



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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 27th January

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

7.30pm - Mary O'Neill & husband Oliver

Sunday 28th January

9.30am - Anne Marsh – 22nd Anniversary

11.00am - Paddy Carroll – 9th Anniversary;

Kathleen Burns – 2nd Anniversary;

Lucy & Patrick O'Keefe

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 3rd February

6.00pm - John & Teresa Sheils

7.30pm - Kathleen McNelis – 1st Anniversary;

Oliver Oakes – 5th Anniversary

Sunday 4th February

9.30am - Eileen & Richard Hennelly

11.00am - Anne Gaffney – 8th Anniversary

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Eithne Fay**, formerly Follistown, who will be laid to rest on Monday in St Mary's.

Baptism was celebrated last weekend with the family of **Louis Jerome Lyness**.

First Friday Mass will be offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead. Communion calls as usual

Parish Pastoral Assembly will meet this Monday. 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 agreed **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.

Feasts and Fasts: **St Brigid's Day** falls this Thursday 1st Feb, 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 on Saturday. **Ash Wednesday**, 14th February, 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, Masses at the usual times, and Monday a Public Holiday.

Gaelic Prayers to St Brigid

'From all sin and all harm, from all danger and woe, Guard me, Mary of Ireland, wherever I go,
O Brigid, be with me until the road's end, O Help me to pass through that Gate as God's Friend'.

'May God's blessing be upon us from All Saint's Day to St Brigid's Day;
from St Brigid's Day to May Day; from May Day to August and from August to All Saints' Day."

Evening Prayer at the Cathedral, Mullingar, this Sunday 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 mark the **Fortieth Anniversary of Bishop Michael Smith's Episcopal Ordination in 1983**.

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 124 candidates, 82 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: 69 boys and girls in St Stephen's and 25 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 this Sunday in Johnstown church after 11am Mass.

Family Adoration, Sunday 4th Feb, 4pm-5pm - St Oliver's. All welcome for Rosary, Reflection & Benediction. Tea and a chat after. This is an apostolate of the Legion of Mary, Navan. Legion meetings Mon & Tues 7pm in Community Centre (via red door beside Meals-on-Wheels). Tel: 087 0515402 New members welcome. Junior Legion meets 7pm on Thursdays. Tel 086 367 1171

Tax Rebate for Charitable Donations for 2019 amounts to €9359.11. Many thanks to those on the Finance Committee who are devoting a lot of time and skill to this worthwhile task. They are currently working on rebates for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Annual Navan Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help begins at St Mary's with 7.30pm Mass on Friday 2nd Feb and continues until Good Friday. Candles to be lit at Our Lady's Icon can be left in the basket placed near the petition box at the altar rails. Friday evening Mass in St Oliver's is suspended for the course of the Novena.

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.

Corpus Christi Charismatic Prayer Group meet Sundays at 8pm in Navan Parish Room for praise and worship. All are welcome.

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.

* **Youth Meet & Prayer Gathering** (+18 yrs) St. Mary's, Drogheda at 7:30pm, Fri 2nd Feb, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple.

An opportunity for young adults to meet for adoration, prayer, reflection & discussion guided by priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Share the invite and bring a friend or two. Contact Fr. Mark English: duleekparish@gmail.com.

* **Young Adult Retreat** for Lent- Sat 17th Feb (10am -5pm) in Dalgan Park. '*Cast you cares on the Lord, and He will support you*' 1P5:7. Join other young people in prayer, friendship, Holy Mass, peaceful walks and talks. Opportunity for confession/ personal talk. Cost: €20 (lunch and tea breaks provided) Contact : Sr Úna 090 6481666or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

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 Brigid, Bridgets, Brides, Breeges, Bridies & Biddies welcome! See *feilenabpaisti* on Facebook & Instagram. Tel 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.

Community Employment Vacancies: health-care work placement vacancies for 19.5 hours per week available through CE Scheme. Training provided. Tel 046 9071938.

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

Lotto Results: 21st Jan Numbers drawn 13,22,24,27 No J winner. 3 Correct Numbers A & R O'Dowd. Next week's jackpot €10,000

Last weeks' Offertory: €807.13 Envelopes: €556.00

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