



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



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday 30th December

6.00pm – Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish

7.30pm - James and Elizabeth Callan & son Vincent

Sunday 31st December

9.30am - Mc Cabe and McEntaggart families

11.00am – Tommy Lynch

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 6th January

6.00pm – Brian Coyle, Months' Mind

7.30pm – Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish

Sunday 7th January

9.30am - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish

11.00am Mary and Thomas Nugent

New Years Day - The Year of Our Lord 2024.

Monday 1st January – Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Mass in Johnstown at 11.00am. Mass at 10am only in St. Mary's, Navan.

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord – 6th January.

'Little Christmas Day' – Nollaig na mBan. Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass, Friday 7.30pm Johnstown; Saturday 9.30am Walterstown

Navan Mass times: St. Oliver's: Friday (Vigil) 7:30pm. St. Mary's: Saturday: 8am; 10am

Christmas is an Octave, a feast of 8 days. It's not over. Keep the season going! Say 'Happy Christmas' for the 12 Days of Christmas!

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Anthony O'Grady**, St Margaret's, father of Ciara Mc Loughlin, Johnstown; and **Hugh Paddy Donohue**, Co Cavan, brother of Rose Quinn, Johnstown.

Daily Mass in Johnstown resumes on Tuesday at 9.30am, and 8.00am Mass resumes on Tuesday in Navan.

Friday 5th January – First Friday of the New Year: Mass at 9.30am for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead. No Communion calls, unless requested, as the sick and housebound were visited just before Christmas.

Eucharistic Adoration in Navan. St Mary's: 8am - 9pm (Mon - Sun). St Oliver's: Saturday 11am - 6pm.

Congratulations to Karen Reynolds and Christopher Clare who celebrated their wedding in Walterstown on Thursday.

Well done to Walterstown Childrens' Choir who sang superbly at the 10am Mass at St Mary's, Navan, this Saturday morning.

Family Adoration on Sun 7th Jan 4pm - 5pm in St Oliver's. All welcome for Rosary, Reflection & Benediction. Tea and a chat after.

Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January at 10.00am.

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

Christmas Figures and Finances: Christmas Eve/Day: Envelopes: €2,020.00. Offertory: €2,930.19. Misc. Cheques etc: €1,250.00. These figures represent donations made by means of the Dues Envelopes and the Offertory collection. They also reflect accumulated offerings whereby some parishioners kindly return all their annual envelopes at Christmas. The cheques are either one-off annual offerings or seasonal offerings. All will go into general parish funds for maintenance and running costs of the parish.

Parish Dues envelopes for 2024 are labelled and still available for collection at both churches.

Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan. A/C name: Johnstown Church current acc. Sort code: 90-35-09.

Acc No: 89965174. IBAN IE97 BOFI 9035 0989 9651 74

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

Walterstown Lotto: 24-12-23- Numbers drawn 3-7-10-12. No jackpot winner. 3 with 3 numbers: Martina Mulligan, Ed Roche, Bernie Mc Cabe. Next weeks' Jackpot €9,900

Village Core Redevelopment and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme for Old Johnstown Village. Survey available to read and complete before January 26th 2024 <https://consult.meath.ie/en/content/old-johnstown-village-survey>

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 2pm - 4pm. Tel 085- 2834021. All welcome.

St Ultan's Special School requires a bus escort for 20 hours per week to support pupils on the journey to and from school each day. The hours are split between the morning and the afternoon. Tel 046 902 1831.

EDP Community Employment Vacancies: Programme Assistant - Irish Wheelchair Association, Commons Road & Irish Wheelchair Association, Kells Rd. Care Assistant- Clann Mor, Commons Rd. Clerical Assistant- Enable Ireland. These are Part-time work placement vacancies for 19.5 hours per week through a CE Scheme. Training will be provided. Info from 046 907 1938.

Meath Befriending Service helps reduce loneliness or isolation by a weekly home visit. To avail of this service Tel 085 862 2496.

ALONE seeks volunteers in Navan area. Full training provided. Contact Frances on volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 108 5965.

Solemn Epiphany Proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable Feasts of the Year of Our Lord 2024

The custom of announcing these dates comes from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on when Easter occurs. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all determined by Easter. Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year, the Epiphany proclamation still has value as a reminder of the centrality of the Resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year. On the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, after the Gospel or after Holy Communion, a Deacon or cantor, may announce at the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to the following ancient formula:

Dear brothers and sisters,

as we have rejoiced at the **Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

so, by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of the Resurrection of He Who is our Savior.

On the fourteenth day of February will fall **Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.**

On the thirty-first of March, you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

On the twelfth day of May will be the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

On the nineteenth day of May, the feast of **Pentecost.**

On the second day of June the feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.**

On the first day of December, the First Sunday of the **Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

to Whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Wishing every Blessing and a Happy, Healthy, Holy New Year 2024

to all our Parishioners and your loved ones!

Last weeks' Offertory: see info above - Envelopes: see info above

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