



# Mullingar Parish

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's,  
Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown  
[www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie)

## Priests of the Parish

Fr Pdraig 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  
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

## Collection last weekend

Cathedral €3,627 Thank You!  
St Paul's €1,213  
Walshestown €180  
Brotenstown €190  
Gainstown €212  
Parish Envelopes: €1,360

Today the collection goes to the training of students for priesthood.

## Prayer for Vocations



O Jesus send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting Holy Apostles, Sainly Priests, Heroic Missionaries, Dedicated Sisters and Brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a Vocation. Grant that Christian Families may desire to give to your Church helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.

**Contact details:** If you or someone you know is interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood, we would be delighted to hear from you and to help you. Contact Fr Joe Campbell ([frjoecampbell@gmail.com](mailto:frjoecampbell@gmail.com)) or Fr Shane Crombie ([frshane@gmail.com](mailto:frshane@gmail.com))

**Congratulations to the pupils** from the following schools who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend.

**Curraghmore National School**  
**Gaelscoil an Choillín**  
**St Mary's Primary School.**

Next Sunday we welcome to the Cathedral the children from **Presentation Junior School** at 11am and **St Kenny's School** at 12.30pm, the children from **St Colman's school** to St Paul's at 12noon and the children from **St Colmcille's school** at 11am to Gainstown Church.

*An extra Mass will be in the Cathedral next Sunday at 10am to facilitate parishioners.*



**A view from Syria** You may be interested to know that the Catholic Archbishop of Aleppo in Syria has condemned the recent US-led attacks on his country. He asks for our prayers for peace in Syria and explains that the situation on the ground is very complex, often manipulated by fake news on every side.



## Life News Updates

Here's a message from Clare Crowley, 27, is a final year medical student at the University of Limerick

"At times, it is not easy to hold pro-life views as a medical student. I, like many other medical students, decided to pursue a career in medicine to help people and save lives.

"Despite the many faults of our broken healthcare system, Ireland has an excellent maternal care record. During my training, I have witnessed the amazing work of all those who are involved in caring for pregnant women from GPs to midwives and obstetricians. Best obstetric care advocates caring for two patients – the pregnant woman and her unborn baby. Irrespective of the circumstances of pregnancy, a doctor has a duty to care for the health and wellbeing of both.

"Some pregnancies are planned, some unplanned and some even unwanted. In such instances, a woman needs compassionate care and support. The Eighth Amendment gives women in unplanned pregnancies time, instead of hastening into a rash decision they may later regret."

## Preparing for World Meeting of Families

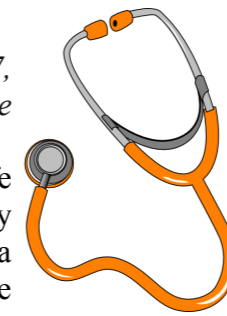
A conference will take place in Maynooth entitled **"Walking Together as Families Today"** on 19-20 June. The Keynote Speakers include: Prof. Julie Hanlon Rubio (St Louis University, Missouri) and Prof. Martin M. Lintner (Germany). Workshops on "Living the Gospel of the Family" (Bairbre Cahill, writer and facilitator); "Real Families, Real Issues, Real Responses" (Mary Johnston, ACCORD); "Families: a Global Perspective" (Colm Hogan, Trócaire); "Conscience and Moral Discernment" (Martin Lintner).

Registration Fee: €15 (including lunch & teas/coffees). Tickets are available on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) (search under "Walking Together as Families Today"). For further information, contact Aoife at [specialevents@spcm.ie](mailto:specialevents@spcm.ie)

## A page from the history books - "No rod" advises bishop

"The children in general did not know the Catechism well, they seemed not to understand what they were saying. When teaching the children, gentleness and mildness are preferable to harshness. Instruction should, if possible, be rendered agreeable by soothing and winning language. I would never when instructing children in Christian Doctrine make use of a rod or a stick.

*(Remarks made by Dr. Plunkett, Bishop of Meath during visitation in Castlepollard in 1780, published with permission from The Westmeath Topic)*



## Please join in our Easter Hymn today

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
We celebrate our risen Lord,  
Praising the glory of his name. Alleluia

He is the grain of wheat that died,  
Sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
Yielding a harvest of new life. Alleluia

## Mass intentions next week

**Monday:** 7.45am: Peg Scally.

10am: Hughie Nevin.

**Tuesday:** 7.45am: Frank & May Mulligan.

10am: John, Brigid, Jimmy & John Joe Walsh.  
9.15am: Brenda Traynor.

**Wednesday** 10am: Frank & Philomena Killeen & The O'Sullivan family.

**Thursday:** 7.45am: Mary McDermott.

10am: Clavin family. 9.15am: John & Kathleen McGloin.

**Friday:** 10am: Margaret & John Joe Kiernan & deceased family.

**Saturday** 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.  
Vigil 6pm: Ethel Shanley, Hillside Drive (M.M.)

**Next Sunday** 8.30am: Josie Whaley, Springfield Gardens (M.M.)

St Paul's 10.30am: Samuel Joseph (1st Ann) & Maureen O'Connor, Ardleigh Gate.

Walshestown 9am: Mick & Gretta Lyons.

Brotenstown 10am: Frank & Mary Conway.

Gainstown 11am: Alice & Edward Kearney.

**Childline** answers over 380,000 contacts from children every year. It relies heavily on the support of the public. If you can help, email the ISPCC at [community@ispcc.ie](mailto:community@ispcc.ie) or call 1850 50 40 50.

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

## Saving Life - Preventing Suicide

The *Cycle against Suicide* arrives to St Finian's College on Sunday 6th May. If you can help in any way please contact 085-2236142 or email [hsmullingar@gamil.com](mailto:hsmullingar@gamil.com)

## Rest in Peace

**Mary Reilly, Auburn Village**  
**Jim O'Donnell, Prospect**  
**Denis Ryan, Newlands**