



# Mullingar Parish

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



## Priests of the Parish

Fr Derek Darby Adm.  
Fr Joe Campbell CC  
Fr Kevin Heery CC

## Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9am—5pm  
(closed 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

## Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral daily

## Confessions

Saturday 2.30pm-3.30pm—Cathedral

**ACCORD** Catholic Marriage Support  
Service - 9348707

## Bereavement Support

087-6309808

## Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

## COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Cathedral: €3,770

St Paul's: €1,265

Walshestown: €154

Brotenstown: €176

Gainstown: €206

Envelopes: €1,640

*Today is an offering day for the support of the Bishop and priests of the parish.*

**Pilgrimage to San Giovanni**, 12th October, for details contact Mary Briody, 087-6336513.

**North Westmeath Hospice**, Table Quiz, Thursday 27th February at 9pm, Annebrook Hotel.

**Healing Mass**, St Camillus Church, Killucan, Thursday 27th February, 8pm.

## 'WALK WITH ME'

## LENTEN BOOKLETS

Now available in the Cathedral Shop.



## MASS TIMES

**Cathedral** 7.45am, 10am & 7.30pm  
**St Paul's** 9.15am:

## LENT IN ST. PAUL'S

Wednesday—Lectio Divina

Thursday—Adoration -after daily Mass

Friday—Stations of the Cross - after daily Mass

## LENT IN THE CATHEDRAL

Friday—Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration—Daily 8am-8pm



## MINISTERS OF THE WORD



We are currently recruiting new Ministers of the Word for reading at weekend Masses in the cathedral. The role of the reader is to proclaim the Word of God in the readings from sacred scripture thereby opening up to those who hear it the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering them spiritual nourishment. Pope Francis said, "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people."

Ministers of the Word are rostered for a Mass of choice and they read for the consecutive Sundays in a given Month. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of the Word, please contact the Parish Office on, or before Friday 21st February. A training session will take place in the cathedral, **Thursday 27th February at 8.30pm**. Existing Ministers of the Word are welcome to attend.

## ENVELOPE BOXES 2020

*Thank you to all who financially support our parish through the weekly envelopes.*

The boxes of offering envelopes for 2020 are now ready for collection from the Parish Office. We would greatly appreciate the assistance of parishioners in delivering the envelopes. If someone has free time, they might consider delivering the boxes in their immediate locality. Boxes can be collected from the Parish Office.

## FLEADH 2020 (2nd-9th August)

A number of Fleadh-related events will take place in parish schools, the Cathedral and St. Paul's throughout the week-long event. During that time, the Parish will retain its full schedule of Masses, daily prayer, adoration, and other liturgical celebrations.

The Fleadh is an opportunity for the parish to extend hospitality to visitors, welcome them to our cathedral parish, and invite them to join our faith community in prayer and worship.

A 'Fleadh Prayer' is currently being prepared, and an additional schedule of faith-related initiatives during the Fleadh is currently being prepared along with a programme of daily ecumenical prayer.

## PARISH TOUR GUIDES

Thank you to all who recently volunteered to train as tour guides for the cathedral. An information meeting will take place in the cathedral, **Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm**.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

## Why 40 days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

## Why is it called Lent?

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

## The colour purple.

Purple is the symbolic colour used during Lent for two reasons: firstly, it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

## Why Ashes?

The practice of wearing ashes on the forehead on Ash Wednesday originates from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes in a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday liturgy of the previous year. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts; hence the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and Catholics are encouraged to abstain from meat.

This Lent, why not consider one of the following daily suggestions as your Lenten commitment:

- Attend a weekday Mass.
- A period of Eucharistic Adoration.
- In a day abstain from the internet/social media.
- Reduce the amount of time we spend on video games.
- Recite one decade of the Rosary.
- Read and meditate on the Gospel of the day for 15 minutes.
- Give money/alms to the poor, to pro-life, or a other worthy charity.
- Fast from food or abstain from meat one day a week.
- Avail of the Sacrament of Confession.

## SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FOR LENT

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor—He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

## HYMN FOR 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** 10am: Annie & Joseph & Ronnie Ward.

9.15am: Larry & Jim Carey & Philip McCartan. .

**Tuesday:** 10am: Annie J Kiernan.

9.15am: Jim Carton.

**Wednesday:** 10am: John, Bridget, Joe, Finian & Maureen Browne. 7.30pm: Rita Smith.

**Thursday:** 10am: Angela Mc

Cormack.

7.30pm: Pat Foran.

**Friday:** 7.45am: Hugh & Mary Nevin, baby Mary Brigid Joyce & baby Hugh Nevin.

10am: Legion of Mary.

**Saturday:** 7.45am: Anne Feely.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

Vigil 6pm: Pauline Fagan, Prospect (M.M.)

## Sunday 1st March

Cathedral: 11am: Austin Murray, Ginnell Tce (M.M.)

St Paul's 10.30am: Mark Rose, Pettitswood Manor (M.M.)

12noon: Joan Delaney, Clonmore (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Kathleen Healy, Clondardis (1st

## For those who have entered eternal rest....

**Ann Ryan**, Ardleigh Gate;

**Frank Connaughton**, formerly of Swords and Mullingar;

**Grace Brennan**, Greenpark Close;

**Murty Hanly**, Ardeevin;

**John Brady**, Auburn Village;

**Kathleen Reid**, Ashfield & Mooncoin;

**Kathleen Devine nee Pollock**, Mullingar & Dublin

*May they rest in peace.*

## TRÓCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL 2020

Trócaire recently launched this years annual Lenten campaign which focuses on the exploitation of natural resources and the effect climate change is having on communities in Kenya and Honduras . The Lenten Pack is rich in resources and thought-provoking testimonies to reflect upon.

**Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church this weekend.**