



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

Fr Padraig McMahon, Adm, VF
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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 this week

7.45 & 10am Cathedral Mon—Sat
9.15am St Paul's Mon—Fri

Confessions in the Cathedral

Saturday 2.30pm-3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral

Collections last weekend:

Cathedral: €3,820
St Paul's: €1,298
Walshestown: €162
Brotenstown: €252
Gainstown: €171
Parish Envelopes: €2,550

Today is an offering day for the support of the Bishop & priests

Thank
You!

What am I doing for Lent?

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. During Lent we are invited to Pray, to Fast and to Give to the Poor.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed on Wednesday;

Masses in the Cathedral at 7.45am, 10am, 12noon & 7.30pm and in St Paul's at 9.15am.



Pray.....

During Lent there will be a **7.30pm Mass** in the Cathedral on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** evenings.

On **Friday 10th March** we will hold a **Day of Prayer**, Reflection, Adoration in the Cathedral with an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. The day begins with Mass at 7.45am and will conclude at 11pm.

Reflections on the Gospel of the Sundays of Lent after 9.15am Mass in St Paul's on Wednesdays during Lent. All are welcome.

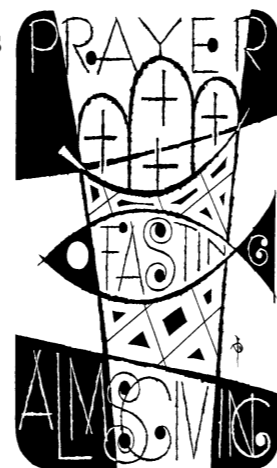
Fast.....

We fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, we are asked to fast during Lent; it is for each of us to decide if we can fast from food, from television.... The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association invite us to consider a Lenten Pledge—abstaining from alcohol for Lent.

Give to the Poor.....

The **Trócaire Lenten Campaign** gives us an opportunity to share in the work of development. Last year Mullingar Parish contributed €64,400 to Trócaire. Please take home a Trócaire box this weekend, open it on Ash Wednesday and encourage all the family to help those in need of our support.

Br Kevin Crowley of the Capuchin Day Centre in Dublin will speak at Masses in the Cathedral on **Sunday 12th March**.



Pope Francis message for Lent

Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.

Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

Five Fridays in Lent, Franciscan Friary Multyfarnham "Learning the Wisdom of the Cross"

March 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st, April 7th at 7.30pm.

Mullingar Pioneers: re launch of the Mullingar branch on Thursday 2nd March at 8pm in Bethany.

Could you be a Samaritan? Information evening in Bloomfield Hotel, Wednesday at 8pm.

This Lent we are having a **12 Mass challenge for people under the age of 30!** We all have things to pray for, stresses in our lives, and people who we love and care for and who need our prayers. This Lent, why not take up our 12 Mass challenge, growing closer to God and praying for all your intentions?

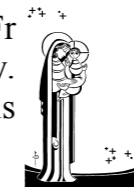
How does it work?

We want to help you to go to Mass each Sunday for Lent (that's 7 Masses) and on 5 other days during Lent (that makes it 12).

What should I do?

On Ash Wednesday collect your 12 Mass Challenge Card, getting it stamped for the first time, and after that every time you attend Mass during the week or at weekends get it stamped again in the Cathedral or in St Paul's. You can attend any Mass over the forty days of Lent to fulfil this challenge.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be led by Fr Padraig for 5 nights on 22—27 May. Booking forms and other information is available from the Parish Office.



Cookery Demonstration, Multyfarnham Cookery School in association with St Kenny's NS, Friday 3rd March at 7pm.

Standing from the Opening Hymn

N.43 of the General Instruction on the Roman Missal says - "The faithful should stand from the beginning of the Entrance chant, or while the priest approaches the altar, until the end of the Opening Prayer."

From next Sunday 5th March, the congregation will be asked to stand at the start of Mass until the first reading in the Cathedral and all parish churches.

Mass Intentions next week

Monday: 10am: Angela McCormick
9.15am Pat Foran
Tuesday: 10am Hugh Nevin & baby Mary Brigid
9.15am Elizabeth & Peter Bennett
Ash Wednesday: 7.45am John Smith
10am: James Charles 7.30pm: John & Brigid Neary, Kathleen, Patricia & Dolores
Thursday: 7.45am Christopher & Annie Smith & Pat Lacey 10am Kevin & Elizabeth Collins
9.15am Joleen Heffernan
7.30pm John & Elizabeth Walsh
First Friday: List of the Dead
Saturday: 7.45am Dempsey family
10am: Anniversaries Occurring.
6pm Vigil: Patrick Joseph Byrne, Raithin (1st Ann)
Next Sunday Cathedral
8.30am Billy McDonnell, Grand Parade (MM)
11am Robert Acton, Hillside Drive (1st Ann)
12.30pm Edward Fagan, Rathcolman (MM)
St Paul's 10.30am Dan Martin Cullionmore (MM)
12noon Patrick Keogh, Lakepoint (MM)
Brotenstown: Barney & Marie Conlon Beechlaw

Mullingar Choral Society present their annual Spring Concert entitled "An Evening of Opera Highlights", in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, on Sunday 5th March 2017, commencing at 8pm. Tickets are available from, Fagan Office Supplies, Cathedral Shop, at the door on the night.

REST IN PEACE

Cardinal Desmond Connell, Dublin
Gloria Prendergast, Lynderry Court
Eileen McDonnell, Foxrock, Dublin
Eugene Connaire, Loughrea