



Mullingar Parish

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

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12th May 2024

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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- sentatives Linda Duncan & Maeve Corroon

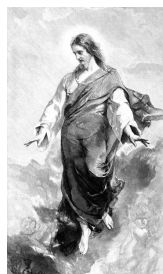
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Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. In the days following His resurrection until the Ascension, Jesus appeared to His apostles in several different ways to affirm for them that He had been raised from the dead and truly lives. They were filled with the theological virtue of faith, indicating that with God all things are possible. Soon He would leave them again, this time to sit at His Father's Right Hand.

The **Feast of the Ascension** is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2.

In the Eastern Church this feast was known as *analepsis*, "the taking up", and also as the *episozomene*, the salvation, denoting that by ascending into His glory, Christ completed the work of our redemption.

The terms used in the West, *ascensio* occasionally, *ascensa*, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth.

Read a few excerpts from a beautiful sermon on the Ascension of Jesus from around the beginning of the fifth century, composed by early church father and bishop St. Augustine of Hippo. (Source: *Vatican Archives*)

St. Augustine first points us to reflect on the Ascension with the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians (Col. 3:1-4): *Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: **If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.***

He eloquently explains to us how, through his resurrection and ascension, Christ is here with us on earth by His divinity, and we are in Heaven with Him by His love,

While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him.

He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

And how His Ascension is unique to Him alone: *No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are sons of God. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.*

May Crowning & Rosary will take place on Monday (13th) outside after the 10am Mass at Our Lady's grotto.



Rosary at the Grotto for the month of May

Tuesdays; Railway Station, 6.30pm
Wednesdays; Cathedral Grounds, 6.30pm
Fridays; Springfield, 6.30pm

First Holy Communion



Next Saturday the children from Gaelscoil an Mhuilinn, St Colmcille's, the Parish Programme & Presentation Junior school will all receive their First Holy Communion. We congratulate the children from St Mary's Primary school and Holy Family School who received theirs yesterday.

Meath Diocesan Lourdes Church Gate Collection, next weekend (18th /19th) before all Parish Masses. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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 Tel.: 01 2410800.

Knock Summer Programme, includes new walk, museum, Prayer Centre etc see posters on church noticeboards or for more information see www.knockshrine.ie

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season, includes One Day Retreat for information see www.loughderg.or or tel 071-9861518

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.

The free annual Disability and Older people's services and information event, Monday 27th May from 10.00 to 1pm, Bloomfield House Hotel. All welcome. For information please contact Linda -Jo Quinn at Westmeath Community Development 087 250 0161/044 93 48571.

St Paul's daily Mass

There will be **no** 9.15am daily Mass on Wednesday 15th or Thursday 16th May. Mass as normal on Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th.

Mass Intentions 11th—19th May

Cathedral Vigil 6pm; Sean Brennan, Green Road (M.M.) Sunday 12th May Cathedral 11am: Charlie Kavanagh, Dalton Park (M.M.) 12.30pm Jack Taaffe, Rathcolman (1st Ann) Walshestown 9am: Deceased members of Brennan family. Brotenstown 10am: Peg & Eddie Tynan. Gainstown 11am: Thomas McCormack.

Monday 7.45am: Cecelia Carroll & Antoinette Gallagher. 10am: Tom & Evelyn Fagan & Fagan & Farrelly families. 9.15am: Tom Bennett.

Tuesday 10am: Jane Mooney. 9.15am: Claire Kavanagh.

Wednesday 7.45am: Peter Burke. 10am: Duignan & O'Gorman family.

Thursday 7.45am: Margaret & Edward Hickey. 10am: John & Martha Gray son Sean & daughters Mary & Angela.

Friday 7.45am: Patrick, Geraldine & Tomas Manny. 10am: Naughton & O'Connor family & Marie Farrell. 9.15am: Anna Morrissey & William Brophy.

Saturday 7.45am: 10am Anniversaries Occurring Mass. Cathedral Vigil 6pm: Peter Mullen, Walshestown (1st Ann) & John & Annmarie Cunnane. Sunday 19th May 11am: Colette Geraghty, Cathedral View (M.M.) 12.30pm Eileen Dooley, Green Road (1st Ann) St Paul's Jim (1st Ann) & Ursula Hearn, Beechfield. Walshestown 9am: Michael & Gretta Lyons. Gainstown 11am: Hickey family.

Cemetery Devotions

Sunday 16th June

Walshestown Cemetery, 3pm

Sunday 4th August

Kilronan, after 11am Mass
Marlinstown 12.15pm
Ballyglass 2pm



Rest in Peace

Anne Cahill, late of College Street & Sligo