



**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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**7.30pm - Thomas & Marguerite Davis, son Michael & deceased family members**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**9.30am - Bartle Christie**

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

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

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

**7.30pm - Eamon Cleary & deceased members of Cleary & McBennett families**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**11.00am - Adam Landa - 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & decd family members**

**Rest in Peace:** we commend to God the soul of **Sheila Snow; Marguerite Jackson**, relative of the Davis family; **Lynsey Smith**, Oak Close; and **Máirín Lydon-O'Hora**, Glenveigh, laid to rest in Old Kilcarne, this weekend.

**Baptism** was celebrated last weekend with the family of **Grace Anne Treanor**.

**Wedding:** Congratulations to **Brian Rennicks & Jacqueline Sheils**, who exchanged their vows in Walterstown on Friday.

**Dates for the Parish Diary:** **Harvest Thanksgiving** is Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11am Mass.

The **Annual Service of Remembrance and Prayer** will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

**Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate** still needs Adorers to transfer from hours with too many or too few Adorers to the following times: Mon. 4pm; Wed. 8am; Fri. 8am, 9am, 1pm & 2pm; Sat 2pm & 3pm; Sun. 8am, 10am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm Tel: 087 798 9890.

**Children not attending Catholic schools** do a two-year catechetical programme for First Communion and Confirmation. See parish website. Not every parish can provide this service but for those children from our parish in Navan schools the following applies: Navan Parish Catechetical Programme prepares children in schools which are not under the patronage of the Bishop of Meath for the Sacraments. Children in Second Class or above can join a 2-year programme to prepare for the Sacraments of First Penance & First Holy Communion. A meeting takes place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 6:15pm in St Oliver's church with parents and guardians who have enrolled in the 2023-2024 Programme. Enrolment forms can be collected from Navan Parish Office and returned not later than Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Children in Fourth class or above may apply for a 2-year programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those wishing to join Year I must apply for admission. Children from previous years who have completed Year I must also apply for admission to Year II.

**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 Dept of Education & Science, with the support of the Catholic Primary School Management Association. The term of the current Boards ends on 1<sup>st</sup> November and new Boards must be formed to take up office on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 'core Board' then 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.dioceesofmeath.ie/rcia](http://www.dioceesofmeath.ie/rcia).

**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!

**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.

**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock** - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. To book a seat, Tel 087 9299544. Legion of Mary Navan meetings Mon & Tues 7pm in Community Centre (via red door beside Meals-on-Wheels). Tel: 046 902 3474. New members welcome. Junior Legion meets 7pm on Thurs. Tel 086 367 1171

**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

**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](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony)

**Ceili Catholic Community** will be starting a new residential school of evangelisation from 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:school@ceilicommunity.net) or text to 087 978150 from Ireland or +353 87 9789150 from outside Ireland.

**St Joseph's Mercy Secondary School** invites girls in 6th class and their parents / guardians to an Open Evening on Thurs 5th Oct from 5pm to 7pm. Further information can be found on their website [www.mercynavan.ie](http://www.mercynavan.ie) and the school's Facebook page.

**Corpus Christi Prayer Group** resumes weekly meetings of praise this Sunday 17 Sept at 8pm in Navan Parish Room. All are welcome.

**Teams of Our Lady** "Would you like to strengthen your marriage? Find out more at 8:30pm 24<sup>th</sup> Sept on Zoom. Call 086 2511759

**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)

**A six-week circuit training course** will begin at Claremont Stadium, Commons Road, Navan on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> Sept at 9pm. Tickets via Eventbrite

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

**Meath Archaeological & Historical Society:** 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm in Kells Courthouse, Tourism and Cultural Hub. Lecture "The Road to Kells - Prehistoric Archaeology of the M3, Navan to Kells and N52 Kells Bypass Road Project" The book *The Road to Kells* by Fintan Walsh (TII Heritage 12) can be ordered from Wordwell Books and is free to view in digital format on the TII website. <https://www.tii.ie/technical-services/archaeology/publications/tii-heritage/Road-to-Kells->

**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

**Socialite Singers** (formerly Tara Singers) seeks new members. Mon 7:30pm- 9pm, CYWS Hall. Tel 087 680 7519 or 086 061 7666.

**1st Meath Navan Scouts Registration Night** this Wed from 7 – 9pm at the Den located at 1-2 Liscarton Villas, Kells Rd C15 XT65. If you're over 18 and interested in becoming a leader email [info@1stmeathnavanscouts.ie](mailto:info@1stmeathnavanscouts.ie)

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

**Navan Active Retirement** continues Thursdays at 10:30am in Community Centre. For info Tel 085-7234794

**Community Employment Schemes:** Change of career into healthcare? CE is an opportunity for you. If over 21 years of age, on Social Welfare Payment for over 1 year. Contact Navan EDPCLG Office: 046 907 1938, Mobile: 086 347 0263 [navanedp@gmail.com](mailto:navanedp@gmail.com)

**Apologies** for the misprint in last weekends' bulletin - the amount for *Envelopes* should have read **€926.00**, NOT €65.80!

Last weeks' Offertory: €696.42 Envelopes: €935.10  
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.  
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