



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



Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 2nd March

6.00pm - Patrick & Mary Cullen
7.30pm - Bridget Bird - 20th Anniversary

Sunday 3rd March

9.30am - Pro populo – for the People of the Parish
11.00am -

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare or 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

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

Rest in Peace we commend to God the soul of **Pat Sorohan** (brother of Con) laid to rest in Cavan on Tuesday.

Baptism was celebrated last Sunday with **Piper Jade & Nova Connolly**.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls from St Stephen’s and Lismullen who were enrolled for their First Confession and First Holy Communion at a wonderful Prayer Service before the Blessed Sacrament last Tuesday and Wednesday.

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: **Monday** – Evening Prayer of the Church; **Tuesday**– Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary; **Wednesday** – Way of the Cross; **Thursday** – Divine Mercy Chaplet; **Friday** - 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 reflects on the Sunday Gospels of Lent in St Mary’s [and via livestream] at 8pm every Thursday for Lent. We also highly recommend Fr Declan’s **Lenten Leaflet** available at both churches with suggestions for 3 levels of realistic Lenten observance from *Lent Lite beginners*, to ‘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-stop all bad, foul and offensive language. Charity Clothing – give away something you like!

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 this year’s Novena are: 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.diooceseofmeath.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** this Sunday, 4pm- 5pm, St Oliver's church. All welcome for Rosary, Reflection & Benediction. Tea & chat after.

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

The 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 & Government and 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...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.....Families are the glue of society, their welfare cannot be taken for granted, but must be promoted and protected by every appropriate means*". **Copies of the message of the Irish bishops available at both churches on a green sheet.**

Farming needs: we include prayers at Masses this weekend for drier weather favourable to farming, both tillage and livestock.

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

Synod feedback - an opportunity for further discernment on the synodal process to help prepare for the Synod in Rome in October. Those interested are invited to Navan Parish Room, Wed 6th March OR Ashbourne Parish Hall, Wed 13th March - 7pm. Meetings facilitated by the Diocesan Synodal Team. Familiarity with the document *Towards the 2024 Assembly* is advised, see www.synod.va.

Mass for Vocations - Cathedral, Mullingar, Thursday 7th March 7.30pm. Celebrant: Fr Tony Gonoude. Preacher Fr Barry White, newest & youngest priest in Meath Diocese! Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude: tel: 0449373923 www.meathvocations.com

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

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.

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!

Legion of Mary, Navan. Legion meetings Mon & Tues 7pm in Community Centre (via red door beside Meals-on-Wheels). Tel: 087 0515402 New members always welcome! Junior Legion meets 7pm on Thursdays. Tel 086 367 1171

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

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 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.

Day for Choirs, Musicians & Cantors at Dominican College, Newbridge Sat 16th April, 10am to 7pm. Presented by a Dominican from Poland, an Australian soprano & a liturgical musician. €32 including lunch. **Book: DominicanDayChoirs2024.eventbrite.com**

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 Sun 28th April 28th, 10.30am in De La Salle Retreat Centre Castletown, Co Laois. Cost €10

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

Meath Alzheimer Café in Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin, Wednesday 6th March, 7pm to 9pm. Guest speaker - Jamie Sherlock, Regional Manager with Sage Advocacy. Tea, coffee served. Music and song also! Contact: 087 188 8178. **Whistlemount Alzheimer Social Club**, social gathering on Saturday 9th Mar from 11am -1pm. Whistlemount Day Care, Kells Road. Tel 087 9740871

Navan Floral Art Club - garden talk by Linda Gilsenan from *Wild Way Design* in Ardboyne Hotel on Wed 13th March at 8 p.m.

Women's Health Fair, 8th March, Claremont Stadium. 10am 12-12pm For info visit www.claremontstadium.ie

Lotto: Numbers:1,6,17,18. No jackpot winner. 3 correct nmbrs: Jenny Barry, David Webster, Frank Burke. New Jackpot €10,000.

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