



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, 2024 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 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 13th January

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

7.30pm - Molly & Paddy McEvoy

Sunday 14th January

9.30am - Eileen McElvaney – 50th Anniversary,
Owen Murphy – 3rd Anniversary & decd. mbrs of
Murphy & McElvaney families

11.00am - Mary-Anne McCabe – 1st Anniversary;
Matthew Sheils – 3rd Anniversary;
Toddy Smith 1st Anniv & parents Tony & Philomena;
Nancy McLoughlin – 50th Anniv & her husband Loey,
son Paddy & daughters Anne, Marion & Geraldine

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 20th January

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

7.30pm - Geraldine Monerawela - 7th Anniversary;
John O’Dowd – 1st Anniversary

Sunday 21st January

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

11.00am - Patrick Murphy & daughter Sheila;
Aideen Herdman – Months’ Mind

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Rhona Eite (née Kane)** sister of Kay Carroll (Walterstown choir).

Confirmation Enrolment for 2024: the 118 candidates for Confirmation have been invited to Mass this weekend, 41 from Lismullen & 77 from St. Stephen’s. The pupils from Lismullen will come to 9.30am Mass in Walterstown this Sunday, at which the Children’s Choir will sing, and those from St Stephen’s will come to either the Vigil Mass this Saturday or 11am Mass on Sunday. In doing so, they will be giving us a hopeful sign of their desire to be part of the life of our parish and Church.

Extensive Damage was done to the gate pier at Walterstown church on Monday morning. It looks as if a large vehicle struck the capping stone and dislodged the whole pier from its base. At midday, a kind parishioner reported the damage and the potential danger to passersby. As the pier was only held up by the gate the only option was to carefully demolish it without delay. Many thanks to Joey Farrelly and Raymond Gargan for their prompt and skilled intervention in safely removing the gate and easing the pier inwards to avert further damage to the pier or injury to persons. If anyone saw what happened, please contact the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Assembly: A meeting is planned for either 22nd or 29th January. The members have been asked to each draw up a short **Parish Mission Statement**. At the meeting, these will be compiled into one or more versions to be put to the parish for comment and contribution before a final **Mission Statement** is decided upon that best describes our parish and aims.

Vocations: Next Sunday, **Anthony Kerr**, from Navan, will be ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Deenihan at St Mary’s, Drogheda at 7pm Mass. We keep him in our prayers as he prepares for service as Deacon then priest in the Diocese of Meath.

Priesthood – ‘Come and See’: the theme of vocation stands out in the Readings this Sunday. In the Gospel, the call of the first disciples by Jesus; in the First Reading the call of the Prophet Samuel. In both these accounts we see the importance of the one who plays the role of mediator, helping people to recognize God’s voice and to follow it. May we help others to see their call and in particular, help young men to be priests for Christ in our Diocese. Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude 044-9373923

Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service, St. Mary's Church of Ireland, this Sunday, 7:30pm. We invite in particular couples of different Christian backgrounds to the Service and ask parishioners to bring a friend or neighbour belonging to another Christian community. This year's service was prepared by Christian communities in Burkina Faso facilitated by the *Chemin Neuf* community. The theme for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is: *You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself* (Lk 10:27).

Bishop Smith: At the end of this month, we will mark the Fortieth Anniversary of Bishop Michael Smith's Episcopal Ordination. The whole diocese is invited to join in this celebration by coming to Evening Prayer at the Cathedral on Sunday 28th January at 4pm.

Walterstown GFC invite you to their Annual Senior Citizens Dinner in the Clubhouse on Sunday 21st January at 1.30pm. There will be food, entertainment and plenty of fun! Please contact Sean - 087 6637956 or Ethna - 086 8435807 to confirm attendance.

The Diocese is recruiting a Director of Faith Development. The post holder will lead and work under their own initiative as well as part of a team to develop and implement new approaches, resources and programmes for adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, and evangelisation in parishes across the diocese. 5-year Fixed Term Contract, working 35 hours per week, work pattern to be agreed. Full details on www.dioceseofmeath.ie Applications before 5pm on Fri 2nd Feb 2024

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

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

Pioneer Calendar 2024 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

Village Core Redevelopment & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme for Old Johnstown Village: Survey available to read and complete before 26th Jan at <https://consult.meath.ie/en/content/old-johnstown-village-survey> Hard copies in the porch.

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 Ceili Evangelisation Centre • info - email school@ceilicommunity.net or call/ text 087 9789150

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Montserrat in Spain, 24th Sept– 1st Oct, staying at 4star Summa Hotel on Pina del Mar. Special booking offer of €1,140pps, incl flights, transfers, 7 nights half-board, 3-day trips, 20kg baggage, tourist tax, tour manager and full religious programme for bookings before 15th Jan. Call Navan Travel 9068600 or Kingscourt Parish Office on 042 9667314

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: 1) Programme Assistant - Irish Wheelchair Association, Commons Road & Irish Wheelchair Association, Kells Rd. 2) 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.

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.ie

Core Ireland Quiz night, in Paddy Fitzsimons 19th January at 7.30pm in aid of Adult Mental Health.

LMETB jewellery-making, 6-week course at Claremont Stadium 6th February 10am – 12noon. Tel 046-9029693

'Chosen'- **Season 2** screened in Bohermeen Parish Centre, Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm

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

Lotto Results: 7-1-24. Numbers drawn 1.5.14.20. No jackpot winner. 3 correct numbers: Martina Deane. Next week's jackpot €10,000

Last weeks' Offertory: €1,044.53 Envelopes: €622.00
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