



**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



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;

Patrick & Annie Smith & decd sons & daughter;

Lar McCormack

Sunday 17th December

9.30am – James & Anna Bennett, Paul & Kieran McGuinness & Christy Collins

11.00am – Pat Brady;

Patricia Sheridan – 12th Anniversary;

John Murphy;

Derek Lenihan – 22nd Anniversary &

his father John – recently deceased

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd December

6.00pm – Malachy Oakes – 3rd Anniversary

7.30pm – NO MASS – see below

Sunday 24th December

9.30am – NO MASS – see below

11.00am – pro populo – for the People of the Parish

Christmas Mass Times in our Parish

(Please note some changes to the usual weekend Mass times due to Christmas falling on a Monday which would have resulted in eleven Masses in less than 48 hours from Saturday evening to Monday morning!)

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 – 6.00pm & 9.00pm; St Oliver's – 7.00pm

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

Christmas Confessions at St Mary's for Navan and neighbouring parishes as follows:

Tuesday 19th December 9am – 9pm with local and visiting priests, and Saturday 23rd December 12noon – 4pm.

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

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Fiona McGuirk (neé Moffatt)**, SNA at St. Stephen's, who was laid to rest on Friday; and **Fr Frank O'Kelly**, Dalgan Park, who served this parish occasionally, laid to rest on Wednesday.

Christmas Communion Calls to the sick and housebound will be made whenever time permits this week.

Baptism - was celebrated last weekend with the family of **Rua Larkin Rogers**.

Wedding: Congratulations to **Ashley Hemmingway & Méabh Neville**, who were married in Walterstown on Friday.

Parish Office will close on Thursday 21st and reopen on Tuesday 2nd January, 2024.

Helping Hands needed on Monday night to put up and decorate the crib and Christmas trees in Johnstown church.

Stewards needed: last year's Christmas Masses were all packed! On Christmas Eve large numbers of people were standing at the 5pm Mass in Walterstown and crowds on the stairs and in the porch at the 7pm Mass in Johnstown and so it seems advisable this year to have stewards to guide people to their places and to take up the collection.

Please contact Fr Michael, the Parish Office or our sacristans if you can help at the following Masses: Christmas Eve, 5pm Walterstown and 7pm Johnstown; Christmas Day 11am in Johnstown.

Parish dues envelopes 2024 now ready for collection. Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive envelopes. Parishioners are urged to consider making their offerings and donations 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.

Parish Priests: the headstones of Fr O'Connor & Fr Doyle in Johnstown churchyard having become very weathered and the inscriptions illegible, a generous parishioner kindly had them cleaned and re-lettered in fond memory of the ministry of these two parish priests.

Navan Meals-on-Wheels Committee thank all who helped with the Shopping Centre and Churchgate Collections, especially the co-ordinators Sinéad Nelson & Tony O'Brien, and all who supported the collections in recent weeks.

Parish Website: thanks to Tim O'Leary for maintaining the website and posting our **Christmas Mass schedule** on the home page.

St Paul Sunday Missal 2024, complimentary copies available for our Readers at the sacristy.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: in addition to the contributions at their recent Christmas Churchgate collection the SVP are very grateful to all the pupils and staff who raised the fantastic sum of €3,047.00 at the **Lismullen School Cake Sale!**

The Society also acknowledge €1,000 donated by a generous parishioner.

SVP will be collecting at Navan Shopping Centre this Thursday and Friday. Many thanks for your support.

Thanks to the Old Johnstown Village Enhancement Group for a great job done in cleaning up the corner of the church carpark under the old chestnut tree which was overgrown and full of litter. It is hoped this will now deter illegal dumping!

Well done to the dedicated and creative volunteers for their seasonal festive display, including the outdoor crib, in the village.

Navan Parish Carol Service, lighting of the Christmas Tree and Blessing of the Bambino this 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.

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.

Christmas Party Night Out in Balreask Arms, Thursday 21st December at 7:30pm in aid of various charities.

Music by Pilgrim Street, Fr Louis Illah and others. Tickets €45 for dinner and show.

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 18 - 30 • 8 modules, one weekend per month • knowledge, skills & practical tools and techniques for parish youth ministry • Accredited by St Mary's College, Queen's University, Belfast • approx. €120 per module (depending on number of participants) Free accommodation at Ceilí Evangelisation Centre • info - email school@ceilicomunity.net or call/ text 087 9789150

Red Cross – restart Friendship Club in Newgrange Hotel on Sundays 2 - 4pm. Tel 085- 2834021. All welcome

Walterstown Lotto: Numbers - 1-11-19-27. No jackpot winner. 3 correct Numbers T. Byrne, P O' Grady, A Gammell. Next weeks' jackpot €9,700

Last weeks' Offertory: €1,060.17 - Envelopes: €821.00

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