



Church of the Nativity of Our Lady
Johnstown
Eircode – C15 H320

Vigil – 7.30pm;
Sunday – 11am; Latin Mass 1pm
1st & 3rd Saturday Syro-Malabar Mass
Weekdays, except Wednesday – 9.30am
Funeral replaces daily Mass
Baptisms – Sunday after 11am Mass
Confession before Vigil Mass



Parish of Johnstown & Walterstown
Diocese of Meath, 2023 AD

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Church of the Assumption
of Our Lady
Walterstown
Eircode – C15 HX36

Vigil – 6pm
Sunday – 9.30am
Baptisms – by arrangement
Confession before Vigil Mass
Church open daily for prayer

Parish Office: The Parish Secretary, AnneMarie McGrane, is available at the Parochial House on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10am to 1pm for Mass bookings, the issuing of certificates, appointments, and other parish business

Sacristans: Johnstown: Mary Macneil: Tel: 085 7443129; Walterstown: Ann Farrelly Tel: 087 9901277

Society of St Vincent de Paul: Johnstown, contact Freefone 1800 677 777 Ext. 2

Safeguarding Children: The Parish of Johnstown/Walterstown has adopted and implemented the Meath Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures, available at www.meathsafeguarding.ie

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 29th July

6.00pm - John Murphy
7.30pm - Matthew Thomas - 4th Anniversary

Sunday 30th July

9.30am - pro populo - for the People of the Parish
11.00am - John Barry - 3rd Anniversary

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5th August

6.00pm - Nancy Clarke – 3rd Anniversary
7.30pm - Eileen Mc Cabe (Née Husband);
Martina Kane

Sunday 6th August

9.30am - pro populo - for the People of the Parish
11.00am -

Baptism was celebrated last weekend with **Cían John Murray, Blake Dominic Daly & Úna Collier.**

First Friday: Mass will be offered for those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls as usual.

Parish Website – great reaction and enthusiasm around the newly-launched website. Check it out at www.jwparish.com

We continue to enjoy and admire the new parish logo seen at the top of the bulletin. In the three weeks that remain, in addition to his pastoral work, Fr Alex continues to work very diligently on files and documents at the parish office which will make many matters easier in the future as he re-designs various parish forms, booklets and brochures for sacraments and other annual parish events.

Blessing of Graves on Sunday 27th August: Mounttown 3pm, Templekieran 5pm, Old Kilcarne 7pm.

World Youth Day 1st-6th August 2023: Forty-four young pilgrims, including four from our parish, travel to Lisbon with the bishop for this eagerly anticipated world gathering. The week begins on Tuesday with the opening Mass celebrated in the city centre. On the following days across Lisbon the young people will attend *Rise Up Encounters*, a series of talks, discussions, prayer and reflections. In the evenings there are a variety of cultural, religious and festival events to celebrate this global gathering of young Catholics. On Thursday evening Pope Francis will preside over the *Welcome Ceremony* and on Friday afternoon he will guide the pilgrims in the Way of the Cross. On Saturday they set out on a 10k pilgrimage walk to the site of the WYD Papal Prayer Vigil and on Sunday celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Transfiguration.

At the conclusion of this WYD Mass Pope Francis will bless the young people for the ongoing mission we all share as witnesses to Christ, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima.

Pray for our Diocesan Group and follow them online www.dioceseofmeath.ie See also www.lisboa2023.org

WYD Mass at Slane on 6th August with Archbishop Martin as part of the *Light the Fire* rosary/healing service for WYD. Sister Briega McKenna will lead the healing service while Dana will sing her new *Song for Saint Patrick* which recalls how our Patron saint lit the fire of faith on Slane in 433AD.

All welcome 12:15pm - 4:30pm. (Hill of Slane, Co. Meath C15 DV76) hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com

The Synod: the working document for the first session was launched on 20th June. Full text available at www.synod.ie.

Bulletin: the bulletin was presented for the past two weeks in a new format of two columns. In the feedback sought from the parish there were mixed feelings and different opinions about the new format, with some very keen on it and others less so. However, given the technical issues around the new layout which could cause problems at the parish office we have decided to revert to the old tried and tested and hopefully much-loved layout of the bulletin, which remains as informative and readable as ever!

