



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 of Lent – St. Patrick's Day

Saturday 16th March

6.00pm - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
7.30pm - Croia Cantwell – Months' Mind

Sunday 17th March

9.30am - Betty Alder;
Christopher & Breda Reynolds
11.00am - Eugene Collins – 2nd Anniversary

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 23rd March

6.00pm - Pro populo – for the People of the Parish
7.30pm - Richard Davis & wife Bridget

Sunday 24th March

9.30am - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am – Christine O'Gorman – 1st Anniversary;
Frank Carroll – 3rd Anniversary;
Fr Nicholas Dunican -

Rest in Peace we commend to God the soul of **Robert Clancy**, Johnstown; and **Eugene Deane**, Farganstown, laid to rest on Saturday.

Baptism was celebrated last weekend with the family of **Sonny James King**.

LIGHT THE FIRE for St Patrick this Sunday 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

Bank Holiday Monday: 9.30am Mass in Johnstown. Navan: 10am Mass in St Mary's only.

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 Navan Parish Community Centre after Mass.

A Path Through Lent: Fr Declan reflects on the Sunday Gospels of Lent in St Mary's & via livestream] 8pm every Thursday for Lent.

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 – It's God's world – don't waste His precious gift of fuel - heating, lights, car journeys!

Annual Navan Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Mass every Friday at 7:30pm until Good Friday.

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 this Friday with Walterstown choir, a reader and celebrant/preacher etc.**

Annual closure of St. Mary's church grounds, Navan this Sunday from 1pm until 8am Monday. No pedestrian or vehicular access during these hours. Adoration transferred to St. Oliver's 1pm this Sunday, resumes in St. Mary's on Monday at 8am.

Confirmation on Wednesday 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.

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies in our Parish

Confession on Tuesday of Holy Week from 8am to 9pm in St Mary's, Navan

Holy Thursday – 'Maundy' Thursday

Parish Mass of the Lord's Supper with Procession to the Altar of Repose, Johnstown **7.30pm**

Adoration at the Altar of Repose, for the whole parish after **7.30pm Mass until 10pm**, concluding with **Night Prayer**

Good Friday

A Day of Fast & Abstinence means no meat and only one full meal and two light 'collations' or snacks.

Fasting applies to those aged 18-60, Abstinence from age 14-60.

Way of the Cross for families with children's dramatization of the Passion, Walterstown at **3pm**

Stations of the Cross in Johnstown at **3pm**

Solemn Celebration of the Passion with Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion, Johnstown **7.30pm**

Confession as soon as priest is available after all liturgies in the confessional at the back of the church

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil with Blessing of the New Fire and Paschal Candle, Solemn Proclamation of the Resurrection, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling with Easter Water in **Johnstown at 9pm**, for the whole parish.

Confession 1pm – 2pm Johnstown; 12noon to 3pm St Mary's, Navan.

Easter Sunday: Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Blessing with Easter Water at 9.30am and 11am Mass.

All parishioners are encouraged to come together for these beautiful and deeply moving ceremonies that confirm our identity as disciples of Christ and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Pastoral Assembly met on Monday for further discussion and some input into our parish celebration of Holy Week & Easter.

Parish Finance Committee met on Wednesday to discuss ongoing tasks, anticipated expenditure and IT matters.

Acies for Legion of Mary Auxiliary members – St Marys, Navan, Sunday 24th March at 3pm. Contact Andrea 087 0515402

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

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.

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 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 2-4-21-27 - No jackpot winner. No players with 3 numbers. Next week's jackpot €10,000

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear Saint of our Isle, On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;

And now thou art high in thy mansions above, On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love

On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys, On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth, Where the shamrock still blooms and when thou wert on earth,

And our hearts shall yet burn, wherever we roam, For God and St. Patrick, and our native home.

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