



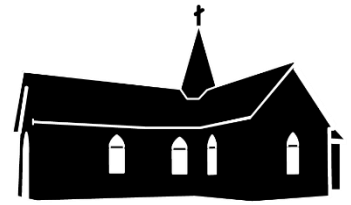
Church of the Nativity of Our Lady,  
Johnstown  
Eircode – C15 H320

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](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie)

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**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Carol Coogan 085-1916347 & Emer O'Connor 087-6778682



First Sunday of Advent – First Sunday of Liturgical Year B

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

6.00pm - pro populo – for the People of the Parish  
7.30pm – Jim Markland – Months' Mind

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

9.30am - Maureen & Jack Maguire  
11.00am - Christy Carroll;  
John & Mary Davis;  
Noreen Oakes & deceased mbrs of Oakes family;  
Deirdre Cahill – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;  
Nancy Finnegan – Months' Mind

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm - Brian Butler;  
Kathleen & Noel O'Brien  
7.30pm - Aongus Lydon - also remembering Máirín;  
Bridget Fitzsimons

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary;  
Francis Lynch – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;  
Kit Lynch & his parents Thomas & Mary

**Rest in Peace** - we commend to God the soul of **Richard Greally**, Lismullen, who will be laid to rest on Monday in Templekieran.

**Christmas Mass Times in our Parish**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Walterstown 9.30am & Johnstown 7.30pm.

**Navan Masses:** St Oliver's - Thursday Vigil 7.30pm; St. Mary's – Friday: 8am, 10am & 6pm; St. Oliver's 7.30pm. The **Star of Bethlehem** on St Mary's tower will be switched on after 6pm Mass followed by a candlelight procession led by the Legion of Mary.

**\*\*\*St Vincent de Paul Christmas Church-Gate Collection before all Masses nationwide this weekend\*\*\***

**Advent** is a time of watching for the return of the Risen Lord. We try to avoid Christmas activities and themes and see it as time to reflect on the transience of this world. A time of waiting, renewal and hope to better prepare us for the joyful celebration of Christmas. This year, Advent is the shortest it can be, four Sundays but only three weeks as Christmas falls on a Monday!

**First Holy Communion Enrolment** this Sunday at 9.30am in Walterstown for the children of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class from Lismullen School.

**Parish dues envelopes for 2024** are being labelled at the moment. 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.

**Tax rebate up-date** – the ‘recordable donations’ for the past two years, i.e., envelopes, cheques, standing orders, are being processed at the moment by one of the new members of the Finance Committee.

**New Boards of Management:** meeting for Lismullen BOM Tuesday 7.30pm and St Stephen’s BOM this Wednesday 7.30pm.

**Parish Finance Committee:** a short meeting, including new members, will take place this Tuesday at 8.30pm

**Parish Pastoral Assembly** will also have a short meeting this Friday after 7.30pm Mass.

**40 Hours at the Cathedral:** many thanks to all who represented our parish last weekend at Adoration and Evening Prayer.

**Annual Parish Safeguarding Audit:** this yearly review in all parishes of the diocese must be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> December by the PP and Parish Safeguarding Reps. With thanks to our current Reps Emer Tobin and Carol Coogan we are delighted to welcome Maria Bradley and Claire O’Connell who will commence safeguarding duties in the new year after a training session with the diocese.

**Pioneer Calendar 2024** now available. Includes the 12 steps of the AA programme. Contact: [prayer@pioneers.ie](mailto: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](http://www.pioneers.ie/updates)

**East Meath Pioneers Mass**, Dunshaughlin, this Sunday at 3pm followed by meeting in Pastoral Centre. Tel: May 087 133 4872

**Family Adoration:** this Sunday at 4pm in St Oliver’s. All welcome for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction. Tea, and a chat after. 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

**Fr Tony Gonoude**, Vocations Director, will celebrate two **Masses for Vocations to the Priesthood** - Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kingscourt; Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm in the Church of Ss Peter & Paul, Dunboyne.

Live from Facebook page: DioceseOfMeathVocations Email: [vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie](mailto:vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie) Tel: Fr Tony : 044 9373923

Vocations Contact Details: Website: [www.meathvocations.com](http://www.meathvocations.com) Instagram account: [dioceseofmeathvocations](https://www.instagram.com/dioceseofmeathvocations)

**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](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony)

**Introduction to the Bible on Kells Webcam** continues on [www.kellsparish.ie](http://www.kellsparish.ie). contact Fr John [jplowebyrne@gmail.com](mailto:jplowebyrne@gmail.com)

**Claremont Stadium Christmas Food and Craft Fair** - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2-5pm. Sports Hall, Claremont Stadium. Stalls with gift ideas for Christmas, music by Navan Community Singers. interested vendors - contact [events@claremontstadium.ie](mailto:events@claremontstadium.ie)/046 902 9693.

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

**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](mailto:communications@cultur)

**The Meath Alzheimer Café** - Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm - 9pm. Christmas Party, Music, Song & Dance, Festive treats and Fun. All families/carers, loved ones living with Alzheimer’s/Dementia are welcome to attend.

**Navan Silver Band Christmas Concert** with choirs from St Joseph’s Mercy and St Oliver’s Primary schools. Newgrange Hotel on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm Tickets €12.50 from Band members and Parish Bookshop.

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

**Christmas Concert with Liam Lawton**, and Special Guests, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, St. Colmcille’s Church, Kells 8pm. Tickets €25.

**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: €623.70 - Envelopes: €828.50  
**Bank details for direct debits etc.** BOI Navan.  
A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account  
Sort code: 90-35-09. Account Number: 89965174.  
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