



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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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11th November

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

Sunday 12th November

9.30am - James & Mary Smyth

11.00am - Brian Daly – 5th Anniversary

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 18th November

6.00pm - pro populo – for the People of the Parish
7.30pm - Pat Wade – 2nd Anniversary;
Michael, Imelda & son Aidan McGrane;
Nancy Blake & her sister Teresa

Sunday 19th November

9.30am - Mary Byrne – 1st Anniversary;
Evelyn Cullen – 8th Anniversary
11.00am - Gerry Murtagh – 1st Anniversary

Rest in Peace: We commend to God the soul of **Jim Markland**, Carne Hill, who was laid to rest in Old Kilcarne on Wednesday; and **Ultan Fitzpatrick**, Kells, formerly Sion, Johnstown.

Baptism was celebrated last weekend with the family of **Callum Laurence Gerety & John Nehemiah Renjan**.

Wedding: Congratulations to **Éamonn O’Méalóid & Amanda Lovett**, who exchanged wedding vows in Johnstown on Thursday.

The Annual Parish Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated last Sunday with plenty of local-grown produce proudly displayed at both churches and offered to God by our farming families and the whole parish. Many thanks to the farmers, producers and organisers. A particular word of thanks to Francis Deane & Charlie Traynor, the driving force behind this annual event. Thanks to Ann Farrelly for the wonderful seasonal display at Walterstown, and to Pia and Harry Deane and other young volunteers who helped arrange the huge display at Johnstown church. Thanks also to both choirs for their seasonal and uplifting hymns of praise and thanksgiving!

Lord, for the harvest. We give You thanks!

Navan Meals-on-wheels have written to thank all who kindly donated and delivered the fruit and vegetables from the Harvest Mass which was much appreciated in preparing meals for those who use their daily service.

November Altar List of the Dead: Many parishioners have already returned the list of the names of their own dear departed loved ones, and others whom they have known in the course of life. This has been combined into one Altar List of the Dead which is placed on the altar at Mass for the month of November and every First Friday thereafter.

We hope the various rituals we have in November, a month dedicated to remembrance and prayer for the faithful departed, the Holy Souls, also bring some comfort and hope to the bereaved.

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 have been sent to those bereaved since November 2022, but **all are most welcome** to come and join in prayer and to offer a candle in loving memory at what is always a moving and impressive occasion in parish life.

Best of luck to the **Walterstown Junior Ladies** team in the Leinster Final this Sunday in Athy!! Throw in is at 1pm.

November Pioneer Pledge for the Holy Souls. A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further info on 01 805 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

Pioneer Calendar 2024 now available, suitable for Pioneers and all impacted by addiction. Contact Fr Robert prayer@pioneers.ie. Join Fr Robert for *Pioneer Hour* on Radio Maria at 7pm on the First Friday of every month. Podcast on www.pioneers.ie/updates

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, opening Mass at 7.30pm 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.**

Our parish, and other parishes in the Navan area, have been assigned the very convenient hour from 3pm to 4pm on Sunday 26th November, which makes it easy to stay for Evening Prayer during which a sermon will be delivered by Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland.

Parishioners intending to represent the parish are asked to let us know by email or phone call to the Parish Office. Some will use their own transport; others may avail of the services of a bus leaving from the Fairgreen at 1.30pm on Sun 26th November.

Cost €12. Contact 087 7989 890 or 087 9882706

Congratulations to the class of 1974/75 from St. Martha's College, Sion House, Johnstown, who last Thursday had a class reunion, joined by Sr Ailish, one of the Daughters of Charity who was on the staff of Sion House and St Martha's College.

Boards of Management: under the current Patronage system whereby the Bishop of Meath is Patron of our two Primary Schools, the parish has the responsibility of forming the new BOMs for St Stephen's and Lismullen, in line with the directives of the Dept of Education, to support the Catholic ethos and outlook. Meetings are currently taking place to finalise the membership of the Boards by election and nomination and to appoint the two 'Community representatives' according to the skills needed by each Board.

St Mary's Cemetery winter opening hours: Monday - Saturday 12noon - 5pm, Sunday 9am - 5pm.

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

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 Thursdays. Tel 086 367 1171

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

Kells Parish Event "*Living beyond Grief & Loss and Us Knowing How to Offer Support*", Headfort Arms, Kells at 7:30pm, continues on the Tuesdays of November.

Introduction to the Bible on Kells Webcam continues on www.kellsparish.ie. contact Fr John jplowebyrne@gmail.com

Walterstown GFC - Cardiac Screening at the Club House, 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.

Navan Floral Art Club - Christmas Gala Demonstration by Christine Hughes A.O.I.F.A. on Wednesday 22nd November in the Ardboyne Hotel at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Claremont Stadium and Jigsaw Meath will host the last in their series of Mental Health Awareness Workshops this month.

The first, for under 16-year-olds, on Wednesday, 15th November from 6.30-7.30pm.

The second workshop for 16 +year olds on Wednesday 22nd November from 6.30-7.30pm.

Registration -www.claremontstadium.ie. Further information - 046 902 9693/ email events@claremontstadium.ie.

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

Catholic Grandparents: Monthly Meeting in St Anne's Resource Centre on Tues next after 10am Mass. New members welcome.

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

Cultúr Migrants Centre is recruiting male and female volunteer Mentors for a new community project working with 19-40-year-old male migrants in Meath, Louth and Monaghan. Tel 087 252 5336 or communications@cultur.ie

Junior & Leaving Cert Irish Grinds - Contact 087 9312891.

Bingo in St Mary's Community Centre on Monday at 8:30pm. Navan O'Mahony's Bingo on Tuesday at 8:30pm.

Last weeks' Offertory: €957.41 - Envelopes: €697.24
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
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