



Mullingar Parish

Cathedral of Christ the King, St Paul's,
Walshestown, Brotenstown & Gainstown

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Sunday 3rd March 2024

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

7.45am & 10am Cathedral

(Mon-Sat) St Paul's

9.15am (Mon-Fri)

Tues, Wed & Thurs

7.30pm, Cathedral (during
Lent)

Sunday Mass Times

Cathedral: Vigil 6pm (Sat)

Cathedral 8.30am, 11am,

12.30pm

St Paul's 10.30 & 12noon

Walshestown 9am

Brotenstown 10am

Gainstown 11am

Confessions Cathedral

Saturday 2pm-3pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cathedral: 8am-8pm (Mon-
-Fri)

Child Safeguarding Rep-

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Third Sunday of Lent Today's readings from Holy Scripture teach us that Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temple of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship by obeying the Ten Commandments. They also teach us that our *New Covenant* with God demands that we should keep our parish Church holy, and our Divine worship vibrant by our active participation in the liturgy with hearts cleansed by repentance and made holy by allowing the Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives.

Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life. Instead of restricting our freedom, the Commandments really help us to love and respect our God and our neighbours.

The second reading reminds us that we must appreciate the Divine "foolishness" of the crucified Christ and obey His commandment of love as our expression of Divine worship.

Today's Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. Jesus cleansed the Temple which King Herod began to renovate in 20 BC. The abuses which kindled the prophetic indignation of Jesus were the conversion of God's Temple into a "*noisy marketplace*" by the animal merchants and into a "*hideout of thieves*" by the moneychangers with their grossly unjust business practices – sacrilege in God's Holy Place.

Jesus' reaction to this commercialized Faith was fierce. Since no weapons were allowed inside the Temple, Jesus constructed his own, a whip of cords, and used it to drive out the merchants and moneychangers from the Court of the Gentiles.

Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We are not supposed to think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings.

St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us love our parish Church as our "*Heavenly Father's house*" and make it a holier place by our care for it, by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries, and by our financial support for its maintenance and development.

Irish Episcopal Conference Message regarding the Referendums

Upon his arrival in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families on 25 August 2018, Pope Francis met at Dublin Castle with representatives of civil, cultural and religious life, including the Taoiseach and members of the Government. Pope Francis said he was visiting Ireland to help families "*reaffirm their commitment to loving fidelity, mutual assistance and reverence for God's gift of life in all its forms, but also to testify to the unique role played by the family in the education of its members, and the development of sound and flourishing social fabric*". He added, "*Families are the glue of society, their welfare cannot be taken for granted, but must be promoted and protected by every appropriate means*".

In this context, we wish to comment on the two important referendums on family and care which are taking place on the 8th of March 2024.

Full message available from www.catholicbishops.ie

Call Her Blessed

a prayer service celebrating mothers, sisters, daughters, friends and all women in our lives.

Thursday 14th March

6.30pm in St. Paul's Church

All are welcome!

International Women's Day- Friday 8th March

Soroptimist invite you to Celebrate your Incredible Brain, Annebrook Hotel 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Free Admission: Discover how to look after your brain and reduce your risk of developing dementia. Guest Speakers. All are welcome **Mass for Vocations:** Cathedral, Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm. Christ so needs workers for His Kingdom. If you feel called to the Priesthood, place your trust in the Lord. All most welcome to attend. Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude, 9373923.

Young Adult (ages 18-35) Bible Study meets in Bethany at 7pm on Wednesdays. If interested, you can be added to our whatsapp group to get up-to-date details through the parish office.

The Franciscan Sisters of Renewal invite you to Light the Fire, Hill of Slane Sunday 17th March Vespers 5pm, Mass 6pm followed by Adoration. For more information contact 041-9830441.

National Pioneer Ball will be held in Annebrook House Hotel, on Saturday 6th April, tickets €40 contact Daisy on 0876544626. Mass will be held at 6pm in the Cathedral.

Reflection on Sunday Gospel, every Wednesday, after 9.15am Mass in St Paul's Church. All welcome.

Coffee Morning, in aid of the Irish Wheelchair Association, Annebrook Hotel, Friday 10.30am - 1pm.

Hymn for today

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! (x2)
Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him! (x2)
Widely as his mercy flows.



Mass Intentions 2nd - 10th March

Cathedral Vigil 6pm: Teresa McCarthy, The Downs (M.M.) Sunday 3rd March Cathedral 12.30pm: Nora Bane, Tudenham (1st Ann) Gainstown 11am: Nora McNamee, Vilanstown (M.M.)

Monday: 7.45am: James Farrell. 10am: Stephen Comiskey. 9.15am Maria Lwebuke Ukpere.

Tuesday 7.45am: John Joe & Elizabeth Walsh. 10am: Tom Begley. 7.30pm Bríd Cawley. 9.15am: Special Intention.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Paul Bentick & Joseph Farrell. 10am: Joseph & Bernadette Burke.

7.30pm: Pat Burke. 9.15am: Patricia Farrelly.

Thursday 7.45am: James Kelly. 10am: Collins family. 7.30pm: Jack & Ethel Shanley.

9.15am: Edward & Florence Gaffney, Catherine Whelehan & Breda Geraghty.

Friday: 7.45am: Pauline Cassidy & parents Davy & Bernie Tobin. 10am: Brian Nally.

Saturday 7.45am: Phyl & Thomas Connell.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring. Cathedral Vigil 6pm: Larry Sullivan, Mullingar (M.M.)

Sunday 10th March Cathedral 8.30am: Kay McKay, Rathconnell (1st Ann) 11am: Maisie (Mary) Delaney, Ginnell Tce (1st Ann) 12.30pm Kathleen Maguire, Newbrook Grove (1st Ann) St Paul's 10.30am: Mark McGovern, Walshestown (M.M.) 12noon: John Bree, Lakepoint (M.M.) Walshestown 9am: Michael Keoghan. Brotenstown 10am: Sharon Smyth & Johnny & Nicky Smyth & deceased members of family. Gainstown 11am: Mary, Edward, Bridgid, Vincent, Fintan, Paddy & Breda O'Reilly.

Confirmation 2024

Next Saturday Bishop Deenihan will administer the sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral at 11am and 3pm to 294 young parishioners. We ask you to pray for those being confirmed and for their parents and families. We thank the teachers and all who have helped prepare the candidates for this important step on their faith journey.



Parish Pastoral Assembly announce Mission Statement

'Our parish is a vibrant community on a journey inspired by Jesus' message of faith, hope, and love. We aspire to express our faith by making each person feel welcomed, accepted, and valued for their own gifts and talents. By working together, we seek to serve our Parish and wider community in a way that is inclusive and all-embracing. Over the next two weekends members from the committee will speak at Masses.

Evening Prayer at 7.15pm, every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in the Cathedral during Lent.

Evening Mass at 7.30pm; every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in the Cathedral during Lent.

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm; Every Friday in the Cathedral during Lent at 7.30pm.

RIP Mary Kelly nee Rowland, Granard &

Tudenham Park

Seamus Finn, Grange Village

Gerry Casey, Mahonstown, Gaybrook

Morgan Cox, Loughnavalley & Mullingar.

Margaret (Gretta) Duggan, Bellview Heights and Kilkenny.

Richard (Dick) Whelehan, Wooddown, The Downs

Breege Donovan, Clonmore Heights

William (Billy) McLavin, Cluain Lir & Castletown Geoghegan

Pauline Moore, nee Fox, Julianstown & Kilpatrick, Ballinea