



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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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 – 11th Anniversary;
Seamus Reilly – Birthday Rem., & his father Tom

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Saturday 30th March

6.00pm - No Vigil Mass – Easter Vigil as below
7.30pm - No Vigil Mass – Easter Vigil as below

9.00pm Easter Vigil -Jerome Lyness, 4th Ann.,

Sunday 31st March

9.30am - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am – Kathleen & Kevin Oakes;
Pat & Mai Callaghan

The Lenten Programme of Masses in Johnstown and Navan concludes on 'Spy Wednesday' of this week.
Mon- Wed of this week: St Mary's 7:30am; Johnstown 9.30am; St Mary's 10.00am; St Oliver's 7.30pm.

Diocesan Chrism Mass on Wednesday at 7pm at the Cathedral, Mullingar. All involved in liturgical life and ministry in the parish, and all the faithful are invited. At this Mass the Bishop consecrates the three Holy Oils to be used throughout the year in the churches of the diocese for the celebration of the Sacraments. **Oil of Catechumens** for Baptismal anointing; **Oil of Chrism** (olive oil mixed with balsam) for Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Orders; **Oil of the Sick** for the Sacrament of the Sick, which can also be the Sacrament of the Dying. These Holy Oils are kept in the sacristy or, in some churches, in a cupboard called an aumbry, near the baptismal font. The priest also keeps the Oil of the Sick close at hand for emergency sick calls.

Priesthood - Join us at the Chrism Mass on Wednesday. Come and see the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Also, join in the Vocations Night Prayer in your parish on Holy Thursday night. The evening of the Last Supper is the birth of the Priesthood. Come pray and let your vocation grow too. Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude 0449373923

Trocaire Boxes, the fruit of Lenten penance, can be returned to the church at any time during Holy Week.

Congratulations to the young people who celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Wednesday with Bishop Deenihan. Many thanks to Fr Hurley and the clergy & staff at St Mary's, Navan, for their warm welcome once again this year; to the teachers, SNAs, and support staff at Lismullen and St Stephen's, and to Vivienne & Avril for their help and support.

Viatores Christi- with the permission of the bishop, a member will speak at Masses on 13th /14th April. Viatores Christi is an association of Catholic lay missionary/development workers, founded in 1960, who bring about positive change by improving access to healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities in the marginalised communities in which they work.

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

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies in our Parish

Day of Mercy - Confession on Tuesday of Holy Week from 8am to 9pm in St Mary's, Navan with local clergy

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** for vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese and country.

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.

Ecumenical procession starting at St. Mary's C of I at 12noon (note change of starting point due to new traffic flow on Ludlow St).

Participants are invited to wear red in solidarity with persecuted Christians, victims of war, and all who suffer in our fragile world.

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

Stations of the Cross in Johnstown at **3pm** followed by veneration of the Cross

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 in Johnstown church; 12noon to 3pm at 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.

Syro-Malabar Liturgies: Palm Sunday - Walterstown 11.30am; Holy Thursday - Johnstown 11am; Holy Saturday - Johnstown 5pm.

Navan Adoration chapel hours for Holy Week: Sun – Wed 8am - 9pm, Thurs 8am – 5pm.

In keeping with the tradition of the Church, candles are not lit at shrines from the Mass of the Lord's Supper until after the Easter Vigil. NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until after the Easter Vigil.

Thank- you to Tim O'Leary for keeping the website up to date and for posting the Holy Week schedule on the site.

Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold a church-gate Easter Collection on 6th & 7th April to support those in need in the locality.

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration thank most sincerely all who contributed so generously to their recent collection for the spread and promotion of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Meath Diocese

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April. Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 11th August. The Fr. Willie Doyle Pilgrimage also on Sunday 11th August.

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes 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 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.

Cultúr Migrants Centre is recruiting male and female volunteer Mentors for a new community project working with 19 - 40-year-old male migrants in Meath, Louth, Cavan and Monaghan. For info Tel 087-2525336 or communications@cultur.ie

Navan & District Historical Society: Launch of *Riocht na Midhe 2024*, Ardboyne Hotel, 7:30pm, 27th Mar. Tel 087 4119633

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: 17-3-24 Numbers drawn 2-9-10-20 No jackpot winner. One with 3 numbers Alicia Reynolds. Next week's jackpot €10,000

Last weeks' Offertory: €984.28 Envelopes: €763.00

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