



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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Laetare Sunday – 'Rejoice' Sunday & Mother's Day

Saturday 9th March

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

7.30pm - Marian Caldwell – 20th Anniversary;

Michael, Catherine & Joan Casey;

Anne Gibbons & husband Peter

Sunday 10th March

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

11.00am - Bridie Shiels – Months' Mind;

William O'Brien-Lynch – 5th Anniversary

Fifth Sunday of Lent - St. Patrick's Day

Saturday 16th March

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

7.30pm - Croia Cantwell – Month' Mind

Sunday 17th March

9.30am - Christopher & Breda Reynolds

11.00am – Eugene Collins – 2nd Anniversary

Rest in Peace we commend to God the soul of **Frank Nelson**, Athlumney, and **Seamus McCabe**, Decoy, Garlow Cross.

Mothers' Day: May we all show our love for our unique and wonderful one-and-only mothers and mums by making it an extra-special day for them as we remember their care and kindness in all the situations of life. **Happy Mothers' Day!**

St. Patrick's Day: Readers, please note that the Readings will be those of the fifth Sunday of Lent **not** those of the Feast. Public Rosary on the Hill of Tara at the statue of St Patrick at 3:00pm next Saturday.

First Confession will be celebrated with Second Class in Lismullen school this Tuesday evening in Johnstown church.

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 10 min before Mass, Evening Prayers 15 min before Mass

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 reflects on the Sunday Gospels of Lent in St Mary's [and via livestream] at 8pm every Thursday for Lent. Fr Declan's **Lenten Leaflet** also available at both churches with suggestions for 3 levels of realistic Lenten observance from *Lent Lite* for *beginners*, to *'busy-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 - don't waste, abuse, misuse the precious gift of water and do not waste any food or energy!

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.

General intentions for the Novena are: for peace in our war-torn world; for 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).

**Our parish will lead the Novena on Friday 22nd March with Walterstown choir, a reader and celebrant/preacher etc.

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: soup & rolls every Fri at the Parish Room, St. Mary's C of I, 12.30pm. – 2pm. €5 (min. charge). Proceeds to Missions.

A Plenary Gathering of clergy and members of the Pastoral Assemblies of the eight parishes of Navan Deanery was held last week to begin consultation on the grouping of parishes and clergy to meet changing needs. The meeting was very well attended, and our PPA well represented. Discussion took place on three main issues: 1) **Clustering** or re-configuring of neighbouring parishes in groups of three or more to better serve the people within that newly-formed area, while retaining the identity of existing parishes and their PPA and Finance Committees; 2) **Training** of people in parishes to take on faith formation and leadership roles; 3) the **Care of Priests** in the sense of understanding and supporting their ministry in very changed circumstances and helping them to focus more on sacramental and pastoral life instead of admin etc, also that each priest be part of a team that will collaborate more effectively.

The **bridges** across the Boyne and Blackwater rivers that link our eight parishes emerged as symbols of our desire to strengthen the bonds of communion between our parishes.

Our **PPA meets this Monday** to further discuss these matters as well as some input into our parish celebration of Holy Week & Easter.

Statement of the Irish Bishops appealing for peace in Gaza This week, our bishops emphatically called for a ceasefire in Gaza, stating: "Let us all say: enough ... Stop the War! In saying this, we join with many in our parishes, together with all people of goodwill, in demanding an immediate end to the daily horror of killing, wounding and destruction of property and infrastructure there."

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 church (weather permitting) for Mass at 6pm followed by Adoration. Call the sisters at 041 9830441

Annual closure of St. Mary's Church grounds, Navan: the grounds of St. Mary's church will close after 1pm Mass on Sunday next and remain closed until 8am on Monday 18th March. No pedestrian or vehicular access during these hours. Adoration will transfer to St. Oliver's at 1pm next Sunday 17th Mar, and will resume in St. Mary's on Monday at 8am.

Confirmation on Wednesday 20th March, at 3pm at St Mary's, for the candidates from Lismullen and St Stephen's. May the Holy Spirit give them the gifts they need to be joyful witnesses to faith in their teenage and young adult years at Secondary School.

Prayer for the Candidates to be Confirmed "All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit upon our young people to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 10th September with Bishop Deenihan and the Diocesan Choir. 4-, 5- & 6-night options from €769 with various hotels available. Further info from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin. Tel.: 01 2410800

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!

25th Pioneer National Ball, Saturday 6th April. Mass at 6pm, Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar. Special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Tickets Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626

Home School Education: *in search of truth, goodness and beauty.* Join parents and teachers for a one-day conference exploring options for primary & secondary education on Sunday 28th April, 10.30am in De La Salle Retreat Centre Castletown, Co Laois. Cost €10.

Navan Silver Band Concert with Guests Navan Male Voice Choir on Friday 22nd March in St Marys Church of Ireland at 8pm. Tickets €12.50 from Band members or at the door

Navan Arch Club, a social club for people with intellectual disabilities, meets Thurs & Sun for social events etc. Over 120 members and many more on a waiting list, but cannot cater for new members without new Volunteers. Tel 086 322 2256 for information.

Christopher O'Brien Lynch's excellent talk on *St Stephen's church, Old Kilcarne*, now available on YouTube as a playlist.

Navan and District Historical Society will host a talk on *The Book of Kells* in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, Navan on Thursday 21st March at 8pm. Speaker - Mr Donncha MacGabhann. N&DHS members free. Non-members €5.

Navan Floral Art Club - garden talk by Linda Gilsenan from *Wild Way Design* in Ardboyne Hotel, this Wednesday at 8 pm.

Navan Unit of Irish Red Cross: First Aid Training for adults at 7.30pm on Mons, St Anne's Hall. Drivers also. Mobile 087 218 1814

Lotto: Numbers drawn 3-11-23-22. No Jackpot winner. 2 with 3 numbers - Bob McCann & Mark Curran snr. Jackpot €10,000.

Last weeks' Offertory: €820.00 Envelopes: €600.00
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