



HAPPY FEAST DAY to all our parishioners

Priests of the Parish

Fr Padraig McMahon, Adm, VF
Fr Joseph Naikarakudy
Fr Paul Crosbie
Fr Robert McGivney

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
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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

7.45am & 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

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

Collections last weekend

Cathedral: €3,587 Thank
St Paul's: €1,076 You!
Walshestown: €235
Brotentown: €195
Gainstown: €185
Parish Envelopes: €1,172

Young people and the Church

It seems an appropriate way to mark our parish feast day by asking how we can hand on faith to young people.

Pope Francis will gather Bishops and pastoral leaders from all over the world – a synod - to look at how young people can grow in faith and have a more positive experience in the Church.

The Pope has asked parishes to help him prepare for this task.

We would like to hear from young people (aged 12 to 29 years).

It would be helpful if young people can email us or message us on our parish Facebook page in response to three questions:

1. *What is, for you, the most important part of Jesus' message?*
2. *How often do you pray?*
3. *What would you like your parish to do for you?*

We will bring your responses to the attention of Bishop Smith ahead of the Synod in Rome next year.

Next weekend: The Season of Advent

You are invited to an evening of prayer and reflection on Thursday 7 December at 7.00pm in Bethany. The Advent talk is called "Welcoming Jesus into our lives". Refreshments will be provided to celebrate the eve of the Holyday. All are welcome especially Ministers of Holy Communion. Meanwhile, there are lots of resources for Advent available at the **Cathedral Shop** including 'Walk with me' booklets and a large selection of Advent calendars, cards and candles. Open on Monday-Saturday (except Wed) 10am-4pm and on Sundays after Masses.

Poetry & Art Competition in our Parish



All young people from third class to sixth are invited to write a poem or create a piece of art work to show the love in their family life. This subject is chosen so as to link with our preparations for the World Meeting of Families next year. There will be a prize for the winner. The deadline is 11 December so now is the time to begin. We look forward to hearing from you. **Please help us to spread the word.**



Planning for a Papal Visit to Ireland

The organisers of next year's World Meeting of Families are hopeful that Pope Francis will come to Ireland for the celebration, the first Papal visit since 1979. The Phoenix Park is "on course" to again host the Pontiff, with organisers seeking a large venue for Pope Francis's farewell Mass on **Sunday 26 August 2018**.

We'll keep you informed on how best we can prepare for this special event. In the meantime, check out www.worldmeeting2018.ie for further information.

Pope Francis heads to Myanmar (Burma)

The small Catholic community in Myanmar is very excited about hosting Pope Francis in their country for the first time tomorrow. Pray for the success of the Pope's visit.

In recent years we welcomed two priests from Myanmar who have served in the Cathedral – Fr Patrick and his brother Fr Francis – as well as Bishop Raymond who came here in 2015. **St Colmcille's National School, Gainstown** is also twinned with a school on the Burmese border, supporting the children of refugees from that country. Being "Catholic" means sharing in the joys and sufferings of our brothers and sisters who share our faith throughout the world.

Welcoming friends from Romania

As you know, Fr Ciprian from the Diocese of Iasi (Romania) has served in our parish for the past year and he is now assisting in the parish of Clara.

This weekend we welcome **Bishop Aurel Perca** from the Diocese of Iasi. We are delighted to host Bishop Perca, who will also visit the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin where Bishop Denis Nulty has invited two Romanian priests to serve in his parishes.

The small Romanian community here are an important part of our parish, assisting us as Eucharistic ministers and altar servers. We thank them for sharing their faith with us.

Looking forward to the Choral Society Concert

The Choral Society Christmas Concert will take place next Sunday in the Cathedral at 7pm. Among those joining the Mullingar Choral Society will be the Mullingar Town Band and special guests. Tickets are now available from the Cathedral Shop and at the door.

School Confessions

Thank you to the students in St Finian's College who joined us for confessions last Wednesday. We will have confessions for Loreto students on 7 December.

Stewards and Collectors in Cathedral, St Paul's, Brotentown, Walshestown & Gainstown Mass in Bethany, Friday at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards.

Please join in singing the entrance hymn at Sunday Masses this weekend, chosen for the feast day

*Faithful is our Lord and King,
Let us all in glory sing,
Ever praise in song and word,
'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord'.*

Mass intentions next week

Monday: 10am: Jimmy Treanor.
9.15am: Maisie Corcoran.
Tuesday: 10am: Peggy Devine.
9.15am: John, William & Jean Farrell.
Wednesday: 10am: James Daly & deceased family.
Thursday: 10am: Paddy Lynagh.
Friday: List of the Dead.
Wedding Mass Walshestown 2pm.
Saturday: 10am: Anniversaries Occurring.
Wedding Mass Cathedral 2pm
Vigil: Mick Hegarty, St Anthony's Cottages(M.M.)
Next Sunday Cathedral 8.30am: Patricia Thompson, nee Reynolds, Mohill & Dumfries (1st Ann) 11am: Gerry Boyle, Raithin (1st Ann) St Paul's 10.30am: Maureen Dowd, Grange Crescent (M.M.) 12noon: Maureen (1st Ann) & Joseph O'Connor, Ardleigh Gate. Walshestown 9am: Michael D. Flynn, Irishtown (M.M.) Gainstown 11am: James Daly.

St Kenny's, Christmas Market next Sunday 12noon-6pm.

Mullingar Eucharistic Assembly, DVD, available now in Cathedral shop €15.

Soroptimist International, Christmas Buffet Luncheon, in aid of local charities, Friday, Greville Arms.

ICA meeting, Monday, 8pm, Aras an Mhuilinn.

Dementia Awareness evening, Wednesday, Greville Arms, 7-9pm.

Social dancing, Thurs, Multy Community hall, 9pm.

Loreto College presents 'All Shook Up', Wednesday-Friday.

Give Blood, Mon-Wed 4.30pm-8pm, Annebrook.

Rest in Peace

Michael L'Estrange, Ballinea
Theresa Brophy, St Bridget's Tce
Lucy McManus, Moyne
Bruno Ronaldi, Italy