



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



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;
Jack Finnegan – 3rd Anniversary &
birthday remembrance for Nancy

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 27th January

6.00pm - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
7.30pm – Mary & Oliver O’Neill

Sunday 28th January

9.30am - Anne Marsh – 22nd Anniversary
11.00am – Paddy Carroll – 9th Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Olivia Cheasty** (mother of Frances Campion, Johnstown,) laid to rest this week.

Baptism was celebrated last weekend for **Liam Francis Duane, Sofia Ann Murray & Finn John Lynch-Melville.**

Ordination to Priesthood: We pray for **Anthony Kerr**, from Navan, who will be ordained Deacon by Bishop Deenihan this Sunday, in St Mary’s, Drogheda, following the example of Jesus the Servant: “I have not come to be served but to serve” (Mk 10:45). He will be ordained to the Priesthood for our diocese in due course. **Is the Lord drawing YOU to Himself?** You too can have a new identity as a Priest. Feel free to contact the diocese by Website: www.meathvocations.com Instagram Account: dioceseofmeathvocations Facebook Page: DioceseOfMeathVocation Fr Tony Gonoude, Vocations Director 044 9373923

Parish Pastoral Assembly: A meeting is planned for Monday 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 input before a final **Mission Statement** is decided upon that best describes our parish and aims. There will also be the election of a **PPA Chairperson and Secretary**, a **Commissioning/Blessing** of the members and submitting our **Constitution** to the bishop.

Sacramental Preparation: the weeks ahead will see a great deal of activity marking the different stages of preparation for sacraments for the children of the parish. Weeks have already been spent in the immense task of distributing through the schools and online the forms requesting First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation. Getting the forms completed and returned is a slow process!

Confirmation: last weekend we had the uplifting sight of the young people for Confirmation coming to enrol at Mass. Of the 123 candidates, 81 in St Stephen’s & 42 in Lismullen, 114 joined us for one of those Masses and made their public request for the sacrament.

First Confession and Communion: 67 boys and girls in St Stephen’s and 23 in Lismullen are preparing for these sacraments and will have an Enrolment Ceremony for St Stephen’s on Tuesday 27th February and Lismullen on Wednesday 28th Feb in Johnstown church. First Confession will be on Tuesday 12th March at 7pm for Lismullen and Monday 15th April for St Stephen’s.

For **Children over the age of seven** who have enrolled for a sacrament in the parish but are not yet baptised, after consultation with their parents, there will be one great christening celebration next Sunday, 28th January, in Johnstown church after 11am Mass.

Evening Prayer at the Cathedral, Sunday 28th January at 4pm with the members of all the Religious Orders, active and retired, in our diocese. The whole diocese is invited to join in this celebration of the immense contribution made by Religious Sisters, Brothers & Priests, in the past and still today, in Catholic Education, Healthcare and all manner of spiritual, social and pastoral care and outreach. It will also be the occasion to mark the **Fortieth Anniversary** of Bishop Michael Smith's Episcopal Ordination in 1983.

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

Feasts and Fasts: St Brigid's Day falls on Thursday 1st February, with a Public Holiday on Monday 5th. Crosses in honour of St Brigid will be blessed at 9.30am Mass. The **Feast of the Presentation in the Temple**, also called **Candlemas**, occurs on Friday 2nd February. Anyone who wishes to have candles blessed for use in the home can bring them to the morning Mass or leave them in advance in the sacristy, with their name attached. **St Blaise**, with the ever-popular Blessing of Throats on Saturday 3rd February so throats will be blessed at the Vigil Masses that day. **Ash Wednesday**, 14th February, is also **St Valentine's Day** so will be observed in a more restrained way by the faithful! **St Patrick's Day** is Sunday 17th March, with Masses at the usual times, and the following day a Public Holiday.

Eucharistic Adoration: St Marys 8am – 9pm (Mon-Sun); St Oliver's 11am – 6pm (Sat). New Adorers needed for following hours – Mon 9am & 10am; Tues 9am; Thurs 3pm & 4pm; Fri 8am & 11am; Sat 9am & 5pm Tel 087 798 9890 or 087 988 2706.

Church Gate Collection for the spread and promotion of Eucharistic Adoration in the diocese will take place at all Masses in Navan and Johnstown/Walterstown on the weekend of 3rd & 4th February.

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 Friday 2nd February 2024.

Teams of Our Lady: Online event in advance of St Valentine's Day for sacramentally married couples (and those engaged to be sacramentally married). Tuesday 30th January, 6th & 13th February 8-9pm. Themes: 1) Love – what's it all about; 2) Prayer and living your faith as spouses; 3) Knowing each other. Couple time only (no group sharing). Email office@navanparish.ie for Zoom link.

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 church porch.

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

St. Brigid' Day – Family Day 5th Feb, 11am -5pm Cornmarket, Stalls & Entertainment. Parade at 4pm. Meet at Fairgreen at 3.30pm. All Brigids, Bridgets, Brides, Breeges and Biddies welcome! See *feilenabpaisti* on Facebook and Instagram. Contact 086 313 0049

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.

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

Lotto Results: 14-1-24 Numbers drawn 10.15.20.27 - No jackpot winner. 3 correct numbers: Ozario Forte, Mike Chambers, Margaret Donnellan, Martin Cavlan, Leanne O' Neill & Niamey Molyneux. Next week's jackpot €10,000.

Last weeks' Offertory: €1743.43 Envelopes: €744.88
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