



**PARISH OF MULLINGAR**  
**Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's,**  
**Brotenstown, Gainstown & Walshestown**  
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**Priests of the Parish**

Fr. Padraig McMahan, Adm.  
 Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy  
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**Parish Office Hours**

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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 Times**

7.45am & 10am Cathedral  
 9.15am St Paul's

**Confessions in the Cathedral**

Saturday: 12 noon - 1pm  
 2.30pm - 3.30pm

**Eucharistic Adoration**

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

**Collections last weekend**

Cathedral: €4,374

St Paul's: €1,716

Walshestown: €172

Brotenstown: €267

Gainstown: €191

Parish Envelopes €1,531

*Thank you for your generous contributions to the collection last weekend.*

Thank You.

**General Election Friday 26th February**

A General Election is an important moment which offers a democratic society an opportunity to reflect on its successes and failures. In Ireland we are fortunate to live in a lively democratic society, even with all its imperfections. Democracy requires in the first place that all citizens exercise their right to vote and we strongly encourage all to vote in the up-coming election. *Irish Bishops Conference*

Bishop Kevin Doran of Elphin suggests some questions for election candidates... **How will you protect human life from the moment of conception until its natural end?**

The right to life is a fundamental human right. Respect for life is one of the key indicators of a civilised society. In 2013, the Government passed legislation which permitted direct abortion in certain circumstances. In recent months there has been talk of removing the right to life of the unborn from the Constitution. This talk tends to focus on babies with life-limiting conditions and, in the public debate, much of what is presented as fact is actually quite misleading. Some babies who are seriously ill only live for a very short time, while others live significantly longer. For a Christian, however, there is no such thing as a life without value. For as long as they live, children with life-limiting conditions are entitled to be loved and cared for like any other child *and* their parents are entitled to the support of proper peri-natal hospice services.

**How will you ensure that all citizens are treated fairly when it comes to healthcare?**

The care of the sick was central to the ministry of Jesus and, for that reason, has always been part of the mission of the Church. In the course of my work I meet many nurses and doctors who give tirelessly of their energy and their skill in caring for the sick and the elderly, in the two large hospitals in our diocese, in a wide range of nursing homes and in the community.

The *Emergency Department* crisis is a major cause of concern. It is not acceptable that people who are seriously ill or frail due to old age have to spend hours and even days on trollies in overcrowded emergency rooms. It is widely accepted that this problem is the result of a shortage of step-down nursing home facilities for patients who no longer need to be in hospital, but who do need nursing care. Apart from the distress that this causes to patients and their families, it is also seriously wasteful of scarce resources. This problem needs to be tackled urgently, in a systematic and coherent way.

**Parish Programme Confirmation** Ceremony of Light will take place next Sunday 28th February, 10.30am, St Paul's Church.



**Celebrating First Penance** during the coming week...

*Parish Programme*, Tuesday February 3.15pm, Cathedral  
*St Mary's Primary*, Tuesday February 6pm, Cathedral  
*St Kenny's School*, Tuesday 7.30pm, Walshestown Church  
*St Colmcille's School*, Wednesday 7.30pm, Gainstown Church  
*Gaelscoil an Choilin*, Wednesday 6pm, Walshestown Church  
*St Colman's School*, Thursday 6.30pm, St Paul's Church  
 Next week.....

*Presentation Junior*, Tuesday 1st March 6pm, Cathedral  
*Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn*, Wednesday 2nd March 6pm, Cathedral  
*Curraghmore*, Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm, St Paul's

During the week the priests celebrated the Sacrament of Penance with the children in Presentation Junior and Senior Schools and in St Mary's Primary. This week they will visit St Colman's and Curraghmore schools. The **Diocesan Advisors** will visit the parish schools this week, we thank them for the support they give our teachers in handing on faith.

**"24 Hours for the Lord"** - The Cathedral will host 24 hours for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Eucharist, as well as guided prayer for vocations, young people, the sick and the Pope's intentions. This will take place on 4/5 March. If any parishioners would like to help us with this vigil during the day or night time, please to contact the Parish office.

Today the Gospel recounts the Transfiguration of the Lord, Fr Padraig will lead a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** on 9 - 17 August 2016 visiting Mount Tabor, Jerusalem, Cana, Bethlehem, Nazareth and many other holy sites. The pilgrimage offers an opportunity to experience the Jubilee year in the land where the Lord exercised His ministry of mercy, to seek forgiveness for our sins, to pray for peace. For information, contact the Parish Office (044 9348338)  
**Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome** on 19 - 27 August 2016 with Bishop Michael Smith.  
**Pilgrimage to Lourdes** with Fr Padraig departs on 24th April This pilgrimage is in association with Joe Walsh Tours. Booking forms and further information are available at the Parish Office 044 9348338.  
**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** take place each year 12th-17th September.

**Mullingar Choral Society**, Annual Spring Concert in the Cathedral, Sunday 6th March, 8pm.

**Reflections on the Sunday Gospel**, every Wednesday after 9.15am Mass in St Paul's Church.

**Stations of the Cross** every Thursday during Lent after 9.15am Mass in St Paul's Church

**Divine Mercy Devotions**, today, Cluain Lir, 2.40pm.

**Annual Church Concert**, Ballynacargy, Tuesday, 23rd February, 8pm.

**Cullion Community** text alert, launch, clubhouse, Monday, 8pm.



**CONFESSIONS DURING LENT** - These 40 days are a valuable opportunity to make our peace with God and neighbour, and to leave the past behind. Confessions are available in the Cathedral every Saturday **from 12noon until 1pm and from 2.30pm until 3.30pm.**

**Mass intentions this week**

*Monday*: 10am: Dominic Magee.  
 9.15am: Nuala Garry.  
*Tuesday*: 7.45am: Edward & Rose Hamill.  
 10am: David Nevin.  
 7.30pm: John, Brigid, Kathleen, Patricia & Dolores Neary. 9.15am: Elizabeth & Peter Bennett.  
*Wednesday*: 7.45am: Una, Michael & Art McCoy.  
 10am: Annie, Joseph & Ronnie Ward.  
 7.30pm: Pat & Karen Jackson.  
 9.15am: Tom & Emily Corroon & Marie Leonard.  
*Thursday*: 7.45am: Creevy family.  
 10am: Johnny Rattigan.  
 7.30pm: Pat Foran. 9.15am: Jim Carton.  
*Friday*: 7.45am: James & Ellen (Lena) Savage.  
 10am: Angela McCormick.  
 9.15am: Ray & Kay Duncan.  
*Saturday*: 7.45am: Ann Feely.  
 10am: Anniversaries Occurring.  
 Vigil 6pm: Gerry Bennett, Ballinderry (M.M.)  
 11am: Elizabeth Corcoran, Bishopsgate Street & Harbour Street (1st Ann)  
 St Paul's 10.30am: Carmel Moore, Dalton Park (M.M.)  
 12noon: Eileen Ryan, Ginnell Tce (M.M.)  
*Walshestown* 9am: Joseph Brady & Brady & McGarrigle families.

**We pray for our dead**  
**Margaret Lambden, Assumption Villas**  
**Breda Condron, Dalton Park**  
**Usova Lubov, Russia**