of the Mission Cross near the Parish Community Centre. The Cross will be back in place on completion of work. The Cross was originally erected to commemorate Missions in the Cathedral in 1856, 1867, 1868, 1894 and 1895. We owe it to the memory of our ancestors to honour their faith and learn from their practice.

### Learning the Scriptures during Lent

*"Between the Lines"* is the title of a talk on the Scriptures which will take place on Thursday at 8pm in the Greville Arms. Scott Evans, a chaplain at UCD, will give the talk.

**Pilgrimages to Lourdes - 2018.** Fr Padraig will lead a pilgrimage on **22nd-27th May**. Booking forms and information are available from the Parish Office. Limited places available.

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

Penelope Patterson, Brookfield; Fionn Groome, Gaybrook; Elliott Whelan, Slanemore; Benjamin Bagnall, Lynnderry Court; Zaylee Heffernan, Dalton Park; Cathal Brennan, Crookedwood & Jesse Keegan, Lynn Heights.

### Religious Education in post-primary schools

The Irish Bishops Conference wrote to the Minister for Education last week, requesting that a recent Circular on the teaching of religious education be withdrawn. The Bishops argue that the religious education curriculum being taught in Community Colleges is not religious indoctrination but is the syllabus devised by the NCCA, an agency of the Department. Religious Education is essential for understanding our cultural heritage and in terms of becoming a multi-cultural society. The Bishops are clear that those students who continue to take religious education and their teachers should not be disadvantaged in any way in these schools.

**Eucharistic Adoration Committee**, Bethany, Tues, 7.30pm.

**Divine Mercy devotions**, today, 3pm, St Mary's Hospital.

**Stars in your Eyes**, in aid of Tanzanian Heavenly Homes, Mullingar Arts Centre, 24th March, 8pm.

**Mullingar Rotary Club**, annual table quiz, Thursday, Annebrook Hotel, 8.30pm.

**Daffodil Day**, next Friday, please support.

**ICA coffee morning**, Friday 10am, in aid of Mental Health, Aras an Mhuilinn.

## Praise my soul the King of Heaven

To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who am I his praise to sing?  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! 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! Praise him!  
Praise him! Glorious in his faithfulness!

### Mass intentions next week

**Monday:** Bank Holiday 10am Mass only

**Tuesday** 7.45am Patrick & Mary Margaret Fagan & family. 10am: Kevin & Elizabeth Collins. 7.30pm: Fred Matthews.

9.15am: Christine Archbold.

**Wednesday** 7.45am: Paddy & Rose Curran & Maureen & William Fanning.

10am: Patrick Cassidy. 7.30pm: Fionán, Elizabeth & Padraig O'Shea.

**Thursday** 7.45am: Nancy Price. 10am: Sr Colette Ellis (1st Ann) 7.30pm: Vincent Moran. 9.15am: Philomena Clarke.

**Friday** 7.45am: Christy Michael Joyce & Nell & Hubert Nevin. 10am: Ena O'Grady.

9.15am: Karl & Jacqueline Mullen.

**Saturday;** 7.45am: Denis & Annie Feely.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

*Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm.*

Vigil 6pm: Mary Lapkiw, Springfield Gardens (1st Ann)

**Next Sunday** 8.30am: Rita Smith, Valley Cottages (M.M.) 11am: May Gallagher, Lynn Road (M.M.) 10.30am: Bill Butler, Lynn Heights (1st Ann) 12noon: Christy Connolly, Highfield (M.M.) Walshestown 9am: Phyl Reville, Newtown Lawns (M.M.) Brotentown 10am: Margaret & Majella Scally. Gainstown 11am: Patrick, Evelyn & Frank Tighe & Patrick Jnr.

## Rest in Peace

**Johnny Macken**, Auburn Road

**Margaret Hynes**, Dublin Road

**Paddy Duffy**, St Brigid's Tce

**Christopher Coffey**, Belmont

**Mary Coll**, Clonmore

**Billy Martin**, London

**James Commins**, Tullamore

**Bob Downes**, London & Mullingar