



Mullingar Parish

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's,
Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown
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Slán & Beannacht leat, Fr Joseph!

Recently we received the unfortunate news that Fr. Joseph has been asked to return to his Camillian Community in Killucan from the 1st January 2020, where the needs of his community have increased greatly in the past few years. Fr. Joseph has worked in this

parish since 2012 and the Diocese and Parish are extremely grateful to him for his dedication, compassion and selfless commitment. We are sad to see him depart our parish and we very much appreciate the generosity of the Camillian community in allowing Fr Joseph to minister in our parish for the past seven years. There will be an opportunity for the Parish to thank Fr. Joseph later but he has our support, thanks, prayers and good wishes at this time.

**“Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to Heaven”
St Camillus DeLellis**

Cathedral Altar Servers Training

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

Parish Christmas Cards 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.

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.

St Finian's College Mass To celebrate St Finian on 12th December students and staff are gathering in the Cathedral for Mass at 12noon, all are welcome to attend.

Walk with me booklets for Advent, available now from the Cathedral Shop, also lots of Christmas stock.

Pioneer Meeting, Wednesday 11th December, 7.30pm, Bethany.

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

St Colman's School, Christmas Fare, next Sunday 15th December after 10.30am Mass in St Paul's.

Mullingar Lions Club, annual food appeal, 12th—14th December.

Westmeath Archaeological & Historical Society, Book Launch, 11th December, Greville Arms, 7.30pm.

Mullingar Rotary Club & North Westmeath Hospice, Remembrance Tree is now in place. Mass will be offered for all the intentions on Sunday 12th January at 10.30am in St Paul's.

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: 7.45am: Waters/Callaghan families. 10am: Brendan Devanney. 9.15am: Tom & Ita Whyte.

Tuesday: 7.45am: Eileen Lyons. 10am: Liam Geary. 9.15am: Bernadette Egan.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Bridie, Billy & Fred Gaye & deceased members of family. 10am: John & Elizabeth Dowd and family. 9.15am: Doolin family.

Thursday: 7.45am: Michael MacCaughey. 10am: Tom Donovan, May & Jim Molloy.

9.15am: Michael, Ned & Maggie Myers & Michael Jnr

Friday: 7.45am: Charles McDermotroe 10am: Sandra Price. 9.15am: Teresa Tuohy.

Saturday 7.45am: Joseph & Julia Bennett & deceased members of family.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring Mass. Vigil 6pm: Catherine Maloney (1st Ann) & Jackie Maloney, Grange Crescent.

Next Sunday: 11am: Ann Collins, Green Road (M.M.) St Paul's 10.30am: Christopher Heffernan, Ginnell Tee (M.M.) 12noon: Carol Cleary, Ardleigh Crescent(1st Ann) Walshestown: Paddy, Caroline, Joe & Moira Dolan & Dympna Fitzgerald.

Brotenstown: Michael, Kathleen & Denis L'estrange Gainstown: Michael Murphy.

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) 8pm the Park Hotel Mullingar.**

For those who have entered eternal rest....

Rose Killian, Slanemore
Kevin O'Neill, Enfield & Navan
John Sleator, Dungarvin and late of Marlinstown
Bea McGonagle, Sligo
Minnie Murphy, Clondalkin

Priests of the Parish

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

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: €3,715 *Thank You*

St. Pauls: €1,128

Walshestown: €182

Brotenstown: €162

Gainstown: €349

Parish Envelopes: €1,172

Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception

Since 8th December 2019 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the holy day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is moved to Monday, 9th December.

**Mass times: Cathedral : 7:45am, 10am & 7.30pm
St Paul's : 9:15am**

Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "*The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.*" — Catechism of the Catholic Church

It is interesting that the date of the solemnity is co-ordinated with that of Mary's Nativity on 8th September (nine months later).

It is also worth noting that in 1830 St Catherine Labouré experienced a vision in which she saw Our Lady standing on a globe with rays of light emanating from her hands. The vision was surrounded by an oval frame on which were the words, 'Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee'. Also noteworthy is that four years after the definition, when Our Lady appeared at Lourdes to Bernadette Soubirous, Bernadette asked her, "Would you kindly tell me who you are?", she replied: "I am the Immaculate Conception".

*Immaculate Mary,
your praises we sing,
Who reign now with
our redeemer and king.*



*Immaculate Mary,
Our hearts are all thine.
Christ, Protect us, your children,
Who kneel at thy shrine.*

This weekend members of the Mullingar **St Vincent de Paul Society** make their annual appeal. The collection taken up at the church doors today and the door-to-door appeal funds much of the society's work throughout the year.

Mass of Remembrance for Infants

takes place next 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 before Thursday. Refreshments immediately afterwards.



Cathedral Carol Service - next Sunday at 5pm

Please join us in the Cathedral next Sunday evening 15 December at 5pm with the Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Choristers, the Lynn Singers and St Colmcille's school in a musical celebration of Christmas. All are welcome to this beautiful event.



Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) Sunday - next weekend.

We will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday at all Masses next Sunday. You are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your crib at home to Mass to be blessed.

Stewards and Collectors from the Cathedral, St. Paul's, Walshestown, Brotenstown and Gainstown are invited to Mass on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm in Bethany. Refreshments afterwards.

Ecumenical Carol Service
tonight at 7pm in All Saints' Church. All are welcome.

