



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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Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 24th February

6.00pm - Bernie McCarthy – 1st Anniversary & her parents
Mary-Elizabeth & Harry Goff;
Kieran Browne & decd mbrs of Browne family &
Annie & Richard Kennedy & decd family members

7.30pm - Paddy Wall – 2nd Anniversary;
Helen Kelly 1st Anniversary & husband Desmond

Sunday 25th February

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

11.00am - Martin & Angela Deane;
Patrick & Elizabeth Murray, parents & decd family

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 2nd March

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

7.30pm -

Sunday 3rd March

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

11.00am -

Baptism was celebrated last Sunday with **Indy Olive Curtis-Edmonds, Sabhána Lily Dudley & Brayah Jane Mulvany.**

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

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 Leaflet** available at both churches with suggestions for three levels of realistic Lenten observance for beginners to the ‘on-the-movers’ to the Lent Intense brigade!

Trocaire box: put it in a prominent place, on the kitchen table, near the fridge, TV or computer as a reminder of the needs of others.

Suggested exercises for Lent this week - end a quarrel; visit someone; give up noise online: no ipods or media, seek some silence.

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. (no 7:30pm Friday Mass in St Oliver’s during 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>

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.

Family Adoration Sunday 3rd March, 4pm- 5pm, St Oliver's church. All welcome for Rosary, Reflection & Benediction, Tea & chat.

A Plenary Gathering of the clergy and members of the Pastoral Assemblies of the eight parishes of Navan Deanery will take place in the Parish Room, Navan, on Tues 5th March to begin consultation on the grouping of parishes and clergy to meet changing needs.

Statement of Irish Episcopal Conference on the Referendums on 8th March: 'On arrival in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families in 2018, Pope Francis met at Dublin Castle with representatives of civil, cultural & religious life, including the Taoiseach and members of Government. He said he was visiting Ireland to help families "reaffirm their commitment to loving fidelity, mutual assistance and reverence for God's gift of life in all its forms, but also to testify to the unique role played by the family in the education of its members, and the development of sound and flourishing social fabric". He added, "Families are the glue of society, their welfare cannot be taken for granted, but must be promoted and protected by every appropriate means". In this context, we wish to comment on the two important referendums on family and care taking place on the 8th March.' **Copies of the message available at both churches on a green sheet.**

LIGHT THE FIRE for St Patrick on 17th March with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal – Vespers on Hill of Slane at 5pm, procession to St Patrick's (weather permitting) for Mass at 6pm followed by Adoration. Call the sisters at 041 9830441

Synod feedback - A series of meetings across the diocese for feedback on the Synod in Rome last October and an opportunity for further discernment on the synodal process to inform preparations for the Synod in Rome in October. Those interested are invited to Navan Parish Room, Wednesday 6th March OR Ashbourne Parish Hall, Wednesday 13th March - 7pm. Meetings facilitated by the Diocesan Synodal Team. Familiarity with the document called *Towards the 2024 Assembly* is advised, available on www.synod.va.

A day-retreat for married couples in Dalgan Park, on Saturday, 9th March at 10am (registration from 9.30am) finishing with Mass at 4.30pm, organised by Equipes Notre-Dame Ireland - Teams of Our Lady- a Movement which aims to "enrich married spirituality & make good marriages greater. Contact: Anne - 086 0695906 or Mark - 086 0520641. Tea / coffee provided, but bring a packed lunch.

Would you like an opportunity to strengthen your marriage, your couple relationship and your relationship with God? Hear from couples who do just this on 25th February at 8:30pm. Meeting ID: 881 9127 1502 Passcode: TEAMS. For info batori@btinternet.com

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

Youth Meet & Prayer Gathering (+18 years) at the Cathedral, Mullingar on Fridy 1st March at 730pm. An opportunity for young adults to meet for adoration, prayer, reflection & discussion with the support of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Share the invite and bring a friend or two. Contact Fr. Mark English for more info: duleekparish@gmail.com.

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 Choral & Instrumental Festival, founded in 1979 has created a significant cultural footprint, carving out a reputation for musical excellence and quality performance. The *Church Choir Competition*, within the festival, is for all Choirs who perform regularly in their local church. Choirs are asked to perform two liturgical pieces of their own choosing. The winning Choir will be presented with the Bishop Deenihan Perpetual Cup and €250. Further details on the website www.navanchoralfestival.com.

Navan & District Historical Society: "Antiquarians on the Hill of Uisneach and the Threshold of Irish History (1906- 1916)" in Navan Library, Thursday 29th February at 7:30pm

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 knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com

Women's Health Fair on 8th March from 10am-12pm at Claremont Stadium. For info visit www.claremontstadium.ie or see Claremont Stadium, on Facebook and Instagram.

Lotto Results: Numbers drawn 3-10-11-22 No Jackpot winner. Players with 3 correct Numbers - Pat Reynolds, ED Roche, PJ McCabe, Louise McCabe. Next week's jackpot €10,000

Last weeks' Offertory: €1,064.72 Envelopes: €879.05

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