



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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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 14th October

6.00pm – Moheen McCabe – 2nd Anniversary
7.30pm – pro populo – for the People of the Parish

Sunday 15th October

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mission Sunday

Saturday 21st October

6.00pm - pro populo – for the People of the Parish
7.30pm - John Jennings & his brother Philip recently decd;
Máirín Lydon – Months’ Mind;
Mary Carrig – 1st Anniversary

Sunday 22nd October

9.30am - pro populo - for the People of the Parish
11.00am - Oliver McCann – 1st Anniversary;
Peter MacMahon – 2nd Anniversary;
Joe Flannery, his parents Mick & Kitty & Emer Linton;
Tom, Clare & Hugh Cooney

Rest in Peace- we commend to God the soul of **Eoin Duffy**, a pupil of the Special Care Unit at St. Mary’s Special School.

Day of Prayer for the Holy Land: The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem has written to all Christian leaders in the Holy Land asking for a day of Prayer and Fasting this Tuesday for all who are suffering in the terrible conflict. Navan parish has a programme of prayer for the day: Rosary before 8am & 10am Mass in St Mary’s; Adoration at Main Altar from 12noon; Angelus & Rosary in St Mary’s at 6pm; Way of the Cross at 7pm in St Oliver’s & Mass at 7:30pm; Night Prayer & Benediction in St Mary’s at 9pm.

During the day on Tuesday, we might voluntarily impose some act of penance on ourselves in solidarity with all the dead, bereaved and suffering in the Holy Land in the hope of an end to the fighting and a just, lasting and peaceful outcome.

November Altar List of the Dead: As the year turns full circle once again, the current List of the Dead comes to an end. Envelopes are available from this weekend so individuals, families, households or groups of friends can get together to recall and write down the names of all whom they have known and loved in life and whose memory they keep alive by the various rituals we have in the month of November, a month dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed, the Holy Souls.

Annual Choral Candlelit Service of Remembrance and Prayer for the Dead and Bereaved on Friday 24th November at 7.30pm

Harvest Thanksgiving: on **Sunday 5th November** at 11am Mass. All farmers of the parish and anyone with home-grown fruit & veg are invited to supply produce for the harvest display. A seasonal display will also be blessed at the 9.30am Mass in Walterstown.

October -Month of the Rosary: who remembers the days of ‘October Devotions’? We could all rediscover the value of this method of prayer, not fast-paced, mechanical repetition but rhythmic, reflective recitation of prayers while pondering on the life of Christ.

Mission Sunday is next Sunday. Envelopes available for those who wish to make a donation in support of the missions.

Parish Pastoral Assembly training for our parish takes place on Wednesday 1st November at 8pm with Fr Derek Darby.

During the weeks of the **Synod in Rome**, see regular updates on www.navanparish.ie/synod

Parish Finance Committee: the invaluable work of this committee is unseen but without it we would not be able to monitor and regulate the income and resources of the parish. We urgently seek new members to help with specific tasks such as processing the annual tax rebate forms, which requires some knowledge of ROS, the online Revenue service through which donations are processed. We also need someone skilled in keeping up the database of the envelope collection etc. The Committee only meets four or five times a year so the commitment is not onerous and the work can be done at the person's own pace and time.

Pictures of last weekend's colourful **Syro-Malabar celebration** in Johnstown can be seen on our Facebook page.

Feast of Christ the King – The bishop asks every parish in the diocese to participate in **40 Hours Adoration** at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar starting with Mass at 7pm on Friday 24th Nov and concluding with Vespers and Benediction Sunday 26th November at 4pm. Confessions available from 12noon on Saturday until midnight. The bishop asks that we pray for the following intentions:
* **for the children preparing for the Sacraments & their families, that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist;**
* **for a return to the Eucharist in our parish communities;** * **for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese.**

Coeliacs – low-gluten hosts always available on request, or the option to receive the Eucharist from the chalice.

St Stephen's Enrolment for school year 2024/25 from Monday 2nd October. All information in 'Admissions Notice' on school website www.ststephensns.ie For further queries email info@ststephensns.ie or call 046 9020080.

Lismullen Enrolment 2024/2025 from Monday 23rd October until Monday 6th November 2023. Applicants will be notified by Monday 27th November and must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by Friday 8th December 2023.

Enrolment applications St Mary's Special School, Johnstown, for 2024-2025 school year. Closing date for receipt of applications is 20th October. Application form on website, www.stmarysspecialschooljohnstown.com or contact school office on 046-9023745

Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate needs help for the following times: Fri. 8am, Sat. 3pm, Sun. 8am, 1pm & 2pm. Tel: 0877989890

Navan Parish All Saints Childrens' Party takes place on Monday 31st October at 6pm Mass in St. Oliver's. Tel 086 367 1171

Youth Meet & Prayer Gathering (+18 yrs) Church of the Holy Trinity, Ratoath, Fri 3rd Nov 7.30pm. Inspired by World Youth Day this is an opportunity for young adults to meet for prayer, reflection & discussion with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Share and bring a friend or two. Contact Fr. Mark English: duleekparish@gmail.com

Meath Samuel Group for Young adults (18-39) who want to strengthen & develop daily prayer life. 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

Monastic Vocations Weekend, Glencairn Abbey to discern a call to monastic life. For single women, aged 19-40 experience the life of prayer at Glencairn, 27th - 29th Oct., Visit www.glencairnabbey.org or Contact Sr Sarah at: vocations@glencairnabbey.org

Introduction to the Bible on Kells Webcam from Mon 2nd Oct on www.kellsparish.ie. contact Fr John jplowebyrne@gmail.com

A screening of acclaimed series, *'The Chosen'* & discussion at Bohermeen Parish Centre, C15 NHC3, Tues 17th Oct at 7.30pm.

Navan Male Voice Choir is seeking new members. Practice every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Contact 087 8213075

Positive Futures service *Mo Shaol* enables children and adults with disabilities to be supported by a host family or individual hosts in their own homes or even just a day out in the community. Could you be a host and offer short breaks to adults and children with disabilities? More hosts/host families needed across Co Meath. Tel 042 942 8078 or email mshaolservice@positive-futures.net.

Navan and District Historical Society will host a talk on *The Round Towers of Ireland - A New Perspective*. Columbanus Hall Canon Row, 19th October at 8pm. Speaker Mr Oliver Mc Bride. N&DHS. Members free. Non- members €5

Meath Befriending Service aims to help reduce loneliness or isolation with a weekly home visit. Info: Eva 085 862 249

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

Junior & Leaving Cert Irish Grinds - Contact 087 9312891

Navan Active Retirement continues Thursdays at 10:30am in the Community Centre. Contact 085 723 4794

Last weeks' Offertory: €599.26 Envelopes: €396.41
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