



**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



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Harvest Sunday

Saturday 4th November

6.00pm - Liz Dunphy – 14th Anniversary

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 & their parents

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 - pro populo - for the People of the Parish

11.00am - Brian Daly

Rest in Peace: We commend to God the soul of **Nancy Finnegan**, Mill Lane, laid to rest on Friday after Requiem Mass in Johnstown; and **Seán McCarthy**, brother of Margaret Howard, recently laid to rest.

Baptism was celebrated last weekend with the family of **Callum John Nugent & Sofia Rose Clarke**.

Parish Harvest Thanksgiving this Sunday, with a display of parish produce blessed in Walterstown, and the main display blessed at 11am Mass in Johnstown. The whole parish unites in giving thanks to God for the bountiful produce of our land, and recognising the role of farming in the heritage, economy and life of our parish.

Saying **Grace Before and After Meals** is one way of sharing in the work of farmers and food producers and so too is a greater awareness of caring for the earth by not wasting food or other resources or damaging the environment in any way.

First Friday Communion calls to the elderly, sick and housebound could not be made due to a funeral on Friday.

Fr Michael will make the calls in the course of the week ahead.

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

One entry this year prays for those **‘Long gone. Never Forgotten. Always loved’** and the Funeral Prayers remind us that “the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one do not unravel with death.”

Pioneer Pledge for the month of 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 from The Pioneers on 01 80-5 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

****Family Adoration** - this Sunday, St Oliver's, 4pm for Rosary, Reflection, Benediction. Tea, chat and fun afterwards!

Parish Pastoral Assembly (PPA): the newly nominated and appointed members of our PPA from across the parish gathered for a two-hour training session on Wednesday. It was a very good experience, learning what the PPA is and how it can contribute to faith life and development in each parish, as every parish is now required to have a Parish Assembly.

More info will follow in the weeks ahead when the PPA holds its first meeting. One essential aspect is to keep the parish well informed of what the role and aims of the PPA are. The first task will be to form a **Mission Statement** that represents our parish and meets the needs and the hopes of the parish at this particular time of great change in the Church in our country.

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

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.**

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

Navan Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate is delighted to announce that all time slots are now filled! Many thanks.

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

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

Anam Cara Midlands, in support of bereaved parents - monthly **Parent Evening** on Wednesday 8th November at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free. Online service also available. For more info call 01 4045378

Miscarriage Association of Ireland: Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November, St Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, Dublin 8 at 3pm. All parents, siblings, grandparents and others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend.

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

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

Navan and District Historical Society are launching their latest journal '*Navan Its People and Its Past Vol.7*'. Solstice Arts Centre, at 4pm, Saturday 11th November. All welcome.

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.

The newly released film '**Miracle Club**' is showing in ARC Cinema, Navan. Recommended viewing for Lourdes pilgrims and friends. Spread the word: 15:40, 17:40 & 19:50 next Monday – Thursday and enjoy!

St. Anne's Loreto Primary School -The BOM, Principal & Staff invite past pupils to the celebration of 70/170 years of St. Anne's on Thursday 9th November. Mass at 2pm in St. Mary's church followed by Afternoon Tea and a walk down Memory Lane in St. Anne's.

Whistlemount Alzheimer Social Club: Fun Social gathering where anyone affected by Alzheimers can access information, support each other and exchange ideas & experiences on Sat 11th Nov, 11am - 1pm. Tel 087 974 0871, or email liam.burke@alzheimer.ie.

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: €805.00 - Envelopes: €846.37
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