

WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)
 JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
 JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER



PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

WEEKDAY MASSES:	JOHNSTOWN	9:30 AM	MONDAY TO FRIDAY EXCEPT WEDNESDAY
			<i>ON OCCASION OF A FUNERAL, 9:30AM MASS IS SUSPENDED</i>
SYRO-MALABRAR MASSES:	JOHNSTOWN	1 ST & 3 RD	SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
TRAD. LATIN MASS:	JOHNSTOWN	1PM	EVERY SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
BAPTISMS:	SUNDAY FOLLOWING 11:00AM MASS – <i>ENQUIRIES TO PARISH OFFICE</i>		
CONFESSION:	CELEBRATED IN THE CONFESSIONAL IN JOHNSTOWN, SATURDAY, 7:10PM		

26th Sunday in Ord. Time

Saturday, 28th September

6:00pm: - Pro Polulo
 7:30pm: - James Callan (20th Ann),
 his wife Elizabeth & son Vincent

Sunday, 29th September

9:30am: -
 11:00am: - Adam Landa

27th Sunday in Ord. Time

Saturday, 5th October

6:00pm: -
 7:30pm: -

Sunday, 6th October

9:30am: - Pro Populo
 11:00am: - Helen Loftus (MM)
 Jakub – 18th Birthday

Rest in Peace: we pray for the happy repose of the soul of Noel Smyth, Bray and formerly Market Sq, Navan, laid to rest on Thursday

Baptism: God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy: Ivy Ann Ratty-Power, Shauna Grace O'Connor, & Sochimaobim Zane Membis, through the sacrament of Baptism last week. We pray God's blessings on them, their parents and families, as they begin their Christian lives.

First Friday of the Month: Mass is offered for all those whose names make up our Altar List of the Dead.

Enrolment for Confirmation: This weekend, we extend a warm welcome to the young people of our parish wishing to be enrolled for preparation for Confirmation, which will be celebrated next year on the 3rd April, at 3pm in St Mary's Church (due to the large numbers expected). A warm welcome to the parents and families of the budding Confirmandi. Whilst parents have the main role in this preparation through the example of Christian faith in the home, the school has an important position in the breaking open of the rich teaching of the faith, all guided by the community of faith that is the parish in which the Christian Faithful gather as God's family to praise Him each Sunday at



Mass. We support these young parishoners in their preparation through our prayers offered for them and encouragement we give them in the practice and knowledge of the faith; particularly in helping them in understanding the meaning and consequences of the sacrament and their place in our parish community. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct all of us in this sacred task of sharing the Faith.

Notable Feasts this week:

Michaelmas is the traditional name of this day, 30th September as it is the feast of the Archangels, named after the first of the Archangels Michael, and then Gabriel and Raphael. According to scripture, these Archangels are tasked with the most important messages from God: St Michael, whose name is the question "Quis Ut Deus? Who is like God?" is the patron saint of Police Officers, Military Personnel, and many countries. St Gabriel (Strength of God) seeks Our Lady's great "Fiat - Let it be done" at the Annunciation in which she became the Mother of God, and St Raphael (God's Healing) features in the delightful story of Tobias and Sarah in the Book of Tobit in the Old Testament. He is the patron saint of Young People, Nurses, Against Nightmares, Finding one's future spouse, and lovers (you can see why all these patronages are given him in the Book of Tobit!)





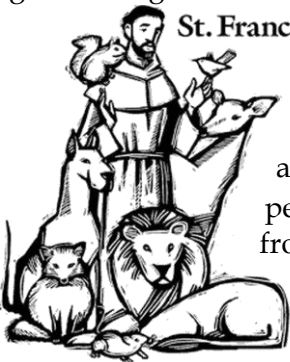
Tuesday 1st October - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Known as the "Little Flower", St Therese of Lisieux passed away at the age of 24 in 1897, spending most of her young life in obscurity and then seclusion in the Carmelite Convent in Lisieux, France. Her autobiography (free to download from many sites), called Story of a Soul gives a powerful reflection on growing in the spiritual life through the little way of becoming small in God's hands, and doing even the smallest actions with great love. Instead of focusing on large actions, we should bring God into our smallest ones. St. Thérèse even wrote about how much care she put into folding napkins at the dinner table. She completed the task with as much love

and attention as if Jesus Himself was coming to dine with her. Patron Saint of the Missions. In her diary, she wrote that she was happy in knowing she would be called from life so young, "When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens, I will spend my heaven by doing good on earth.". The presence of a rose 🌹 is a sign of our prayers answered through the intercession of St Therese.