The 2023 Croagh Patrick (Reek Sunday) Pilgrimage this Sunday. Mass celebrated on the hour 8am - 2pm on the summit. Annual Tara to Slane Pilgrim Walk on Sat 26th August. Booking forms available in Navan Parish Office.

Eucharistic Adoration in St Mary's: 11am - 9pm (Mon-Sat), 2pm - 9pm (Sun), St. Oliver's: Sat 11am - 6pm. Tel 087 798 9890.
Navan Eucharistic Adoration Renewal takes place on 26th/27th August. Eucharistic Adoration has brought many graces and blessings in the past thirty-four years. Navan Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration invites us to join in Adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament by committing to one hour per week. Invitation cards will be available at all masses in Navan parish on that weekend.
St Mary's, Navan: 8am daily Mass will resume on Monday 28th August.

Parish Projects: a meeting was held with a stonemason this week to arrange the cleaning of the surfaces of the headstones in Johnstown churchyard, all of which have become illegible with the passage of time and the elements. It is also planned to re-do the lettering on the monument erected to mark the Jubilee Year 2000 and the stone plaque set in the wall of the car park with the name of the Old School. Finally, it is hoped to move the Baptismal Font back about two feet to allow more room for christenings and for setting up the crib at Christmas, and to set it up on an octagonal limestone base that will give it a better sense of proportion. The little marble knobs missing from the altar for many years now will also be replaced. This work should be carried out at the end of August.

Tara Mines: we join the priests and parishioners of Navan in keeping in prayer all who have been impacted by events at Tara Mines. A Miner's Lamp has been placed near Our Lady's icon in St Mary's as a sign of solidarity and prayer.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Sunday 13th August. Anointing of the Sick 2.30pm. Mass 3pm.
Preacher - Fr. Declan Hurley Adm. Navan, accompanied by the Diocesan Choir directed by Jim Walsh, organist Jane Lynch
Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 24th September. To book a seat for either pilgrimage Tel 087-9299544

Under Mary's Mantle – Young Adult Conference: All Hallows College, DCU. 19th /20th August. Talks, workshops, Mass and good company. Speakers include Bishop Cullinan, Michael Kelly and Sally Read. Cost €60; Sat only €40; Sun only €30.
Call 085 1442423 or Eventbrite or DEUSETPATRIA@GMAIL.COM

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 24th Nov – 2nd Dec, 2023, Cost is €2,095.
Book with Navan Travel - 046 9068600. Enquiries to Kingscourt Parish – 042 9667314.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on September 12th under the leadership of Bishop Deenihan. The 4-night & 6-night options are booked out. Places still available for the 5-night option. Booking on JWT Travel Ltd, Tel: 02410800.

Family Planning – reliable, moral, ethical. Tel 086 2660867 or email familyfirstcc@gmail.com Are you a married couple suffering the pain of infertility or recurrent miscarriage? See www.naprobaby.ie.

ACCORD is still recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. If interested, please call 01 505 3112 or email marriagepreparation@accord.ie for more details. Contact ACCORD branch telephone 902 3146

Meath Heritage week 12th – 20th August: Mr Christopher O'Brien-Lynch will give a talk on the history of Old Kilcarne Cemetery and St Stephen's Church on Tuesday 15th August at 7.30pm.

HSE provide a wide range of Home Support Services for the elderly - Carers, Community & Public Health, Nurses, Day-Care etc. Johnstown Health Centre offer advice, information & support to older people and their family carers 046 9020040.

Meath Befriending Service aims to help reduce loneliness or isolation with a weekly home visit. Contact Eva at 085 862 2496.

Beginning Experience, support for coping with death, separation or divorce. Tel. 086 087 7379 or bedublin@gmail.com.

Community Employment Schemes: Want a change of career into healthcare? Community Employment (CE) is an opportunity for you. If you are over 21 years of age, on Social Welfare Payment for over 1 year.
Contact Navan EDP CLG Office: 046 907 1938, Mobile: 086 347 0263. Email: navanedp@gmail.com.

Irish Wheelchair Association Cleaning Assistant required. Part-time work placement for 19.5 hours per week through a CE Scheme. For info on this vacancy & eligibility criterion call EDP Scheme office on 046 907 1938.

Last weeks' Offertory: €660.22 Envelopes: €630.50
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
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