



Mullingar Parish

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's,
Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown
www.mullingarparish.ie



Priests of the Parish

Fr Derek Darby Adm.
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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
Brotenstown: 10am
Gainstown: 11am

Daily Mass

Cathedral 7.45am & 10am Mon - Sat
St Paul's Church: 9.15am Mon - Fri

Confessions in the Cathedral

Saturday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8am-8pm in the Cathedral daily

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Support
Service - 9348707

Bereavement Support

087-6309808

Child Safeguarding Representatives

Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon
Contact Parish Office

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Cathedral: €3,941
St. Pauls: €1,187
Walshestown: €256
Brotenstown: €188
Gainstown: €231
Parish Envelopes: €1,125

Thank You

Knock Night Vigil on Saturday 7th
December at 7.45pm from Mullingar Park
Hotel and 8.00pm from Post Office,
Dominick Street. To book contact Slevins
Coaches at 044 9372157/ 044 9372777.

Mullingar Choral Society, Annual
Christmas Concert, tonight at 7pm (1st
December), Tickets available at the door.



START A NEW ADVENT FAMILY TRADITION

The Gospel of Luke has 24 chapters. If you read one chapter a day, beginning 1st December, by the time you reach Christmas Eve you will have read an account of the entire life of Christ! You will wake up on Christmas Morning, knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!

Advent

Advent is a season of nearly 4 weeks that has a twofold character:

- (i) as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's First Coming to us is remembered;
- (ii) as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation; a time of deepening our hope and a time to reflect on what is truly important in our lives.

Advent is hinged upon the Four Sundays of December, and then in the last 7 days, in preparation for the great celebration of the Nativity, it gives an extra focus in the liturgy, of the important events leading us to Bethlehem, desiring to "Come, Let us Adore Him".

In the midst of a busy time of year, where the demands of time and attention are many, use the gift of this time of year to filter out all that is unnecessary so you can understand more fully the grace of knowing the peace that only Christ can give.

We wish you a very blessed Advent Season.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER IN SILVERSTREAM PRIORY

You are welcome to join the Benedictine Monks of Silverstream Priory in Stamullen, Co. Meath for Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction on each of the Sundays of Advent at **5pm** in the Priory Chapel. (directions on cenacleosb.org/visit)

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR INFANTS

takes place Friday 13th December at 7pm in St. Paul's. Family members who wish to have their (baby's) names included in the Mass and a candle lit in their memory should contact the Parish Office in the coming weeks. Refreshments are available immediately afterwards.

STANDARDISING HOLY DAY MASSES 2020

In 2020, the Parish will standardise Mass times for Holy Days which fall on weekdays:

Cathedral: 7.45am, 10am, 7.30pm
St. Paul's: 9.15am

CAR PARKING IN CATHEDRAL GROUNDS

In the coming weeks three additional car parking spaces will be made available for parishioners with limited mobility. These spaces will be located on the side of the cathedral adjacent to CBS. As a courtesy to all drivers, we would ask parishioners to exercise consideration when parking for church services.



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FROM MULLINGAR PARISH

A selection of Christmas cards from Mullingar Parish are now available in the Cathedral Shop and Parish Office. The intentions of those to whom the cards are sent will be remembered at Masses in the Parish on Christmas Day. The Proceeds from the sale of the cards will go directly to support our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.



Origins: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by Frédéric Ozanam (now Blessed Frédéric) and a group of friends in Parish in 1833 while he was studying at the Sorbonne. In response to a challenge from

their critics as to what their Christian faith meant in practical terms, the group started visiting poor families in their homes in the slums of Paris bringing much needed supplies as well as friendship and support. Initially the group referred to themselves as the Conference of Charity and they placed themselves under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul and under the protection of the Virgin Mary. The 'Conference' later became known as the Society of St. Vincent De Paul and from humble beginnings in Paris, the movement spread rapidly throughout the world establishing itself in over 130 countries. The Society was founded in Ireland in 1844 and today over 10,500 active members respond to the needs of the poor.

Next weekend St Vincent de Paul will make their annual national appeal. The collection taken up at the church doors and from the door to door collection, financially supports much of the Society's work throughout the year.

In addition to its core work of visiting and supporting the needy, the Society in the past year:

- Responded to calls for assistance each week
- Provided assistance for students in 3rd level studies
- Supported the Parish Women's Community Project
- Provided breaks for families in their Holiday Centre in Bundoran and for elderly people in their premises in Mornington
- Provided housing in the Society's apartments
- Visited long term patients in both St. Loman's and St. Mary's hospitals.

Members and helpers hope to visit as many homes as possible in the parish next Saturday and Sunday afternoon. However if you are not home when they call, you may if you wish contribute by using the envelope delivered to you and leaving it either at the Cathedral or Ozanam House in Bishopsgate Street, or by any other means suitable to you.

Please support the invaluable work of SVP in Mullingar!

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

Please join us in prayer and song for our Parish Service of Carols, Sunday 15th December at 5pm with the Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Choristers, Lynn Singers and St. Colmcille's School Gainstown Choir.

CATHEDRAL ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Training for new Altar Servers for the cathedral will take place Monday 9th December at 2.30pm in the cathedral.

Blessing for expectant parents after the 6pm vigil Mass next Saturday 7th December.

HYMN FOR ADVENT

Come, O long expected Jesus,
born to set your people free, From
our fears and sins release us,
Christ in whom our rest shall be.



Israel's strength and consolation, born salvation to impart;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.

By your own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By your all sufficient merit, raise us to your glorious throne.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Monday: 10am: Paddy Lynagh.
9.15am: McGeeney family.
Tuesday: 7.45am: Tony Charles.
10am: Shay Sweeney
Wednesday: 7.45am: John Glackin, Tommy & Eileen McCormack & Sean Martin.
10am: Rose Mary Creevy.
9.15am: Ben Lambden & Currid family.
Thursday: 7.45am: Ann Kelly
10am: Brendan Griffin. 9.15am: Angela Gibbons.
First Friday: List of the Dead.
Saturday 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.
Vigil 6pm: William (Billy) Roe, Ballinderry (1st Ann)
Next Sunday: 8.30am: Artudas Stadulis, Lynn Heights (1st Ann) 11am: Michael Duffy, Central Park (1st Ann) 12.30pm: Frances Kirby nee Begley, Greenpark Meadows and late of Patrick Street (M.M)
St Paul's 10.30am: Tony Keaveney, Dalton Park (M.M.) 12noon: Paul (1st Ann) & Marian (M.M.) Caulfield, Newtown Lawns. Walshestown: Frank, Peter & Seanie McCormack. Gainstown: Alan McDonnell.

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



Henry English, Dublin Road
Imelda Wallace nee Murtagh, Ballard
Joe O'Reilly, Canberra, Australia and late of Pearse St.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

From 1-9th June 2020 Spiritual director Fr. Mark English. For more details on full itinerary, costs and booking contact 046-9068600; email: info@travalue.ie or check out www.travalue.ie. **Information evening on Monday 9th December at 8pm the Park Hotel Mullingar.**

Walk with me booklets for Advent, available now from the Cathedral Shop.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society, meeting, Monday, 7.30pm, Bethany.

Divine Mercy Devotions, Friday, after 10am Mass.

St Colmcille's School, Christmas gathering, next Sunday 8th December, after 11am Mass in Gainstown.

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