Wednesday, 2nd October: Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

Catholic teaching, based on the words of Our Lord Himself, has held that each of us are given a guardian angel (Matthew 18:10), to help us grow in our relationship with God. This feast is an invitation to deepen our awareness of our Guardian Angel's presence in our lives and to praise God for granting us such a powerful guide and guardian in our lives.



St. Francis

Friday 4th October - St. Francis of Assisi

St Francis of Assisi: Founder of the Franciscan Order, noted for their emphasis on the evangelical counsel of Poverty. He is credited for making the first Christmas Crib and for his love of creation as it reflected the beauty of God. He is patron saint of ecology and animals, along with St. Anthony of Egypt, and it is customary to bless animals, particularly pets on this day. **Blessing of Pets** 🐕 🐈 🐇 🐰 🐓 🐔 🐣 🐤 🐥 🐦 🐧 🐨 🐩 🐪 🐫 🐬 🐭 🐮 🐯 🐼 🐾 will take place from 6pm- 6:30pm on this Feast Day in the church yard of Johnstown Church. Rex is looking forward to meeting his neighbours!

Young Adults Prayer and Gathering: Evening Prayer for Feast of St Francis and social gathering in St Anne's Chapel (behind St Mary's Church) 4th October, 8pm. All welcome

Young Adult Bible Study: in Holy Grounds Café in the Parish Hall of St Mary's, Navan beginning soon Friday evenings 8pm. Text/call 083 111 8110 or 087 389 3264.

Síol - Navan Youth Ministry - with post-Confirmation students - will start on the first Thurs in October at 7:30pm and will continue every Thurs in the Parish Room (St Mary's, Navan). Information available at www.navanparish.ie/sharingfaith.

The Relics of St Bernadette, currently on a journey through Ireland, will visit the Diocese of Meath from the **20th Oct. to 21st Oct. in the Cathedral of Christ the King Mullingar** More details to follow.

Legion of Mary: Bus to Knock, 29th Sept. Bus pickup: 8am Johnstown/8:15am Fairgreen Contact: Noreen 087 9299544. All Welcome. **Also - the Relics of St. Bernadette will be present in Knock on the day!**

St Vincent De Paul annual Mass, in St Oliver's church on Fri 4th Oct at 7.30pm. Cup of tea afterwards. SVP are seeking volunteers. Members will be available with relevant information after Mass



School Enrolment for our Parish Schools for next year

Lismullen: Applications from Mon. 21st Oct. office@lismullenns.ie

St Stephen's: Applications from 7th-18th Oct. info@ststephensns.ie

for new Junior Infants beginning in the 2025/2026 school year.

Parish Sunday Collection

Last weeks' Offertory €1,083.93

Envelopes: €446.27

Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.

A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account

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Thank you for the generous support of the work and upkeep of the Parish

Kingscourt Parish Pastoral Planning Team cordially invite soloists, choir members, and musicians to a Free Choral Workshop at the Parish Centre, St. Mary's Road, Kingscourt, on Saturday 19th October from 2.30pm., concluding with a special sung Mass at 6pm

GAA Lotto Results -22nd Sept - Numbers drawn - 3, 12, 13 ,25 - No jackpot winner 2 with 3 numbers - Declan Carroll. 'Floss' - Next weeks' jackpot €10,00.

Social Dancing @ Walterstown GFC. Kelan Browne is guest artist for this month - 9pm to 11.15pm. All welcome - supper served €10.