



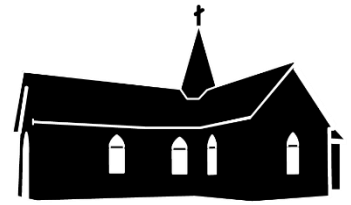
**Church of the Nativity of Our Lady,
Johnstown**
Eircode – C15 H320

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



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 28th October

6.00pm - pro populo – for the people of the Parish
7.30pm -

Sunday 29th October

9.30am - pro populo - for the People of the Parish
11.00am - Joe Curran – 2nd Anniversary;
Samuel, Florence & Paul Lanney;
Philip Dunne – 6th Anniversary;
Gerry Mulligan – 15th Anniversary

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4th November

6.00pm - pro populo – for the People of the Parish
7.30pm - Gerard Clarke – 1st Anniversary;
Aidan O'Brien, son Ronan, parents, Kit & Margaret
& deceased members, O'Brien & McKeown families

Sunday 5th November

9.30am - pro populo - for the People of the Parish
11.00am - Regina Kweco – 2nd Anniversary;
Brian, Thomas & Marr Corroon

Baptism was celebrated last weekend with the family of **Jamie David & Ellie Rose McGowran**

*****Monday is a Bank Holiday.** No 9.30am Mass! 10am Mass in St Mary's, Navan.

*****All Saints Day, Wednesday, 1st November - Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 9.30am in Walterstown & 7.30pm in Johnstown**
Navan: St Mary's - 8am, 10am, 6pm; St Oliver's 7.30pm

*****All Souls Day - Thursday, 2nd November** - Johnstown 9.30am, for all the Faithful Departed & those on the Altar List of the Dead
Navan: St Mary's – 8am, 10am; St Oliver's - 7.30pm

All Souls' Day Indulgence: The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1030 teaches: *'All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven'*.

For those who are in purgatory, there is a great need of the prayers of those in heaven and those still on earth to help the souls complete their total conversion to Christ. The *Holy Souls* are those who have left this world and whose eternal life with God is assured, but there is, as it were, a 'deficit' of goodness or forgiveness, or some other failing or shortcoming in life yet to be made up before the soul can see God in His glory. Just as we in this life help each other to live good lives and reach the Kingdom, this support continues after death. An *Indulgence* then is an act of spiritual solidarity with the departed in order to be part of their final journey towards God.

To 'gain' this indulgence for a soul the Church asks that: 1) From noon on 1st November until midnight on 2nd November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father & Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting an Our Father and the Apostles Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made at any time.

November Altar List of the Dead: Envelopes available so individuals, families, households or groups of friends can get together to recall and record 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 November, a month dedicated to remembrance and 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, with the combined parish choirs. Invitations will be sent to those bereaved since November 2022, but all are welcome to come and join in prayer and offer a candle in loving memory at what is always a moving and impressive occasion in parish life.

Navan Parish All Saints (All Hallow's Eve) Children's Party: Mass at St Oliver's at 6pm on Tuesday 31st October. Dress up as your favourite saint and join the procession of Angels and Saints! Then stay for a big party after the procession. Prizes for best costumes!

Parish Pastoral Assembly training for our parish takes place this Wednesday at 8pm with Fr Derek Darby.

Harvest Thanksgiving: next **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.

Recent Works – handrails have been installed at the side door of Johnstown church and at the steps from the carpark to the sacristy, and an old handmade gate, at Old Kilcarne cemetery, was repaired by Brian & Derek Crahan; Floodlighting on the façade & tower of Johnstown church was installed as the churchyard was very dark for those visiting on winter evenings; a light was placed on the steps from the carpark to the churchyard, and the floodlights in the carpark replaced, by Mike Mc Grane.

Meath County Council Pride of Place – Congratulations to Old Johnstown Village Enhancement Group volunteers for their ongoing work in the village and their recent recognition and award in the *Small Town* and *Residential Streetscape categories*.

Family Adoration - next Sunday, 5th November, at St Oliver's church at 4pm for Rosary, Reflection, Benediction. Tea & chat after.

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 Fri 24th November & ending with Vespers & Benediction on Sun 26th Nov 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.**

Mission Sunday: our contribution to the mission of the Church from last Sunday's Offertory has been sent to Bishop's Office.

Child Safeguarding Policies: Details on the notice boards of the parish, on www.meathsafeguarding.ie. and at the top of this bulletin.

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

Lismullen NS Enrolment 2024/2025 from Monday 23rd October to Monday 6th November 2023.

Navan Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate still seeking adorers for Saturdays at 3pm and Sundays at 1pm Tel: 087 7989890.

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

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

Walterstown GFC - Cardiac Screening at the Club House on Saturday, 18th November, 9am – 4pm - open to members & non-members in Johnstown/Walterstown Community. Each person will be given a 15-minute appointment with a doctor.

Meath Alzheimer Café: Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin, Wednesday, 1st November, 7pm to 9pm. Guest speakers Dr Orla Brady and Simone Ryan, Occupational Therapists, whose topic is "*Cognitive Stimulation in Everyday Life*". No charge. Contact: 087 188 8178.

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

Decade of Centenaries Conference: Meath County Council host "The Big House in Meath" Sat 4th Nov 10am - 4pm at Buvinda House. Tea/Lunch provided. Free parking. Adm free. Tickets must be booked. Contact navanlib@meathcoco.ie or 046 909 7361

Andrew Gavin & friends - an evening of operatic favourites at St Mary's, Church of Ireland, Sat 11th November, 7:30pm. Featuring 'The Coronabears' & Irish traditional music by Kildare-based group Cairdeas. Tickets €25 at the door or call 086 158 3474. Proceeds to **Look Good Feel Better** charity, helping women undergoing all kinds of treatment for cancer.

Rotary Club of Navan: Annual Cinema Night in aid of Meals on Wheels on Thursday 2nd Nov at the Solstice. Reception at 7:30pm followed by the showing of "Rocket Man" at 8pm. Tickets from the Solstice Theatre or from any member of the Rotary Club.

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

Junior & Leaving Cert Irish Grinds - Contact 087 931289

Last weeks' Offertory: €1,323.32 - Envelopes: €600.00
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
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