



## Mullingar Parish 12 Mass Challenge”

*Cards available on parish FB page, website  
and in all churches—well done to all doing it.*

### Priests of the Parish

Fr Joseph Naikarakudy  
Fr Paul Crosbie  
Fr Joe Campbell

### 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 Church: 9.15am

### 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 €4,465

St Paul's €1,252

Walshestown €184

Brotentown €203

Gainstown €249

Parish Envelopes: €1,420

Thank  
You

## Lent: “Love your neighbour”



The season of Lent urges us to put this commandment from Jesus into practice. Yet the reality in a number of areas in our parish is that people literally do not know their neighbours.

Here is a suggestion from last Tuesday's meeting: **Why not visit a neighbour this week as part of your Lenten exercise?** This is practical and beneficial way to put faith into practice and to build a sense of community. We shouldn't need an excuse to knock on a neighbour's door - in the words of St Paul, “the love of Christ urges us on” (2 Cor. 5:14)

## Trócaire and Cyclone Idai

Trócaire will be using donations to the Lent Appeal to support people in Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique. This week, Trócaire has already been working with local partners in badly affected areas. They are providing emergency relief to families who have lost their homes and crops. People in the region could be left facing months of hunger as a result of the loss of crops.



Trócaire personnel tell us that the cyclone hit on Thursday at around 7pm local time. It started with mild rain and strong winds but soon developed into a full-scale cyclone that lasted until Sunday. In one village of 350 houses, they reported that 30 per cent of the houses were completely destroyed. Up to 2.5 million people are already known to be affected but that figure could rise as remote regions are reached. The cyclone has left many areas inaccessible by both road and air, meaning that no official assessment has been done in large parts of the region.

**Please give what you can to Trócaire's Lent appeal - to borrow a phrase, “every little helps”. Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the Cathedral and in each church and from the parish office.**

## Welcome Fr Joe Deegan



Last Tuesday, on the Feast day of St Joseph, Bishop Deenihan assigned Fr Joe Deegan to our parish from now until the summer period. We are delighted to welcome Fr Joe back to Mullingar - as some of you may recall he served here in 1986 following his ordination. Fr Joe has recently returned from mission work in China. We are now blessed among Fr Joes - It feels like the “12 Joe challenge”

### Preparations for Holy Week - help needed

Following last Wednesday's Liturgy Committee meeting, we wish to let you know:

- ⇒ All Ministers of Holy Communion in every church in our parish are invited to join us for the Eucharistic procession during the Holy Thursday Mass in the Cathedral at 7.30pm.
- ⇒ We hope to involve Confirmation children at some secondary school students in the “washing of the feet” during the Holy Thursday Mass; volunteers will be very welcome.
- ⇒ The Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday will take place at Lough Ennell (Bloomfield) - the time has yet to be confirmed. We are looking for volunteers to provide some music for this beautiful Mass.

### Meanwhile, still in Lent ...

**Divine Mercy chaplet** every Friday during Lent after the 10am Mass in Cathedral unless there is a funeral Mass.

**Evening Masses during Lent** every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

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

**Stations of the Cross** every Friday after 9.15am Mass in St Paul's Church.

### School activities this week .....

**Confessions for Easter** will take place in St Kenny's school and Holy Family school Curraghmore on Wednesday

**First Confessions** - this week Parish Catechetical Programme (Tuesday), Holy Family Curraghmore (Tuesday), St Colman's (Wednesday) Gaelscoil an Choillín (Thursday)

**Congratulations** to Presentation Junior school and St Mary's School who made their First Confession during the week.

**Ceremonies of light** this week Holy Family Curraghmore, St Colman's NS and St Colmeille's NS.

### Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

To his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who am I his praise to sing?  
Praise him! praise him! x 2  
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! x2  
Glorious in his faithfulness.



### Mass intentions next week

**Monday:** Michael, Una & Art McCoy.

10am: James & Annie Lyster.

9.15am: Elizabeth Hoover.

**Tuesday:** 7.45am: Sean Fagan & Fagan family.

10am: Sr Colette Ellis. 7.30pm: Alan Moran

9.15am: Ena O'Grady.

**Wednesday:** 7.30pm: John O'Malley (1st Ann)

9.15am: Michael & Marius Fitzsimons.

**Thursday:** 10am: Peter Keegan.

7.30pm: Martin & Michael Geraghty & Maureen

Fitzgerald. 9.15am: Kathleen, Patrick & Sean Garry & deceased members of family.

**Friday:** 10am: Tom, Molly & Kathleen O'Donnell.

9.15am: Ollie Quinn, Ginnell Tce (M.M.)

**Saturday** 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

**Vigil** 6pm: Mary (1st Ann) & Myles Coll, Clonmore

Heights. 11am: Bridget Cole, Sunday's Well (1st Ann)

10.30am: Josie Whaley, Springfield (1st Ann)

12 noon: Moira Keogh, (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: Chris Lynch.

Brotentown 10am: John Garvin & John & Mary

Staunton. Gainstown 11am: Patrick & Evelyn Tighe & sons Patrick Jnr & Frank.

**Parish Office**, please note the parish office will close on Tuesday at 4pm to facilitate staff training.

**Table Quiz** in aid of LARCC, Thursday, 9pm, Annebrook Hotel.

**Emmett Cahill**, “Blessings of Music”, available in the Cathedral Shop.

**Walshestown Church** The main gates into the carpark will shortly be automated. When this happens the gate will open from 8am - 9pm. Outside these hours the church and cemetery can be accessed through the pedestrian walk.

**RIP Mary Ellen Oakes**, Bishopsgate Street  
**Maureen Fitzgerald**, USA & Ardleigh Park  
**Norman (Frederick, Arthur) Moore**, Cavan.  
**Patrick Kelly**, Ballinalack & Cathedral View