



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 daily

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon
Contact Parish Office

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Cathedral €3,476
St Paul's €1,214
Walshestown €210
Brotenstown €228
Gainstown €195
Parish Envelopes: €1,340

Thank
You

Next weekend the collection will go towards the Retired Clergy Fund.

Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

We all know that the celebration of the sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are very important in the lives of our children. It is a time they really look forward to, and rightly so. But behind the big day is a very real sacred moment – your child continues on the journey of faith as they come to learn more and more about God and his great love for them.



In the coming weeks First Holy Communion information meetings will be organised for the various catholic schools in the parish and those receiving the sacraments will be notified about sacramental programs and requirements.

First Holy Communion Dates 2020

3 rd May	St Kenny's, 11am, Cathedral St Colmcille's School, 11am Gainstown Holy Family School (Curraghmore), 12 noon, St Paul's Parish Programme, 2pm, St Paul's
10 th May	St Colman's School, 12 noon, St Paul's St Mary's Primary School, 12.30pm, Cathedral
17 th May	Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn, 11am, Cathedral
24 th May	Presentation Jnr School, 12.30pm, Cathedral

Choosing a Confirmation Name

Choosing a new name for Confirmation is an ancient and honourable tradition. Taking a new name can be symbolic of a new stage in life. It follows in the scriptural tradition of the famous phrase, "I have called you by name (Isaiah 45: 3-4)." In the Hebrew Scriptures, Abram became Abraham, and Jacob became Israel. In the New Testament the tradition continued when Simon was renamed Peter by Jesus (Matthew 16:17), and Saul was called Paul (Acts 13:9) by the early Christian community. Your prayerful reflection will help your child discern their Confirmation name. The Priests of the Parish will offer further guidance to your child. The Confirmation name chosen by your child must be the name or a variation of a Biblical Figure, a Saint or Blessed.

Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

This is an important time in your child's spiritual development as they mature in their faith and begin to make important religious decisions for themselves. They need the support of a person of faith who lives by the Spirit. The following should be considered when choosing a Sponsor: (Ref. Code of Canon Law §874). While in the past there was a tradition in the parish of having two sponsors for Confirmation from now on each confirmation candidate is required to have just one sponsor.

- Sponsors must be at least sixteen years of age.
- A Confirmed Catholic who has received the Holy Eucharist;
- A practising Catholic who attends Mass regularly.



Confirmation in our parish will take place on
Saturday **28th March 2020.**

Parish Programme - Final week of Registration

Parents with children attending non-Catholic schools who would like them to receive First Confession or First Holy Communion in 2020, must be enrolled and attend the parish after school classes. Contact the parish office.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. We had a great pilgrimage which was filled with many graces and blessings. Petitions that were left in the Parish office were placed at the grotto and all parishioners were remembered in prayer. This year there were 170 assisted sick pilgrims and 192 volunteer helpers including many young people. Close to 700 pilgrims participated in the pilgrimage this year.

This is a big undertaking which is made possible by careful preparation and with the support and generosity of so many people. Lourdes is a shrine where the sick receive a special welcome. It is a place of healing and peace and strength. Everyone who makes the pilgrimage, experiences something special and returns home enriched. It is also time of special blessing for our Diocese. Thank you to the people who make this pilgrimage possible. The dates for next years' pilgrimage are September 14th-19th.

A photo-account of last week's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is available at www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lourdes.

The **Irish Cancer Society** is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in all public hospitals nationwide. Volunteers will need their own car but all expenses are paid. If you have 2 free days a month (Monday – Friday) and an active email address we would love to hear from you. Please call Laura on 01 2310 594, email transport@irishcancer.ie or go to www.cancer.ie for more information.

Thanks to **Fr Julian Robo** who has helped us in the parish during the summer. He will be leaving this week. We wish him well with his studies in Rome.



Mullingar Region Pioneer Novena to Matt Talbot will take place on Wednesday 25th of September at 7.30 in Rochfortbridge church, all welcome.

Westmeath Archaeological and Historical Society Lecture, Women's contribution during Revolutionary Decade 1913-23, Prof Mary Mc Auliff UCD, Greville Arms Hotel, Wed, 8pm

Mullingar Town Band, enrolment for beginners music class, Tuesday, 5.30pm, St Brigid's School, Harbour Street.

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-author unknown



SUNDAY HYMN

Please join in our hymn today

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife,
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

A workshop for choirs, singers, musicians and all who are interested in Church music will take place in St. Paul's Church, Mullingar, next Saturday, September 28th at 2.15pm. Dr. John O'Keeffe, Director of Sacred Music at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth will be directing the Workshop. All are welcome and, if possible, an indication of attendance should be given to Irene at Bishop's House :
Email: secretary@dioceseofmeath.ie

Mass Intentions Next Week

Monday: 7.45am: Susan Horan.
10am: Rose Ann Cassidy.
Tuesday: 7.45am: Denis & Bridie Woodhouse.
10am: Bridget & Cornellius O'Shea.
9.15am: Dolores MacDermot-Roe.
Wednesday: 7.45am: Carroll-Kelly family.
10am: Dessie, Marie, Tom & Maggie Doherty.
Thursday: 7.45am: Betty Gleeson.
10am: Tom, Lanna & Rosemary Ryan.
9.15am: Nan & Tom McDonagh.
Friday: 7.45am: Joe & Bridie Murray.
10am: Christy & Patricia Carr.
Wedding Walshestown 2pm.
9.15am: John, Kathleen & Peter McDonnell.
Saturday: 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.
Vigil Mass 6pm: Finian Wyse, Ashe Road (M.M.)
Cathedral 11am: Frank Degnan, Irishtown (M.M.)
Walshestown 9am: Jack Keena.
Gainstown 11am: Sean Donoghue.

James McGrath, Ashe Road and Turin
Betty Flynn, Bellview Tce
Carmel Farrell nee O'Toole, Castletown Geoghegan

