



Mullingar Parish

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

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21st April 2024 – Vocations Sunday

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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**

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Extract from the Papal message on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Message by Pope Francis *Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace*

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves. This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering, and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity.

I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solid economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good.

I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

At this point in time, then, our common journey is bringing us to the Jubilee Year of 2025. Let us travel as *pilgrims of hope* towards the Holy Year, for by discovering our own vocation and its place amid the different gifts bestowed by the Spirit, we can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation and fraternity.

This Day is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). Prayer – as we all know – is more about listening to God than about talking to him. The Lord speaks to our heart, and he wants to find it open, sincere and generous. His Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, who reveals to us the entire will of the Father.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter. POPE FRANCIS
Full text available from www.vatican.va

The collection this weekend will go towards the training of students for the priesthood in the Diocese of Meath.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, the ministry of priests is a sign of your unfailing care.

Call from among us the priests needed for the Church of today and tomorrow.

Bless all students for the priesthood.

Grant them joy, wisdom, courage and a generous spirit. Sustain priests with a real sense of your love and the support of those they are called to serve.

Keep them faithful to their calling.

Amen

Enjoy Singing?

Come Join the new **Cathedral Girls Choir** (12-18yrs). Will sing once a month at the Saturday 6pm vigil Mass.

Auditions: **Tuesday 23rd April at 5pm** in the Cathedral Practice room (*entrance via back door of the Cathedral*) Contact: 086-2041486 for further details.



Talk on the Cause of Fr Willie Doyle takes place on Thursday 25 April at 7.30 pm, Parish Centre, Mullingar.

Speakers: Patrick Kenny, Father Willie Doyle Association
Jack Engelmann, University of Notre Dame
Bishop Tom Deenihan

Individual blessings available with Fr Doyle's personal crucifix.

National Pilgrimage for Life

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Trócaire, Thanks to everyone who has returned their box in recent days. Please return remaining boxes as soon as possible to the parish office.

Cathedral Shop, First Holy Communion rosettes, pins, cards and a large range of gifts in stock. Opening times Monday—Friday 9am—4pm & Saturdays 10am-3pm.

Healing Mass, Thursday 25th April, 8pm, St Camillus Nursing Centre, Killucan.

Bible Studies, every Tuesday, 7.30pm, Franciscan Sisters, La Verna Centre.

Mass Intentions 20th—28th April

6pm: Pauline Boyne, Glenview Heights (M.M.)
Sunday 21st April 8.30am: Hayley Merton, Raithin (M.M.) 11am: Kay Morrin, Ladestown (M.M.)
12.30pm Pauline Reynolds, Millmount Avenue (1st Ann) Walshestown 9am: Mary Kenny.

Gainstown 11am: John Garry.

Monday 10am: Karl Penbury. 9.15am: Liam Finnan.

Tuesday 7.45am: Niall & Vincent Cooney, Molly Nally & Afric Feely. 10am Joseph & Dolores Moran. 9.15am: O'Shea family.

Wednesday 7.45am: Josephine Donoghue.

10am: Bridget, Jimmy & John Joe Walsh.

9.15am: Brenda Traynor.

Thursday 7.45am: Billy Dalton. 10am: Clavin family. 9.15am: Julia & Michael Myers & deceased members of Myers family.

Friday 7.45am: Mary McDermott.

9.15am: Ann O'Sullivan.

Saturday 7.45am: David Shaw. 10am Anniversaries

Occurring Mass. Cathedral Vigil 6pm: David (1st Ann) & Maureen Shaw, Lynn Heights & Kay & Malachy Shaw, Sunday 28th April 8.30am: Julia Stuart, Clonmore (1st Ann) 11am: Sr Monica O'Byrne, late of Johannesburg formerly Inchicore (M.M.)

12.30pm Vincent Newman, Grand Parade (M.M.) & deceased members of family. St Paul's 10.30am:

Mary Jean Bennett, Woodlands Ave (M.M.) 12noon:

May McCarthy, Marlinstown (M.M.) Brotentown

10am: Margaret Duggan. Gainstown 11am: Mary, Martin, John & Andrew Duffy.

Mullingar Choral Society will present their Summer Concert '**May we Sing**' on Sunday 5th May, in St. Pauls Church, at 7.30pm. Tickets from Eventbrite, any choir member, or on the door on the night.

First Holy Communion Dates

11th May - St Mary's Primary, 11am, Cathedral Holy Family School, 11am, St Paul's

18th May - Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn, 11am, Cathedral St Colmcille's, 11am, Gainstown Church Parish Programme, 11am, St Paul's Presentation Junior School, 1pm, Cathedral

25th May - St Kenny's 11am, Cathedral St Colman's School, 11am, St Paul's Gaelscoil an Choilín, 1pm, Cathedral.

Rest in Peace

Des Kennedy, Tailteann Court
Rose Feery nee Dalton, Tyrrellspass & late of Patrick Street.