



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
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Fr Joe Campbell
Fr Joe Deegan

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 €3,625

St Paul's €1,263

Walshestown €167

Brotentown €191

Gainstown €220

Parish Envelopes: €1,470

Thank
You

Lent – Do you pray as a couple?

We regularly encourage parents to pray with their children. This week, why don't we encourage couples themselves to pray with each other? Here's 5 reasons why:



1. Prayer keeps you humble before God and each other.

The act of prayer is hand-in-hand, quiet, focused. We are showing our reverence for God and each other. It's hard to be judgmental and argumentative when you're in that stance.

2. Prayer releases your deepest hurts.

Praying out loud gives your inmost hurts a voice. When your feelings are validated and understood by God who loves you, then you're on the road forgiveness.

3. Prayer unites us.

Holding each other's hands is a physical portrayal of unity. Praying together builds spiritual unity through God.

4. Prayer breeds appreciation.

Begin to create a list of "loves" rather than "annoyances".

5. Prayer gives you hope.

When your hearts as a couple are in unity with God's good and perfect will, then your prayers will always be answered. Regardless of you actually getting what you prayed for.



Lent - Be Surprised By Joy!

“Lent is the season in which we ought to be surprised by joy. Our self-sacrifices serve no purpose unless, by laying aside this or that desire, we are able to focus on our heart's deepest longing: unity with Christ. In him - in his suffering and death, his resurrection and triumph - we find our truest joy.”

Pope Francis' prayer intention for April

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborations in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



Cathedral clean-up for Holy Week

Volunteers sought for Monday of Holy Week after 10am Mass.

Confirmation and Chrism

Chrism is the perfumed oil that Bishop Deenihan will use to make the sign of the cross on the children's forehead during Confirmation next Saturday.



It helps show a connection to Baptism – each of us was first anointed with Chrism at our Baptism. It shows healing and cleansing too. It also symbolised the strength God gives us by grace. In ancient times, warriors would cover themselves in oil before battle to make it difficult for their enemies to grab them.

In order to make a good preparation to receive the sacrament, confessions for the children and their parents will take place on Friday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

The Chrism Mass, 17 April at 7pm

Bishop Deenihan will celebrate the Chrism Mass for the first time on Wednesday of Holy Week at 7pm in the Cathedral. During the Mass, the Oil of Chrism will be consecrated and all the clergy will renew their priestly vows. If you haven't attended this Mass before, please join us this year! All are welcome to refreshments afterwards in the Parish Community Centre.

Cathedral Shop

Last minute gifts for Confirmation children, bible, prayer book, holy water font etc. Shop open Monday—Saturday 10am—4pm, closed 1-2pm.

Parishes encouraged to champion the message of Laudato Si' - Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for our common home

On 12 April next, the Bishops' Northern Ireland Catholic Council on Social Affairs, in collaboration with both its Council for Justice and Peace and the Laudato Si' Working Group of the Council for Catechetics, are hosting a day on transforming our understanding of our faith with Laudato Si', Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for our common home. Dr Emer Croke, researcher with the Council for Justice & Peace, said, “The Laudato Si' working day in the Dromantine Centre, Newry, is intended to assist parishioners and diocesan representatives from across the North who wish to explore how each individual's potential to care for creation can be fully realised in the context of our Catholic faith. There will also be practical advice and examples given on the day as to how best to incorporate the message of Laudato Si' into the life of a parish. Our objective is that participants will 'take back' this message to share it with others and champion its importance in parish life.”

There is no fee for the day but attendees must register in advance by email to the CJP on cjp@iecon.ie.

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

Mass intentions next week

Monday: 10am: Denise Nolan.

9.15am: Robert Bardon.

Tuesday: 10am: Paddy Doyle & Doyle & Roche family. 7.30pm: Ann & Peter Keegan & Kathleen, Clarence & James Maguire.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Michael & Sarah Daly & deceased members of family.

10am: Denis & Bridie Hughes. 7.30pm: Dessi Hand, Old Ballinderry (1st Ann) & Una Cooney.

Thursday: 7.45am: John Willis.

10am: Kitty & Johnny Reeves.

7.30pm: Clements Bose. 9.15am: Keith Ryan.

First Friday: List of the Dead.

Saturday: 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass

Vigil 6pm: Jimmy Leogue, Bellview Heights (1st Ann) **Next Sunday** 8.30am: Joan Dunne, Marlinstown (M.M.) 11am: Peter (1st Ann) & Elizabeth O'Mahoney & Pauline Ward.

10.30am: Matthew Murray, Ardnava, Ardmore Road (1st Ann) 12 noon: Kathleen Keating, Ginnell Tce (1st Ann) Walshestown 9am: Michael J. Dolan, Ardmore Road & Canada (1st Ann)

Brotentown 10am: John Hope. Gainstown 11am: Esther (1st Ann) & Johnny Costello.

Apostolic Work Society, meeting, Bethany, Friday 12th April, 7pm.

Irish Midland Youth Orchestra, concert, Thursday, 8pm, All Saints Church.

North Westmeath Hospice, public meeting, Thursday, 8pm, Annebrook Hotel.

RIP

Danny McComack, Raithin Eoghan

William McNamara, Dublin Road

Sheila Gilligan, Lynn

Ralph Kelleghan, Irishtown

Michael McGovern, Walshstown

baby Fergus Leahy, Australia