



**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

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 Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 6th January

6.00pm – Brian Coyle – Months' Mind;

Patrick & Mary Lynch &

Luke & Teresa Smith

7.30pm - Tom Dowdall – 1st Anniversary and

his brother Con, recently deceased;

Michael Meegan – 13th Anniversary

Sunday 7th January

9.30am - Sheila Bradley, 19th Anniversary

Joe Gargan, 12th Anniversary

11.00am – Mary & Thomas Nugent

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 - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish

11.00am - Mary-Anne McCabe, 1st Anniversary;

Matthew Sheils, 3rd Anniversary;

Toddy Smith, 1st Anniversary &

his parents – Tony & Philomena;

Nancy McLoughlin – 50th Anniversary &

her husband Loey, son Paddy & daughters –

Anne, Marion & Geraldine

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Christy McLoughlin**, Ardsallagh, a life-long member of St. Mary's choir & Navan Male Singers, who also participated in Johnstown choir each Christmas, and was laid to rest on Friday.

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord invites us to give thanks for our own Baptism and to reflect on the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish. Expectant parents or parents of newborn children are invited to come to the Parish Office to arrange a Baptism and to use the online booking forms on the parish website. It is hoped that one of the tasks undertaken by our new Parish Pastoral Assembly will be the formation of a team of volunteers to provide baptismal preparation.

Baptism of Children aged 7 years or older is arranged by meeting the PP and considering the reasons why the child is not baptised and why the parents/guardians now wish baptism to take place. It is not enough to have a child over the age of 7 baptised just in order for them to receive First Communion! After due consideration, the parents/guardians will be asked to enrol their child in a baptismal preparation programme. Details are given on our parish website.

Adults wishing to be baptised are invited to speak to the PP to engage with the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA.

Confirmation Enrolment for 2024: all the candidates for Confirmation have been invited to Mass next weekend. The pupils from **Lismullen** will come to the 9.30am Mass in Walterstown at which the Children's' Choir will sing, and those from **St Stephen's** will come to either the 7.30pm Vigil on Saturday or the 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.

The Rotary Club of Navan had a **Christmas Tree of Remembrance and Hope** at Johnstown and Navan Shopping Centres during the Christmas season, as they do every year. This weekend, at all Masses, we will offer to God the many and varied prayers, petitions, requests, hopes and intercessions that were inscribed on yellow ribbons and hung on the Remembrance Trees. Rotary Club wishes to thank most sincerely the people of the parish and area for their generous donations, which will be used to support local charities.

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.

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.

Vocations: On Sunday 21st January **Anthony Kerr** will be ordained Deacon 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.

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

Family Adoration this Sunday, 4pm - 5pm in St Oliver's. All welcome for Rosary, Reflection & Benediction. Tea and a chat after.

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

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

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

Meath Samuel Group meets this Sunday at St. Mary's, Navan. Young adults (18-39 yrs). Want to develop your daily prayer life? Holy Hour & Mass, with commitment to daily prayer. It's free! Find out more at www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

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 and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme for Old Johnstown Village. Survey available to read and complete before 24th January <https://consult.meath.ie/en/content/old-johnstown-village-survey>

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 your attendance.

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@ceilicomunity.net or call/ text 087 9789150

Kingcourt 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.

Meath Alzheimer Café: Pastoral Centre Dunshaughlin, this Wednesday, 7pm to 9pm. Guest speaker Fiona Rafferty, Senior Dietitian with HSE on 'Dietary and Nutritional Needs across Dementia'. Tea/coffee served. Contact: 087 188 8178.

Whistlemount Alzheimer Social Club will host a fun, social gathering on Saturday 13th January, 11am – 1pm where anyone affected by Alzheimers can exchange ideas & experiences. Whistlemount, Kells Rd. Contact 087 974 0871 or liam.burke@alzheimer.ie.

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.

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.

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

Last weeks' Offertory: €876.55 Envelopes: €793.75
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
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