



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](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie)

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**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Carol Coogan 085-1916347 & Emer O'Connor 087-6778682



First Sunday of Lent

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

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

7.30pm - Brian Crowley – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am - Stephen Clinch – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Colin Mc Elvaney, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11.00am - Geraldine Doyle – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary;

John & Josie Nolan

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February

6.00pm - Bernie McCarthy – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary & her parents  
Mary-Elizabeth & Harry Goff;

Kieran Browne & decd mbrs of Browne family &  
Annie & Richard Kennedy & decd family members

7.30pm - Paddy Wall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary;

Helen Kelly – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary & husband Desmond

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

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

11.00am - Martin & Angela Deane;

Patrick & Elizabeth Murray & parents & dcd family

**Baptism** was celebrated last weekend with the family of **Rosie Ellen Englishby**.

**Wedding:** Congratulations to **Matthew Crean & Emily O'Reilly**, who were married in Johnstown on Thursday.

**LENT 2024 in NAVAN & JOHNSTOWN/WALTERSTOWN PARISHES**

**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.

**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. We also highly recommend Fr Declan's *Lenten Lite Leaflet* available at St Mary's with suggestions for three levels of realistic Lenten observance for beginners, improvers and the hardy seasoned faithful!

**Trocaire boxes** available in both churches. Put the box in a prominent place in the home during Lent, perhaps on the kitchen table, or near the television or computer as a constant reminder of the needs of others.

**The Pastoral Assembly** met last Monday: it is hoped on an upcoming Saturday afternoon to have a *Parish Lenten Day of Prayer and Action* focusing on the three aspects of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, with an emphasis on some aspect of practical care for the poor and needy. Suggestions welcome as to content and format of this event.

The PPA, having reflected on a number of versions, proposes the following as our parish and PPA Mission Statement:

***'We the faithful of Johnstown and Walterstown parish, as a vibrant Catholic community, seek to welcome and unite all generations and cultures in faith through prayer by providing opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God.'***

**Suggested weekly exercises for Lent** – If able to do so, go without ONE meal some day this week in solidarity with the hungry poor of the world OR commit yourself to NEVER exceeding the speed limit this week as an exercise in self-control and love of neighbour OR offer forgiveness to someone who has offended you or seek the forgiveness of someone you have hurt, offended or spoke ill of.

**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).

**Lenten resources** are available on the diocesan website, in particular there are weekly scripture reflections that may offer guidance or encouragement in approaching the Lenten Mass Readings. Available at <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pastoral-resources>

**Confirmation Commitment Ceremony** for all candidates from St. Stephen's on Tuesday in Johnstown church.

**Synod feedback** - A series of meetings is planned across the diocese to offer feedback on the Synod held in Rome last October and to offer an opportunity for further discernment on the synodal process which will inform the preparations for the Synod in Rome next October. All those interested are invited to one of the following meetings: Navan Parish Room, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March; Ashbourne Parish Hall, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm. All meetings will be facilitated by the Diocesan Synodal Team. It would be helpful to be familiar with the document issued last October called *Towards the 2024 Assembly* available on [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va).

**Evangelium Ireland** will host an *Apologetics Conference for young Catholics* at St Patrick's College, Maynooth on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March. Cost: €38 including lunch, refreshments and evening social. To view the full programme and register visit [www.evangelium.ie](http://www.evangelium.ie) or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn and pray with other young Catholics!

**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.

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

**Irish Red Cross Friendship Club** meets this Sun 18<sup>th</sup> February, 3 – 5pm in the Community Centre. 085 283 4021.

**Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock and Co Mayo** – 3 Mar. Cost €799 pps for 5 nights. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Tel 094 900 6426 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**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.

**Beginning Experience**, support for coping with loss by death, separation or divorce. Tel. 086 087 7379 or [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com).

**Clann Mór Residential and Respite CLG:** Relief and part time positions available. Contact [info@clannmor.ie](mailto:info@clannmor.ie).

**Affordable Live-in Homecare** provides live-in carers for the elderly. Call 087 991 6791 or visit [www.alhomecare.ie](http://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](mailto: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.

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