



# Mullingar Parish

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's,  
Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown  
[www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie)

## Priests of the Parish

Fr Derek Darby Adm.  
Fr Joe Campbell CC  
Fr Kevin Heery CC

## Parish Office Hours

Re-opens Thursday 2nd January.

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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

Contact Parish Office

## COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Cathedral: €3950

St Paul's: €1.252

Walshestown: €155

Brotenstown: €135

Gainstown: €170

Envelopes: €2,445

*Thank you*

## Parish Finances

*Thank you to all who contribute so faithfully and generously to our parish finances every week. Your generosity enables our parish to maintain our churches as welcoming places for worship & prayer.*

## Ways of Supporting our Parish:

- Offertory Collection
- Development Fund—Envelopes
- Standing Order
- Tax Rebate



## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - MONDAY

### Mass times

Cathedral: 7.45am, 10am & 7.30pm

St Paul's: 9.15am



## UNDERSTANDING MASS OFFERINGS

Following various misunderstandings about the tradition of Mass offerings and clear dangers of exploitation of the Mass, the Irish Bishops issued some clarification on the Church's teaching and regulation regarding Mass Offerings:

1. The Eucharist, the 'source and summit of the Christian life,' is at the heart of our belief, for it preserves the great mystery of our redemption in Jesus Christ. Therefore anything that might weaken or undermine our respect for the Eucharist must be avoided.

2. The practice of giving an offering dates back to the early Church when the faithful brought bread and wine for the Mass and other gifts for the support of the priest and for the poor. Nowadays a Mass offering is a way

for the donor to join him/herself to the sacrifice of the Mass; it unites the donor closely with the life and apostolic activity of the Church, the Body of Christ, as the offering becomes a form of material support for the Church's ministers and pastoral life. The Mass must never be an occasion for 'buying and selling' or 'making money', nor should there be even the slightest appearance of making a profit from Mass offerings.

3. Normally a separate Mass is celebrated for each individual offering. The donor specifies the individual intention. Because donors may sometimes ask how much it is appropriate to give, a current recommended diocesan offering is specified; (this amount is agreed by the Bishops at provincial level). A priest may accept less than the recommended offering

4. The priest who receives the offering has an obligation to apply Mass for the specific intention of the person who has made the offering. He is to celebrate a Mass within a reasonable time. Irrespective of how many Masses he celebrates in a day, a priest may only keep an offering for one Mass per day. If a priest receives too many Mass intentions he must transfer any surplus Mass offerings, in total, to another priest; (normally these offerings will be sent to priests working in needy areas).

5. Having signed or stamped Mass Cards for sale to the public in shops and other commercial outlets is a practice that is not approved by the Irish Episcopal Conference, the Major Religious Superiors or the Superiors of Missionary Societies. It undermines a correct Eucharistic Theology, is unacceptable and should be discontinued.

6. We strongly encourage the donor, where possible, to participate in the Mass. We recommend that the intention for which the Mass is being especially offered is mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful. Of course the Mass is not exclusively for this intention – every Mass is offered for all

**Workshop for New Ministers of Holy Communion** will take place on Wednesday 15th January at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. There will also be a workshop for current ministers on Thursday 16th January at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting takes place in Cathedral House, Wednesday 8th January at 7.30pm.

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Meets this week in Cathedral House, Tuesday 7th January 7.30pm. Suggestions for consideration by the PPT can be left in to the Parish Office.

## PARISH CALENDAR 2020

The parish calendar for 2020 is now available in the Cathedral Shop. We would encourage all families to take one.

## WEBCAM FACILITY

Following the recent appeal for assistance in upgrading the existing webcam facility, the parish would like to express it's thanks to a single donor who sponsored the upgrade. Our thanks also to those who contributed towards the annual running costs associated with live streaming and hosting the website.

## BAPTISM COURSE

The Baptism information meeting for parents preparing their children for the celebration of the Sacrament will be relocating to the Parish Community Centre effective from Wednesday 22nd January. The meetings take place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8pm. Baptisms take place in the Cathedral on the first, second and third Sunday of every month and on the fourth Sunday in St. Paul's church.

**Rotary Club Remembrance Tree Mass** takes place next Sunday 12th January at 10.30am in St Paul's Church.

## MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** 7.45am: Bill & John Scally.

10am: Eileen, James & Harry Moody.

9.15am: Battista Ottolini.

**Tuesday:** 7.45am: Margaret Molloy.

10am: Stephen McCoy.

9.15am: Michael & Mary Hyland.

**Wednesday:** 7.45am: Kathleen & James Keegan

10am Pat Scally. 9.15am: Eddie Power.

**Thursday:** 7.45am: Tom & Margaret Manny.

9.15am: Marie, James & Joe Lennox.

**Friday:** 7.45am: James & Kathleen Quinn.

10am: Marueen, Kevin & Louis McCullagh.

9.15am: Daniel, Elizabeth, Daniel Jnr, Luke,

Michael, Paul, Mary & granddaughters Annmarie, Michelle & Elizabeth.

**Saturday:** 10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass.

Vigil 6pm: Ted (Teddy) McManamon, Cullionbeg

(1st Ann) **Sunday 12th January:** Cathedral 11am:

Eileen (1st Ann) & Beenie McDonnell, Lynn Rd.

St Paul's 12noon: Remembrance Tree Mass.

Walshestown 9am: James, Richard & Joseph

Shaw. Brotenstown 10am: Mary Bawle.

Gainstown 11am: Patrick & Margaret Morton.

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

**Jean Comiskey**, College Hill

**Katherine Tomkins**, Green Road

**Marie Cox**, Central Park

**Vincent Dolan**, Ardmore

**Elizabeth Brady**, Tullaghan

**Marie Keane** nee Gallagher,

Castletown Geoghegan & London

**Mary McAndrew**, Ballina

**Patrick Casserly**, Multyfarnham

**Tony Preston**, Celbridge & Ballymote

**Danielius Ciuzelis**, St. Joseph's Tce.

& Lithuania.



To bless your home this Epiphany, read the Prologue of Saint John's Gospel (Jn. 1:1-18), followed by praying the Our Father, and the prayer below. Then write the inscription (20+C+M+B+20) for this year above your front door with blessed chalk.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedicat" "May Christ bless the house" The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's

blessing. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by the Adorable and Eternal Word of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

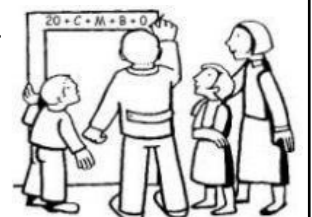
Chalk will be blessed at Masses this weekend and will be available to take home after Mass.

**Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star.**

**Your light is strong, Your love is near;**

**draw us beyond the limits which this world imposes,**

**to the life where your spirit makes all life complete. Amen**





people, especially those in need.