



Mullingar Parish

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

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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: €3,892

St Paul's: €1,291

Walshestown: €165

Brotenstown: €126

Thank you

Gainstown: €274

Envelopes: €950

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 our usual volunteers in delivering the envelopes or if someone has some free time, they might consider delivering the boxes in their immediate locality. Boxes can be collected from the Parish Office from Monday.

FR. JOSEPH'S FAREWELL MASS

In thanksgiving for his ministry among us in Mullingar, Fr. Joseph Naikarakudy will celebrate Mass on Saturday 15th February at 6pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Community Centre immediately afterwards. Please join us as we say farewell to Fr. Joseph.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The parish is undertaking a renewal of Eucharistic Adoration in our parish. Members of the Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Team will visit our parish and speak at all Masses the weekend of 8th/9th February. We invite parishioners to give consideration to committing to one hour of adoration per week in our parish. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every day in the cathedral Adoration Chapel located to the left of the sanctuary from 8am to 8pm. Parishioners are free to drop in at any time throughout the day for personal prayer.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR ADORERS

Adorers are invited to join the parish community for Mass in the cathedral on Saturday, 1st February at 6pm. All welcome.

FEAST DAY OF ST. BRIGID

Confirmation classes/schools in Mullingar are invited to join the students and staff of St Brigid's on their annual walk to St. Brigid's Well in Cullion, leaving at 10am, Friday 31st January. Refreshments in the school afterwards.

Annual devotions take place at the Well of St. Brigid on 1st February at 3pm. All welcome.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The Religious and Consecrated members of the Diocese will join Bishop Deenihan and our parish for the blessing of Candles and sung Vespers in the Cathedral, Sunday February 2nd at 4pm. All are welcome to this celebration which marks the Day for Consecrated Life and the contribution of religious to our Diocese. The reflection will be given by Mother Marie OCSO, the Abbess of Glencairn Abbey.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE—Blessing of Throats

The Blessing Throats, traditionally associated with St. Blaise takes place after the daily Masses on Monday 3rd February and in the cathedral from 7-8pm.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has established the third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be observed as a special day devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". He is inviting all Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his Word. Bibles will be blessed at all Masses this weekend. We encourage parishioners to display the Bible in a place of prominence in their home. A special leaflet on using the bible, it's origins, format, and the Church is available after Masses this weekend.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 26 January –1 February 2020

The theme for this years Catholic Schools Week—*Living in Harmony with God's Creation*— encourages us to see that we all have a responsibility to care for the earth, not just for our own future, but for the future of every one of God's creatures.

HEALING MASS Thursday 30th January, 8pm, St Camillus, Killucan.

HOLY COMMUNION IN MULLINGAR PARISH

'The purpose of the Sacraments is to sanctify people, to build up the body of Christ, and, finally, to worship God.'

(Sacrosanctum Concilium n. 59)

There is a particular onus on a Cathedral Parish to ensure the best liturgical practices are observed and so the parish has been reviewing its celebration of the Sacraments to ensure our liturgical rites are in keeping with the norms set down in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*.

HAND HYGIENE

Ministers of Holy Communion will now wash their hands in the sacristy prior to Mass. The bowl of water on the sanctuary should only be used by the minister after distributing Holy Communion to remove remaining Eucharistic particles from fingers.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharist is made present by the priest on the main altar during the celebration of Mass. The tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is a 'place of repose' where the Eucharistic fragments/Hosts are gathered and reposed when Communion is complete for private adoration and prayer. As the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is a place of repose, Holy Communion will no longer be distributed in the chapel during Mass. The chalice and ciborium which contain the Precious Blood and Host cannot be left unattended on a side altar at any time during Mass. Members of the congregation therefore should never 'self-communicate' Each member of the community is **ministered to** by a commissioned minister and is **enabled** to make an act of faith in the Real Presence: The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We would like to express our thanks to family members and ministers who bring Holy Communion to the sick on a regular basis. We respectfully ask parishioners not to present a pyx at the altar rails during the distribution of Holy Communion. The individual must consciously and actively participate fully in the Mass and in thanksgiving before ministering to others.

Those taking Holy Communion are asked to sign a register in the sacristy indicating those to whom they are taking Holy Communion. This ensures proper care of the Sacrament. It informs the priest of those who may be sick in the parish, may require a visit from the priest, or request the Sacrament of Confession. If bringing Holy Communion to someone on a regular basis there is no need to sign the register each time. Simply indicate so in the register on the first occasion and thereafter leave the pyx with the Sacristan before Mass.

After Holy Communion, the priest will distribute hosts to the pyxes, and ministers can collect them immediately after Mass from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Those using a pyx to bring Holy Communion to the sick should ensure it is adequately purified afterwards. Holy Communion cannot be given to anyone in tissues, envelopes or handkerchiefs.

Please note: If not already commissioned as a Minister of Holy Communion, those bringing Holy Communion to the sick can be temporarily commissioned for this particular and unique situation. In these special circumstances, contact should be made with one of the priests of the parish. A prayer resource will be made available in the sacristy for those bringing Holy Communion to the sick.

These changes come in to effect on 1st February next.

HYMNS FOR TODAY

**Holy Spirit, Lord of love,
wisdom coming from above,**
Gifts of blessing to bestow
on your waiting Church below.
Once again in love draw near
to your people gathered here,
Since our great baptismal day,
You have led us on our way.



You have been our constant guide,
ever watching by our side,
May we now, till life shall end,
choose and know you as our friend.
Give us life to live for you;
give us love, forever new,
Come then, Holy Spirit, come;
make each heart your happy home.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Monday: 10am: Frank Geraghty

9.15am: Angela Hoey

Tuesday: 7.45am: Patrick Roche & Josephine Corcoran. 10am: Jack & Kathleen O'Callaghan & family. 9.15am: Margaret Carlson.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Joan Horgan.

9.15am: Tommy Smullen.

Thursday: 7.45am: Billy, Johnny, William & Mary Connolly. 10am: Michael & Christina Keenaghan.

Friday: 7.45am. Bridget Smith.

10am: Joseph Dinnegan.

Saturday: 7.45am: Dan Martin.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

Vigil 6pm: Mass for Eucharistic Adorers.

Sunday 2nd February

8.30am: Vincent Dolan, Ardmore (M.M.)

11am: Henry (M.M.) & Bernadette English, Dublin Road & deceased members of family.

Brotenstown: James Carey.

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

Chrissie Mc Cormack, Glenview Heights;
David Mangan, formerly of Ballyfermot & Mullingar;

Barry Slattery, Castlepollard

Francis O' Hara-Mooney, formerly of Shadonagh and Nice;

Sr. Theresa Corcoran, formerly of Djibouti, Africa and Mullingar. **May they rest in peace.**

Cathedral Shop, selection of candles available for sale. Open Monday - Saturday (closed Wed) 10am—4pm.

COMMUNICANTS WITH THE COELIAC CONDITION

In order to avoid cross contamination of the Precious Blood with gluten, the parish will now distribute low -gluten hosts to those with a Coeliac diagnosis. During Holy Communion, they should approach the main celebrant who distributes Holy Communion on the left side of the sanctuary and indicate to the priest they are Coeliac and the priest will offer the low-gluten host.