



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; 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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 10th February

6.00pm – Jim Cummins & Alex Ward;
Thomas Gibbons & decd mbrs Gibbons & Kearns fam.;

7.30pm - Jack Murray & decd mbrs Murray & Byrne fam.;

Michael Reynolds – 9th Anniversary

Sunday 11th February

9.30am - Jack Darby, wife Margaret & son Seán
11.00am - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday 17th February

6.00pm - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
7.30pm - Brian Crowley – 1st Anniversary

Sunday 18th February

9.30am - Stephen Clinch – 15th Anniversary
11.00am – Geraldine Doyle – 3rd Anniversary;
John & Josie Nolan

Rest in Peace: we commend to God the soul of **Bridie Shiels**. Removal Monday 6pm, Requiem Mass Tuesday 11am.
No 9.30am Mass on Tuesday. **Parish Office closed** for duration of funeral as a mark of respect

The Parish Pastoral Assembly will be commissioned and blessed at the 11am Mass this Sunday. Following an earlier process of open nomination across the parish, the following were appointed: Fionnuala Keane, Áine & Mark Wilders deBarra, Forbin John, Emer O'Connor, Eileen Murphy, Margot Geoghegan, Andrea Lawlor, Patrick Gavin, Osagumwenro Osariemen, Eimear McGrane. **President** of the PPA by virtue of his office as PP is Fr Michael. **Chairperson:** Fionnuala Keane, **Secretary:** Margot Geoghegan. The proposed **Parish Mission Statement** will soon be available for input and comment. PPA meets this Monday 12th February at 8pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY - DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Many people 'fast' because they have to. They are hungry, they have no food! For us, **fasting** means we significantly reduce the amount we consume. **Abstinence** means no meat in any form. So, we should have only one main meal & two light meals, with nothing in between! Fasting applies from the age of 18 until 60, those aged 14 and over should abstain from meat. As with all penance, it is a question of foregoing something good for the sake of a higher good, which is the Kingdom of Heaven and the service of the poor. The **Trocaire** campaign will be launched next Sunday and Trocaire boxes available at church and schools from Ash Wednesday.

LENT 2024 in NAVAN & JOHNSTOWN/WALTERSTOWN PARISHES

Ash Wednesday: Johnstown - Mass at 9.30am & 7.30pm. Ashes will be distributed at the end of both Masses.

Prayer Services and distribution of Ashes in both parish schools in the course of the day.

Ash Wednesday: Navan: St. Mary's - Mass 7.30am, 10.00am, St. Oliver's - 7.30pm

Daily Mass for Lent in Johnstown at 9.30am Monday – Friday. Rosary and morning prayers at 9.10am.

Navan Lenten Mass Times: St Mary's 7:30am Mon – Fri; 10am Mon – Sat; St Oliver's 7:30pm Mon – Thurs. Morning Prayers begin 10 min before Mass, Evening Prayers 15 min before Mass: Mon – Evening Prayer of the Church; Tues– Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary; Wed – Way of the Cross; Thurs – Divine Mercy Chaplet; Fri, Novena at St Mary's, see below.

Breakfast Club for Secondary School students attending 7:30am Mass in Parish Community Centre after Mass from Mon 19th Feb. **A Path Through Lent with the Sunday Gospels:** Fr Declan Hurley will reflect on the Sunday Gospels of Lent in St Mary's [and via livestream] at 8pm every Thursday during Lent, beginning Thursday 15th February.

Lenten Lunches: Home-made soup, brown bread and rolls every Friday of Lent at the Parish Room, St. Mary's Church of Ireland, from 12.30pm. – 2pm. Cost €5 (min. charge). Proceeds to Missions and Charities. Support would be greatly appreciated.

Annual Navan Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Mass every Friday at 7:30pm until Good Friday. Candles for lighting at Our Lady's Icon can be left in the basket near the petition box at the altar rails in St Mary's. The **general intentions** for this year's Novena are as follows: For peace in our war-torn world; For the children preparing for the Sacraments and their Families; For the intentions of all parishioners. (7:30pm Friday Mass in St Oliver's is suspended during the course of the Parish Novena).

Mass for Temperance Sunday and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be broadcast live at 11am on RTÉ TV & Radio this Sunday. Sacred music, including a setting of the *Serenity Prayer*, provided by **Schola St Joseph** from Mercy Secondary School. Those who wish to take the **pledge for Lent** are invited to make contact with local Pioneers or with Fr Robert.

Confirmation Commitment Ceremony: Lismullen – Monday 12th Feb; St. Stephens – Tuesday 20th Feb.

First Communion Commitment: St. Stephens – Tuesday 27th February; Lismullen Wednesday 28th February.

First Confession: Lismullen – Tuesday 12th March; St. Stephens – Monday 15th April.

Confirmation – Wednesday 20th March at 3pm in St. Mary's, Navan.

First Communion: St. Stephen's – Saturday 18th May; Lismullen – Saturday 25th May.

Walterstown: litter-pick at the church & surrounding roads on Sat 17th Feb at 10am, Volunteers needed. All help much appreciated.

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

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.

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, 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.

* **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

Navan Floral Art Club - demonstration by Christine Foley. Ardboyne Hotel this Wednesday at 8pm. All welcome.

Navan and District Historical Society is hosting a talk by Christopher O'Brien-Lynch on *'Saint Stephen's Church, Old Kilcarn'* on Thursday 22nd February at 8pm, at Columbanus House, Cannon Row, Navan. Of particular interest to our parish!

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.

St Oliver Plunkett Primary School is looking for a **Bus Escort** for children in Special Class for Autism. Contact 046 902 3347.

Meath Alzheimer Café: Pastoral Centre in Dunshaughlin 7th Feb, 7pm-9pm. Guest speaker: Mary Carey. All families/carers and loved ones living with Alzheimers/Dementia are welcome. Refreshments provided. Contact 087 188 8178

Whistlemount Alzheimer Social Club, social gathering, Saturday 10th Feb, 11am -1pm. Day Care, Kells Rd. contact 087 9740871

Beginning Experience, support for coping with loss by death, separation or divorce. Tel. 086 087 7379 or bedublin@gmail.com.

Clann Mór Residential and Respite CLG: Relief and part time positions available. Contact info@clanmor.ie.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly. Call 087 991 6791 or visit www.alhomecare.ie.

Community Employment Schemes: Want a change of career into healthcare? Community Employment is an opportunity for you. If over 21 years of age, on Social Welfare Payment for over 1 yr. Contact: 046 907 1938, Mob: 086 347 0263 Email: navanedp@gmail.com

Bingo in Community Centre Mon at 8:30pm. **Drive-in Bingo**, Mon at 3pm Bective GFC. **Navan O'Mahony's Bingo** Tues 8:30pm.

Lotto Results 4th Feb - Numbers 2-4-10-21. No winner. 2 with 3 Nos: Martin Curran & Louise Mc Cabe. Next week's jackpot €10,000

Last weeks' Offertory: €1,066.94 Envelopes: €632.00

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