



**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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7th October

6.00pm – Josephine Cummins;

Gerry Davis – 2nd Anniv, son Karl & Mary Elliott

7.30pm - Paddy & Vera Allen

Sunday 8th October

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

11.00am - Seán Cahill – 5th Anniversary;

Joe Carroll – 2nd Anniversary;

Seamus Reilly – 12th Anniversary, & his father Tom

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 14th October

6.00pm - Moheen McCabe – 2nd Anniversary;

Oliver McCann – 1st 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 -

Change of date - Harvest Thanksgiving: this popular seasonal celebration will now take place on **Sunday 5th November** at 11am Mass, NOT Sunday 15th October as the harvest is not yet saved! All farmers of the parish and anyone with home-grown fruit & veg are invited to supply produce for the colourful harvest display. A seasonal display will also be blessed at the 9.30am Mass in Walterstown.

November Altar List of the Dead envelopes will be available from next weekend.

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

Diocesan news: Once again, to keep parishioners informed, with new demands on parish and diocesan resources, change is coming fast! As announced in recent bulletins, meetings of the Council of Priests & Deaneries have been held and an Assembly of Clergy takes place in November. However, no decisions can or will be made without collaboration with and consultation of all parishioners by means of the new **Parish Pastoral Assemblies** currently being set up in every parish in the diocese.

Training for the members of our new Parish Pastoral Assembly takes place on **Wednesday 1st November** at 8pm with Fr Derek Darby.

Enrolment Fortnight for school year 2024/25 at St. Stephen's 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.

Enrolment – Lismullen School 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

Boards of Management for Parish Primary Schools are being formed at the moment under the Patronage of the bishop and the requirements of the DES. Election of Parents' Reps takes place in the coming days and then community Reps sought for 4-year term.

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

Church grounds – as announced a few months ago, the unsightly corner overgrown with briars and bushes at the entrance to Johnstown church has now been cleared. This opens up a view of the church from the village making the church more visible and inviting. It is planned to plant a tree in the centre of this space to become a feature of the village streetscape and to provide some seating so people feel welcome to sit in the church grounds, thereby contributing to the amenity value of the churchyard in our busy village.

Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate still needs Adorers to transfer from hours with too many or too few Adorers to the following times: Friday 10am, Sat. 3pm, Sun. 8am, 9am, 12 noon 1pm & 2pm. Tel: 0877989890

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.

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

Attractive new road signage has just been installed around the village by Meath County Council, featuring an image of Johnstown church, for which we congratulate and thank all involved in this very welcome initiative.

Fr Declan Hurley sends his regards from **Lisieux** where he had the joy of attending the Feast Day celebrations of St Thérèse last weekend. See photos on Navan Parish Facebook. Thanks to Patrick Gavin for providing blessed roses at 11am Mass last Sunday.

Pure in Heart Open Day about the new (RSE) (SPHE) Curriculum for schools on Sunday 15th October, 2- 6pm, 23 Merrion Sq. North, Dublin 2. Parents, teachers, chaplains, parishioners and young people welcome.

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

An episode of acclaimed series, '**The Chosen**' and discussion - Bohermeen Parish Centre, C15 NHC3 on Tues 10th Oct at 7.30pm.

Anam Cara Midlands Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 11th October at 7.20pm in Mullingar Park Hotel. Online service also available. For further information - call 01 4045378 Contact info@anamcara.ie

Viatres Christi: Venture Training Programme - live interactive online Venture for current and aspiring development and humanitarian aid workers, missionaries & volunteers to equip them with practical skills for work in the field. Programme covers modules such as mission & development, global awareness, community development, project cycle management, social and climate justice. Dates - Oct 7th -8th; Nov 4th 5th, 25th 26th. Fee €300, for 6 interactive training days with experts and access to 20+ hours of online self-directed training material. Register on Google. Contact VC's Training Officer, Sorcha, at sorcha@viatoreschristi.com.

St Patrick's Classical School – Lourdes Pilgrimage: some parishioners were pleased to sponsor Daniel Mc Dermot, 6th Class, to take part in the recent pilgrimage to Lourdes and Daniel assures us all he prayed for us and lit candles for the parish.

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

Meath Careers Expo 11th Oct, Ardboyne Hotel, 12 – 8pm. 100's of jobs on offer. Meet the employers, live interviews and CV clinics. Check out the jobs and register for FREE at www.careersexpo.ie in partnership with Jigsaw Meath

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.

Jigsaw One Good Adult Workshop: Claremont Stadium in partnership with Jigsaw Meath will host a One Good Adult Workshop on 25th Oct from 7pm - 8:30pm. Workshop ideal for anyone involved in voluntary or community work, also suited to any adult who wishes to be the One Good Adult in the life of a young person. Tel 046 902 9693 or www.claremontstadium.com.

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

Navan Floral Art Club - Demonstration by Sharon O'Sullivan of A.O.I.F.A. Ardboyne Hotel, Wed 11th Oct 8pm. All welcome.

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: €619.15 Envelopes: €725.00
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
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