



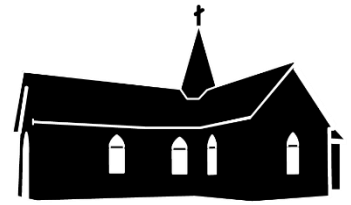
**Church of the Nativity of Our Lady,
Johnstown**
Eircode – C15 H320

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
Designated Contact Person-Marie O'Sullivan 083 3175742 dlp@dioceseofmeath.ie Marie Willoughby dlp@dioceseofmeath.ie

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Carol Coogan 085-1916347 & Emer O'Connor 087-6778682



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9th September

6.00pm - pro populo - for the People of the Parish
7.30pm - John & Helena Dowdall, son Tom, grandson John & great-grandson Callum

Sunday 10th September

9.30am - pro populo - for the People of the Parish
11.00am - Frank Donnellan - 1st Anniversary

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 16th September

6.00pm - pro populo - for the People of the Parish
7.30pm -

Sunday 17th September

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

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Graham O'Grady**, Dublin, brother of Ciara Mc Loughlin, Johnstown.

Baptism was celebrated last weekend with the family of **Eoin Eamon Woodruff**.

WYD2023 - a message from Osagumwenro, one of the four wonderful young women who represented our parish: *I want to thank Fr Michael for giving me the opportunity to attend this year's World Youth Day with the Meath Diocese. It was a unique and extraordinary experience that cannot be described in words, the atmosphere was incredible and unlike something I've ever experienced before. It was such a blessing to be a part of it all, 1.5 million young people from every corner of the world, from different cultures and backgrounds who share the same faith all gathered in one place, it was a breathtaking sight!!!*

The Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate thanks those who attended the Information Meeting last Tuesday evening. Adoration commences for new and existing Adorers on Sunday 8am to 9pm daily. Many signed up to do weekly Adoration from Navan, Johnstown & Walterstown. However, Adorers are needed to cover or transfer from hours with too few or too many for the following hours: Mon 4-5pm; Wed 8-9am; Fri 9-10am; Fri 1-2pm; Fri 2-3pm; Sat 2-3pm; Sat 3-4pm; Sun 8-9am; Sun 10-11am; Sun 12 noon; Sun 1pm-2pm; Sun 2-3pm. Contact: 087-7989890

Dates for First Holy Communion: Syro Malabar - Sat 4th May; St. Stephen's - Sat 11th & 18th May; Lismullen - Sat 25th May.

Times for the ceremonies to be confirmed. **First Confession** takes place during Lent.

Confirmation on Wednesday 20th March at 3pm at St Mary's, Navan.

This year, it is planned that enrolment for these sacraments will take place at Masses on specific weekends and that the children and their parents/guardians will attend one of those Masses. Further details will be given in the letters that will be sent prior to enrolment.

Children not attending Catholic schools do a two-year catechetical programme for the above sacraments. See parish website.

Parish Schools: under the current denominational school system Catholic Schools come under the patronage of the local bishop and are governed by a Board of Management in accordance with the Directives of the Department of Education & Science, with the advice and support of the Catholic Primary School Management Association. The term of the current Boards ends on 1st November and new Boards must now be formed to take up office on 1st December for a four-year term. The BOM is composed of the Patron's two nominees (usually the PP and one other member approved by the Patron); the Principal and one other elected teacher; two elected Parents, one Mother and one Father. This constitutes the 'core Board' which then assesses the needs of the school and appoints a further two *community representatives* to the BOM. This lengthy process commences now.

RCIA Programme 2023/24: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, prepares and supports adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. For further details, visit www.dioceseofmeath.ie/rcia.

Pastoral Assembly: following the process of information, consultation and nomination, the membership of our new PPA is currently being finalised. A meeting of the members of the Assemblies of all eight parishes of Navan Deanery takes place on Tues 3rd October at St Mary's, Navan. The new PPA will then meet nine times per year, with no meetings in the summer months.

Johnstown: some pews which had come loose from the brackets securing them to the floor were kindly fixed in place by Declan Carroll this past week. **Handrails** are being made for the side door and the steps from the carpark to the sacristy at Johnstown church.

Old Kilcarne: *Irish Graveyard Surveyors* which drew up the plan of the cemetery will provide an updated map in the next two weeks. Anyone who wishes the details of their plot to be changed should contact the Parish Office right now!

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

St Vincent de Paul Annual Mass for the Navan/Johnstown area takes place on Thursday 21st September at St Oliver's at 7.30pm. Tea and chat afterwards. All past and present members are invited to attend.

50th Anniversary of East Meath Pioneer Region - Sunday 24th 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

World Suicide Prevention Day- a Remembrance Event takes place from 2pm this Sunday at the Ramparts. Prayer Service at 5:30pm at the Car Park entrance. Info from Marie 085 7476564

Young adults (18-39) want to strengthen & develop your daily prayer life? Join *Meath Samuel Group*. One Sunday a month, Oct to May, at St. Mary's for a talk, Holy Hour & Mass, with commitment to daily prayer. It's free! www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

Ceili Catholic Community will be starting a new residential school of evangelisation from 1st October for young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 who wish to discern their vocation, take a gap year or a career break. Director, Albert Galea. Email: school@ceilicommunity.net or text to 087 978150 from Ireland or +353 87 9789150 from outside Ireland.

Anam Cara Midlands monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents this Wednesday, 13th September, at 7:15pm in Mullingar Park Hotel. Event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For info call 01 4045378

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

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

Navan Floral Art Club - Demonstration by Janet Maddock on Wednesday 13th September in the Ardboyne Hotel at 8pm.

6-week Course in use of Smartphones and Tablets: Claremont Stadium, started 5th Sept, 7pm-9pm. Ideal for older people or anyone looking to increase their confidence with smart devices. Registration essential. Contact events@claremontstadium.ie / (046) 902 9693

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

A six-week circuit training course will begin at Claremont Stadium, Commons Road, Navan on Monday 25th September, 10am-11am. Course costs €6 per week. To register, contact 046 902 9693

Chopin by Candlelight with Frank McNamara, St Mary's Church of Ireland, Saturday 30th Sept at 9pm. Tickets via Eventbrite

Navan & District Historical Society guided tour of Athlumney Manorial Village by Vincent Mulvany. Sunday 17th September at 3pm. Meet in car park of Loreto School. All welcome. Non-members €5. N&DHS current members free.

Royal Tara Bridge Club: Bridge Fridays at 7:30pm, Dalgan Park. New members welcome. Tel 086-8376669.

St. Michael's Loreto Convent Mondays at 7:30pm. New members welcome. Tel 087 919 0685

Spotlight Stage School – St Mary's Community Centre, Tues & Thurs, dancing, drama & singing, age 3- 18 years. Tel 087 814 8161

Housekeeping/laundry: Part-time morning work in Navan- Dunshaughlin. Contact Liz or Helen by text, WhatsApp or 085-1437645

Last weeks' Offertory: €859.09 Envelopes: €65.80
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account
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