



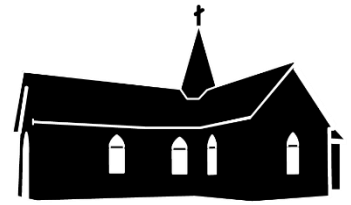
**Church of the Nativity of Our Lady,
Johnstown**
Eircode – C15 H320

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



Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 9th December

6.00pm - Brian Butler;
Kathleen & Noel O'Brien
7.30pm – Aongus Lydon, also remembering Máirín;
Bridget Fitzsimons;
Oliver Desmond Giff – 2nd Anniversary

Sunday 10th December

9.30am - pro populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am – Annie & Maurice Guyot;
John & Mary-Clare Lynch & Katty O'Brien;
Amby Carroll – 2nd Anniversary;
Kit Clynch & his parents Thomas & Mary;
Francis Lynch – 25th Anniversary;
Con Smyth – recently deceased & decd., family mbrs.,

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday!

Saturday 16th December

6.00pm - pro populo – for the People of the Parish
7.30pm - Andrew & Richard Collins

Sunday 17th December

9.30am - James & Anna Bennett,
Paul & Kieran McGuinness & Christy Collins
11.00am - Pat Brady;
Patricia Sheridan – 12th Anniversary
John Murphy

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Rosaleen Flanagan**, mother of Jean, teacher at Lismullen school.
We remember **Pat Sheridan**, Principal at Lismullen School, whose 11th Anniversary occurs this week.

Christmas Mass Times in our Parish

Saturday 23rd December

6.00pm Walterstown only (no 7.30pm Vigil in Johnstown)

Sunday 24th December

11.00am Johnstown only, without choir (no 9.30am in Walterstown)

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Johnstown Syro-Malabar Mass; 5.00pm Walterstown Family Mass with Children's Choir;
7.00pm Johnstown with St Stephen's School Choir; 10.00pm with Johnstown choir

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am Walterstown, 11.00am Johnstown

(*Navan Mass times* - Christmas Eve: St Mary's - 6pm & 8pm; St Oliver's - 6pm & 8pm

Christmas Day: St. Mary's - 8am, 11am & 1pm; St Oliver's - 10am & 12noon)

NOW is the time to discuss and choose the Mass that best suits you and your loved ones this Christmas!

Advent & Christmas Confessions at St Mary's: every Saturday 7pm – 9pm in St Mary's and after Vigil in St Oliver's;

Local and visiting priests available **Tuesday 19th December 9am – 9pm** & Saturday 23rd December 12noon – 4pm.

No Confessions at St Mary's, Navan, on Sunday 24th December.

Parish dues envelopes for 2024 now labelled and ready for collection. Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive envelopes. Parishioners are urged to consider making their offerings and donations in a recordable way, i.e., by envelope or standing order, as this enables the parish to recover tax already paid, at no extra cost to the donor. eg a weekly offering of €5 amounts to €260 per year and the parish can reclaim tax already paid on this amount. Bank details in box below for standing orders.

PLEASE collect your box of envelopes this weekend at both churches so they are not left unclaimed over Christmas.

The Parish Finance Committee: matters raised at last week's meeting - we welcomed Michelle Riblet and Ann-Marie Kelly and their skills to the PFC; the parish current account was made available to the committee and all recent major expenditure items; the work of claiming the tax rebate on donations is in hand. We are now up to 2019 and will process 2020 – 2023 after Christmas; the Finance Committee aims to publish a report on parish finances in the first quarter of 2024.

The Parish Pastoral Assembly met on Friday night for discussion and light refreshments. Next meeting either 22nd or 29th January when the PPA will elect a Chairperson, Deputy and Secretary, draft a *Mission Statement* to describe our parish and aims, decide on a commissioning of the new PPA and publish a list of members names. The membership now stands at 12 plus the PP.

Annual Parish Safeguarding Audit was completed and returned to the diocesan office last Monday.

Kids' Advice: at their Enrolment Mass last Sunday the children of 2nd class in Lismullen school had some interesting views on how to behave in church: **DO** - walk calmly, say 'hello', whisper, sing along with all the songs you know, grown-ups put money in the bag! **DON'T** - turn on devices, take off your shoes, blow candles out, scream, wreck the furniture or hit anyone! All good advice!

Johnstown Church Sunday car-parking: extra parking is available at the front of the Parochial House but please park carefully so that cars do not block each other's access and exit! Strategic and careful parking will be required for our Christmas Masses!

The Society of St Vincent de Paul gratefully acknowledge last week's collection: **Johnstown - €1,580. Walterstown - €983.** SVP will be collecting at Navan Shopping Centre on Thursday 21st & Fri 22nd December. Many thanks for your support.

Rotary Club of Navan Christmas Tree of Hope and Remembrance from 14th to 24th Dec at its new location in Navan Shopping Centre on the North Mall near Sports Direct, also in Johnstown Shopping Centre. All donations will help others in our community.

Navan Parish Carol Service, lighting of the Christmas Tree and Blessing of the Bambino next Sunday at 5pm in St Mary's. Sacred Music by St Mary's Parish Choir and Seasonal Music by the Irish National Foresters' Band. All welcome.

Christmas Classics by Candlelight with Frank McNamara Sat 16th Dec, 7pm & 9pm in St Mary's CofI. See Eventbrite for details.

Pioneer Calendar 2024 now available. Includes the 12 steps of the AA programme. Contact: 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

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

Youth leadership programme with Ceilí Catholic Community, Kilbeggan, supported by the diocese of Meath starts Feb 2024: for young people aged 18 - 30 • friendly course of 8 modules, one weekend per month • Equips with knowledge, skills & practical tools and techniques for creative and comprehensive parish youth ministry • Accredited by St Mary's College, Queen's University, Belfast • Tuition fees cost only approx. €120 per module (depending on number of participants) Free accommodation for the weekends at Ceili Evangelisation Centre! • further info - email school@ceilicommunity.net or call/ text 087 9789150

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

Claremont Stadium Christmas Food and Craft Fair - this Sunday 2-5pm. Sports Hall, Claremont Stadium.

Navan Active Retirement continues Thursdays at 10.30am in the Community Centre. Contact 085 723 4794.

Navan Silver Band Christmas Concert with choirs from St Joseph's Mercy and St Oliver's Primary schools. Newgrange Hotel, this Sunday 10th December at 7:30pm Tickets €12.50 from Band members and Parish Bookshop.

Red Cross – restart Friendship Club in Newgrange Hotel this Sunday, 2 - 4pm. Tel 085- 2834021. All welcome

Bingo in St Mary's Community Centre on Monday at 8.30pm. Navan O'Mahony's Bingo on Tuesday at 8:30pm.

Walterstown Lotto: numbers drawn 1,10,26,28 No jackpot winner. 3correct numbers Ashley & Ruairi O'Dowd, Eamonn Brady. Jackpot now €9,600

Last weeks' Offertory: €829.11 - Envelopes: €524.00

Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.

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