



**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](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie)

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**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Carol Coogan 085-1916347 & Emer O'Connor 087-6778682



**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**6.00pm - Elizabeth Murphy & Robert Ivers**

**7.30pm - Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30am - Paul & Kieran McGuinness**

**11.00am - Cormac Sheridan – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

**6.00pm - Thomas & Kathleen Barry & son Thomas**

**7.30pm - Tom & Mary McMahan & daughter Olive Valentin;  
Ita Lyons (né Bourke) & her mother Kathleen Bourke;  
Ann Ratty – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

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

**11.00am - Gerard Smith;**

**Terry Dowdall & John Hegarty;**

**Bridget O'Donnell – Months' Mind**

**Rest in Peace** we commend to God the soul of **Jim King** (brother of Sr. Elma); **Paddy Dunican** (nephew of the late Fr Nicholas), **Mai Waters**, Hayestown, and **Barney O'Dowd**, formerly Kilcarn Heights.

**Trocaire Boxes**, the fruit of Lenten penance, can be returned to the church at any time, the sooner the better for those in Malawi and elsewhere who are waiting for our help. The amount kindly returned and counted so far is €2,620.00.

**Prayer for our Farming Community:** Heavenly Father, You have created all things in wondrous harmony to Your glory and for our use and benefit; You have given us the earth to care for and to provide us with food; We humbly ask you to give us the dry weather we now so urgently need so that seed may be sown and crops can be planted. **St Isidore, pray for us. St Fiacre, pray for us.**

**Viatores Christi**, (meaning 'Travelers for Christ'), are visiting all parishes in the diocese this year, with the blessing of the bishop, to make their work known. This weekend we welcome from the VC Awareness Team, Mary Winters & Pauline Conway to speak at all Masses. *Viatores Christi* is an international sustainable development and humanitarian organisation and 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.

*Why are they talking at the Masses:* to raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas; to thank the people of Meath Diocese for support over the years; to offer an opportunity and preparation to anyone who feels called to volunteer; to appeal for ongoing help both financially and, above all, through prayer.

**There will be an exit collection at all Masses in aid of the work of VC.**

'Counters' – more volunteers needed to help count the weekly collection. Please contact the Office or sacristy if you can help.

**First Confession** for 2nd class at St Stephen's this Monday in two ceremonies at 6pm and 7pm in Johnstown church.

**First Holy Communion** for St Stephen's on 18<sup>th</sup> May and Lismullen on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Parish Pastoral Assembly** will meet on Monday at 8pm at the Parochial House to continue discussions on faith development initiatives in the parish and the ongoing issue of the reconfiguration of neighbouring parishes into new pastoral units to better meet the changing needs and demographics of the Deanery and Diocese.

**Congratulations** to the 392 boys and girls in Navan schools who received their Confirmation this Saturday.

**Walterstown church** – the gate pier, damaged in unknown circumstances some weeks ago, is currently being rebuilt using traditional materials and techniques. **Johnstown church:** in the storm last Saturday, two tiles were displaced from the ceiling. An architect and builder have been consulted on site and carried out a visual inspection, at their recommendation a suspended ceiling specialist who worked on the ceiling last year will be engaged to carry out a further assessment of the ceiling.

Daniel Blake has repaired the areas of the wall in the church porch damaged by the ongoing problem of recurring damp patches due to the original materials used in the construction. Additional damp-proofing measures will be tried if required.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul** will hold their annual Easter Collection this weekend – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**Navan Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** in St Oliver's church on the Nine Fridays for Mass and Devotions at 7:30pm from 12<sup>th</sup> April until 7<sup>th</sup> June, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. More details at [www.navanparish.ie/sacred-heart-novena](http://www.navanparish.ie/sacred-heart-novena)

**Navan Corpus Christi Charismatic Prayer Group** meet on Sun evenings at 8pm in the Parish Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. The **Fr. Willie Doyle** Pilgrimage also on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**Alliance of the Holy Family International Retreat** from 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, with Fr Edgardo "Bing" Arellanon. Contact Carmel 086 101 1121 for information.

**SeniorLine** is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10am-10pm. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or just for company during their day. Volunteers are trained to listen, support, discuss options and refer a caller to other services if necessary. Don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. **Freephone 1800 80 45 91**

**Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage** in honour of Our Lady of Montserrat, Spain takes place from 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct staying at Summa Hotel on the sea-shore of Pineda de Mar on a half board basis. Contact Navan Travel at 046 906 8600 to reserve a place.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am in De La Salle Retreat Centre Castletown, Co Laois. Cost €10.

**Navan and District Historical Society** will host a talk on *America to Allenstown* in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Speaker Mr Martin O'Halloran N&DHS. Members free, non-members €5.

**Lismullen Heritage Series 2024** – last talk of the season takes place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Fr Eamon O'Brien, with over twenty years' experience of working in China, will address the topic of *The Catholic Church in China Today*. Book online at [www.lismullen.ie](http://www.lismullen.ie) info@lismullen.ie or Tel 01 6760731

**Walterstown GFC** will hold a celebration of their Keegan Cup victories for 1978, 1980/'82/'83/'84 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Come along for a great night with food, live music and special guests.

Tickets €30 from Sean - 087 6637956, Ethna - 086 8435807 / Ruth - 087 2378741.

**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](mailto:communications@cultur)

**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

**Navan Red Cross Friendship Club** meet on Sunday, 21st April from 3 – 5pm in Claremont Stadium.

**St Mary's Musical Society** presents *Made in Dagenham* at Solstice, Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets online or phone 046 9092300

**Bingo** in Community Centre on Monday at 8:30pm. Navan O'Mahony's Bingo on Tuesday at 8:30pm.

**Lotto:** Numbers drawn **1,9,23,27** - No jackpot winner 1 with 3 Numbers - Samantha O'Connell - **Next week's jackpot €10,000**

Last weeks' Offertory: €718.47 Envelopes: €563.00  
**Bank details for direct debits etc.** BOI Navan.  
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