



# Mullingar Parish

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

[www.mullingarparish.ie](http://www.mullingarparish.ie)

Sunday 10th March 2024



## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Phil Gaffney, ADM  
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## Parish Office Hours

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## Cathedral Shop Hours

Monday—Friday 9am-4pm  
& Saturdays 10am-3pm.

## 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-

resentatives Linda Duncan  
& Maeve Corroon *Contact  
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## Couple & Relationship Counselling In-Person and Online in Accord Mullingar

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent



The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.

In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David.

His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm. But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple. God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations. In Jesus, God keeps that promise. Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation. Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself. Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves. But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth. Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for. *Scott Hahn*

This week, Irish bishops emphatically called for a ceasefire in Gaza, stating:

**“Let us all say: enough ... Stop the War! In saying this, we join with many in our parishes, together with all people of goodwill, in demanding an immediate end to the daily horror of killing, wounding and destruction of property and infrastructure there.”**

We call on the Israeli government to comply with basic human and international standards in ensuring that Palestinians have full and unimpeded access to food, water and basic safety requirements. At the same time, we call on Hamas to release all hostages and to end missile attacks on Israel. Equally, the attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank, which do not command as much attention in the public sphere, are also to be condemned. What is happening in this region cannot be morally justified.

In this Season of Lent, we Christians prepare for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection, as Muslims prepare for the Season of Ramadan and Jews prepare for the celebration of Passover. We urge people to continue praying and fasting for the intention of peace. In praying for peace in the land of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we remember in a special way the small but vibrant Christian communities in Palestine. An ideal way of showing solidarity at this time is to support Trócaire's Gaza appeal on <https://www.trocaire.org/>.

We implore Almighty God and Jesus, who is the Light of the world, to shine a light into the terrible darkness that envelops the region that we call the Holy Land. In the face of despair, we renew our prayers for a just and lasting peace that respects justice and the dignity of all peoples.

*Full statement available from [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)*

## St Patrick's Day Mass Times

Cathedral 6pm (Sat) 8.30am, 11am & 12.30pm

St Paul's 10.30am & 12noon

Walshestown 9am

Brotentown 10am

Gainstown 11am



**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.

### **Holy Week Ceremonies 2024**

**Chrism Mass**, Wednesday 27th March, 7pm, Cathedral

**Holy Thursday**, 7.30pm, Cathedral

**Good Friday**

St Paul's 3pm, Passion of the Lord

Cathedral, 3pm, Stations of the Cross

Cathedral 7.30pm, Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday** 9pm, Cathedral

*Full schedule will be available in the coming weeks.*



## **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!

## **Mass Intentions 9th—17th March**

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. Brotentown 10am: Sharon Smyth & Johnny & Nicky Smyth & deceased members of family. Gainstown 11am: Mary, Edward, Brigid, Vincent, Fintan, Paddy & Breda O'Reilly.

Monday: 7.45am: Stephen Joyce. 10am: Mary & Francis Kavanagh & daughters Mary & Jane  
Tuesday 7.45am: McKeon family.  
7.30pm Michael, Una & Art McCoy.  
9.15am: Margaret Hynes.

Wednesday: 7.45am: Christy Coffey.

10am: Paschal & Ann Walsh.

7.30pm: Betty Farrell.

Thursday 7.45am: Tom & Kathleen Lennon.

10am: Kevin Collins. 7.30pm: May & Jack Lynch.

9.15am: Michael Devlin.

Friday: 7.45am: O'Gorman family.

10am: Elizabeth & Patrick Monaghan. 9.15am: Lily Stenson, Hubert & Elizabeth Stenson & family.

Saturday 7.45am: Annie & Denis Feely.

10am: Anniversaries Occurring. Cathedral Vigil 6pm: Joseph Jessop, Belvedere Hills (1st Ann)

**Sunday 17th March** 8.30am: Tommy Grimes, Belmont, Ballinea (M.M.) 12.30pm Ann Glennon, Dalton Park (1st Ann) St Paul's 10.30am: Dickie McDonald, Cullion Hse (M.M.) 12noon: Teresa Crosbie, Bunbrosna.

Walshestown 9am, Vincent & Michael Dolan.

Brotentown 10am, James (Jay) Fox. Gainstown

11am: Conor, Catherine & Finian Clarke.

**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.

**Irish Motor Neurone Disease**, 'Drink Tea for MND' Friday 15th March, Annebrook Hotel, 10.30am-12.30pm.

**Coffee morning** Thursday 14th March 10am -12noon in Parish Community Centre in aid of Mullingar Community

**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.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie) Tel.: 01 2410800.

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

## RIP

**Michael Sleator**, Burnell Drive  
**Pauline Boyne**, Glenview Heights  
**John Caffrey**, The Downs  
**Tom Gorman**, Belfield, Gaybrook  
**Ella O'Neill**, Waterford  
**Eily Heduan** nee Fox, Ballinagore