



# Mullingar Parish

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

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7th April 2024

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Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

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## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Cathedral 7.45am & 10am

(Mon-Sat)

St Paul's 9.15am (Mon-Fri)

## 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 Repre-

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## Divine Mercy Sunday Reflection

Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever." Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Saviour. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side, we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle.



Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church—through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us. We encounter Him as the apostles did—in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's day.

There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers. He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord."

Isn't this what happens in the Mass—where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

*Scott Hahn*

*Divine Mercy Devotions take place today at 3pm in St Mary's,  
(Cluain Lir)*

### **St. Faustina Kowalska and the Image of **Divine****

**Mercy:** St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April, 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter (*Divine Mercy Sunday*, the Feast requested by Jesus of St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: *"The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy."* *The Lord of Divine Mercy*, a painting of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina Kowalska, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, *"Jesus, I trust in You!"* (*Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the **Blood of Jesus**, which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. — The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God.

### **National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April**

Please ring John on 0879816158 to enquire or book a seat.

**Charismatic Renewal**, day of praise and worship, Saturday 13th April, TUS, Athlone for enquiries 087-2206952.

**Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes**. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10th and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night options with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours [www.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie) Tel.: 01 2410800.

**Italian Pilgrimage Visiting San Giovanni**, Assisi & St Padua. Visiting the shrines of St Pio, St Michael the Archangel, St Anthony, St Francis, St Clare & Blessed Carlo Acutis, 7th—15th October, for information contact Mary Briody 087-6336513.

**Trócaire**, Please return your Trocaire boxes to any of the parish churches or to the parish office. Where possible, please change coin into notes to help us process the collection. Thank you for your generosity to those in need of your help.

### **Mullingar Pioneer Total Abstinence Association**

warmly welcome all Pioneers who have travelled to Mullingar this weekend for Mass in the Cathedral and the Annual Pioneer Ball in the Annebrook Hotel. We hope you have an enjoyable time.

**YOUTH MEET & PRAYER GATHERING** (+18 years) will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne at 7:30pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. This is an opportunity for young adults to join together for adoration, prayer, reflection & discussion assisted with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Share the invite and bring a friend or two. Contact Fr. Mark English for more info: [duleekparish@gmail.com](mailto:duleekparish@gmail.com).

### **Mass Intentions 6th—14th April**

Cathedral 6pm Vigil: Mass for Pioneer Association.

Sunday 7th April: 8.30am: Anthony Gilligan,

Multyfarnham (M.M.) 11am: Veronica

McLoughlin, McCurtain Street (1st Ann) 12.30pm:

Nancy (M.M.) & Tom Irwin, O'Growney Drive.

St Paul's 10.30am: Michael Piggott, Tower View

(M.M.) 12noon: Eugene Burke, Green Road (1st

Ann) Brotenstown 10am: John Garvin. Gainstown

11am: Pauline Walsh nee Smullen, Winetown,

Gaybrook (1st Ann)

Monday 7.45am: Paul, Paddy & Joe Wilton.

10am: Ellen Cullen. 9.15am: Brigid McDonagh.

Tuesday 7.45am: Michael McCarthy.

10am: Johnny & Kitty Reeves.

9.15am: Joseph Garry.

Wednesday 7.45am: James & Margaret Harte.

10am: Anthony & Frank Tuohy. 9.15am: Paddy

Doyle & Roche family.

Thursday 7.45am: Carroll-Kelly family.

10am: Paddy Flanagan. 9.15am: Frances, Thomas

& Kevin Conway & deceased members of family.

Friday 7.45am: Frank Daly. 10am: John, Brigid,

Jimmy & John Joe Walsh. 9.15am: James Leogue.

Saturday 7.45am: Private Intention. 10am:

Anniversaries Occurring Mass. Cathedral Vigil

6pm: Morgan Cox, Loughnavalley & Mullingar

(M.M.) Sunday 14th April 8.30am: John Maher,

Walshestown (M.M.) 11am: Mary Gray,

Pettitswood (1st Ann) 12.30pm: Mary Kelly nee

Rowland, Granard & Longford (M.M.) St Paul's

12noon: Michael Sleator, Burnell Drive (M.M.)

Walshestown 9am: James & Rose Connell &

deceased members of Connell family.

Brotenstown: John & Mary Kate Garvin.

Gainstown 11am: James Geraghty.

### **Rest in Peace**

**Ray Carr, Old Ballinderry**