



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](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie)  
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**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Carol Coogan 085-1916347 & Emer O'Connor 087-6778682



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August

6.00pm - Theresa & Bertie Tallon,  
Theresa's parents James & Peggy McManus &  
son Seamus

7.30pm - John Keogan - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August

9.30am - Phil Brady - 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
11.00am - pro populo - for the People of the Parish

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

6.00pm - pro populo - for the People of the Parish

7.30pm - Marie McCarthy

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

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

**Blessing of Graves – this Sunday: Mounttown 3pm; Templekieran 5pm; Old Kilcarne 7pm**

After 11am Mass, the graves that lie within Johnstown church and churchyard will be blessed. The graves of three priests are marked by crosses set into the floor in front of the sanctuary. We have too the resting place of other recent Pastors and Curates in the churchyard, as well as the tombs of prominent local families from times past. This year we remember especially Fr Tom Finn, who died tragically in 1926 and to whose memory a plaque was unveiled at Walterstown in September 2022.

The parish welcomes all who join us once again this year in public prayer for the repose of the souls of our departed loved ones.

**Mounttown:** thanks to the dedication of Carmel Duffy, Ciaran Sheils, Patrick Faulkner, Alan Brown and other willing, helping hands. This year we remember especially **Seamie Duffy** for his dedication to the care of the cemetery where he now rests in peace.

**Templekieran:** thanks to Joey Farrelly and Willy Cullen and their committee members, who keep the cemetery in pristine condition.

**Old Kilcarne:** We are grateful to Meath County Council for supporting the parish in our duty of management and maintenance of the new and old parts of this ancient burial ground; to Michael & Mark Meegan who are responsible for all aspects of care and maintenance and discharge this duty to the highest degree; thanks to Conor & Liz McCarthy for generously allowing the use of their field for extra parking; to Sean & Loreta and Frances, and other volunteers from the Village Enhancement Group, who take an interest in the cemetery; to Martina Deane and the choir and to Joey Farrelly for setting up the PA system at all three cemeteries. This year we particularly remember **Mary Carrig** for her years of commitment to the cemetery she loved so much and where she now rests.

\*A **pocket/wallet-sized laminated card** will be distributed to everyone at all cemetery devotions this year with details of our wonderful new parish website which we encourage everyone to visit to see the 3D parish map, the short film of the parish and other great features! You could also visit our new **Google Maps** feature for Johnstown and Walterstown churches and leave a review and star rating.

‘May this holy water falling gently on this hallowed ground renew in us the hope of life eternal as we bless the graves of the stillborn and the new-born; the young and the old; spouses and siblings; parents and children; priests, friends, neighbours and benefactors, those in unmarked graves and those with no one to pray for them, and all who rest here awaiting the resurrection of the body’.

\*\*\*‘*The Kilcarne Font*’ a new, illustrated brochure available at the Font in Johnstown church. Please take one home!

**First Friday:** Mass for all whose names are on the parish Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls as usual.

**Baptism** was celebrated last weekend for **Ffion Grace Flannery & Ryan James Bashford**.

**Leaving Certificate Results:** Best wishes for a bright future to all our students who have received their exam results. May the next stage in their young lives offer many opportunities for employment, travel, training or further education.

**Question:** Are you weary, worried, looking for quiet time, down time, time to tune out of IT & social media to find stillness, peace and rest? Then, come to Adoration. *Navan and Johnstown/Walterstown Parish Eucharistic Adoration Renewal* can help you find that stillness not in 'me time' but in quality time with the Lord

So, Navan Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration invites us ALL this weekend to a renewal of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Speakers will say a word to us at Masses in Navan, Johnstown and Walterstown to encourage those who can, on behalf of us all to commit to a weekly hour of adoration or to invite a family member or friend to do so.

**Eucharistic Adoration** in St Mary's: 11am - 9pm (Mon-Sat), 2pm - 9pm (Sun), St. Oliver's: Sat 11am - 6pm. Tel 087 798 9890. **St Mary's, Navan: 8am daily Mass resumes this Monday, 28th August.**

**Fr Alex** has returned to his home in Mangalia on the Black Sea in Romania after 60 days of hard and fruitful work and service in our parish. Happily, he arrived home to sunshine and 29 degrees. Sadly, his last days were marked by violence. He didn't want it mentioned last weekend as it would have overshadowed his leave-taking and farewell but, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August while enjoying a stroll around Dublin city he was chased by a large gang of youths in the vicinity of Parnell St and when cornered was threatened with being stabbed. We commend his bravery and extend our deep regrets that his otherwise happy and blessed time among us was blighted in this way.

**Our Parish Primary Schools** re-open this week after the long and somewhat disappointing summer holidays with such poor weather. We hope staff and pupils return refreshed and ready to teach and learn! Dates for First Holy Communion will be given to parents in the next week or so and Confirmation for our parish will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm at St Mary's, Navan.

**Padre Pio Devotions & Mass** on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September in St Oliver's Church. Fr Bryan Shortall from the Padre Pio Apostolate office will be the Principal Celebrant. Veneration of the relic from 7:10pm during the Rosary; Mass at 7:30pm followed by Benediction.

**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock** - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. To book a seat, Tel 087 9299544.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of East Meath Pioneer Region** - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept: Mass in Johnstown at 3pm, dinner and a social at the Ardboyne Hotel. Music by Matt Leavy. Tickets €30. Presentation of Silver, Gold & Diamond Emblems and Certs to eligible members. (Please inform, if applicable) Tickets from Regional Committee and local centres. Jim 0876501915; Mary 086 3592636; Chris 087 6766586.

**Family Adoration** resumes Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 4pm in St Oliver's church. All welcome for Rosary, Reflection, Benediction and time for tea and a chat after. This has moved from Johnstown to St Oliver's as, sadly, we did not have facilities for refreshments.

**World Suicide Prevention Day** - a Remembrance Event takes place from 2pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, at the Ramparts. Prayer Service at 5:30pm at the Car Park entrance. Info from Marie 085 7476564. Sosad Ireland need volunteers to shake a bucket on the day from 10am - 6pm in 2-hour slots. Contact by email or phone 085 747 6564 or. [mariekennedy@sosadireland.ie](mailto:mariekennedy@sosadireland.ie)

**Young adults (age 18-39)** - Do you want to strengthen and develop your daily prayer life? Join *Meath Samuel Group*. Meet one Sunday a month, October to May, at St. Mary's Navan for a talk, Holy Hour & Mass, with commitment to daily prayer. It's free! Find out more at [www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony)

**Columbanus Cultural Heritage Festival** - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept in St Finian's church & Community Centre, Clonard, 11am - 5pm. It will explore the importance of Clonard on the Columban Way/Turas Columbanus. 11am "Power and Patronage in medieval Ireland: Clonard 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> centuries"; 12noon "Via Musica" with Schola Hybernica; 1pm light lunch; 1:30pm Presentation of the Columban Way pilgrim route; 2pm Pilgrim Walk to St Finian's Well; 2:45pm Irish Music at the well. See: [turascolumbanus@gmail.com](mailto:turascolumbanus@gmail.com)

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

**Beginning Experience**, support for coping with death, separation or divorce. Tel. 086 087 7379 or [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:navanedp@gmail.com)

**6-week Course in How to use Smartphones and Tablets:** Claremont Stadium, starting 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm-9pm. Ideal for older people or anyone looking to increase their confidence with smart devices. Registration essential to guarantee a place. Contact [events@claremontstadium.ie](mailto:events@claremontstadium.ie) / (046) 902 9693. Course is funded and delivered by LMETB Community Education Service.

**Heart Smart:** 6-week fitness and movement class for over 50s starts 11<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10.30am, Claremont Stadium, D.R Fitness. Registration is €60. To book - 046 902 9693

**Royal Tara Bridge Club:** Bridge commences Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm, Dalgan Park. New members welcome. Tel 086-8376669.

Last weeks' Offertory: €755.34 Envelopes: €627.00  
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.  
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