

### 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

### 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER



### PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

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

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

#### Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

6:00pm: - Pro Populo  
 7:30pm: - Frank Donnellan

#### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September

9:30am: - Intention  
 11:00am: - John Dowdall

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

#### Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September

6:00pm: -  
 7:30pm: - Pro Populo

#### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September

9:30am: - Intention  
 11:00am: - Máirín Lydon-O'Hora (1<sup>st</sup> Ann)

**Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Helen Loftus**, Chestnut Court and **Seamus O'Reilly**, Cornafean, Arva, Co. Cavan. May the light of heaven shine upon them.



### 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY.

This feast is especially dear to our parish as it is our Patron's Day. The Church in Johnstown has the great honour of being dedicated to this beautiful devotion of Our Lady's birth or nativity. This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. It is thought that this feast originated in connection with the Feast of the dedication of a church dedicated to Mary, now the Church of St Ann, in Jerusalem in the 6th century. Tradition holds that this is where the house of Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann, stood and where she would have been born. The Feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the 8th century with Pope Sergius I (+ 8 September 701). It is the third such feast of a "nativity" on the Roman Calendar: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September). Nothing can be found in the Gospels to confirm this feast. They do not even give the names of her parents, which are based on a tradition that stems from the 2nd century Protoevangelium (apocryphal) Gospel of James.

The primary event in Mary's life always remains the Annunciation. The Church looks on her as the Mother of God, but even more so as the disciple who can best offer us an example and model of the Christian life. In her faith, in her obedience to her Son, in the way she made herself a neighbor toward her cousin Elizabeth and to the couple in Cana on their wedding day, Mary is the woman to imitate especially in the trust shown during the darkest moments in the life of Jesus, her Son. Here, and in many other moments, she explains why the people of God know they can find their refuge and comfort, help and protection in her. Happy Feast Day - It's a birthday and so a great cause to celebrate!

As this feast falls on a Sunday this year, the Mass of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time takes precedence in celebration in Walterstown, but as the feast is the Titular of the church in Johnstown, the Mass will be of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady.

**The VISIT OF THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS:** The primary relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be brought from Assisi to St. Mary's Church, Navan next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. A parish novena beginning Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, in preparation for this privileged moment will take place for the intention that our young parishioners will grow to love Christ in the Eucharist. A novena leaflet will be available in order to participate in the novena either at Mass or by yourself.

**Programme for the visit of the relic of Bl. Carlo:**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – St Mary's Navan**

- 10:55am Solemn Procession with reliquary
- 11:00am Mass followed by veneration of the relic
- 1:00pm Mass followed by veneration of the relic through the afternoon
- 6:00pm Holy Hour (confessions available)
- 7:30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction followed by veneration of the relic until 9:00pm

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – St Mary's, Navan**

- 8:00am Mass followed by veneration of the relic
- 10:00am Mass followed by veneration of the relic
- 2:00pm Liturgy of farewell



**Welcome back** to the members of the parish choirs at this time after their summer break and we pray God's blessing on them as they continue to help us to praise God in song and music. New members always welcome.

**Enrolment for Sacramental Preparation:**

Children of our parish who wish to be enrolled for preparation for First Penance & First Holy Communion for 2025 can present their application at Masses on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September and for children in Confirmation Classes can do so the following weekend – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September

**St. Stephen's Primary School** parishioners will present their application forms in Johnstown.

**Lismullen Primary School** parishioners will present their application forms in Walterstown.

**Retreats & Pilgrimages**

**Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes. 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Extra places are now available. Anyone wishing to travel, contact JWT Travel 01 2410800.

**Legion of Mary:** Bus to Knock, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. Bus pickup: 8am Johnstown/8:15am Fairgreen Contact: Noreen 087 299544 All Welcome

**Parish Sunday Collection**

**Last weeks' Offertory: €951.79 Envelopes: €819.70**  
**Bank details for direct debits etc.** BOI Navan.  
**A/C name:** Johnstown Church Current Account  
**IBAN IE97 BOFI 9035 0989 9651 74**

**September Bulletin**  
**kindly sponsored by Walterstown GFC**  
Bulletin is now fully sponsored for 2024  
**Thank you to all our generous Sponsors!**

**Cemetery Supports**

*Envelopes are available at the back of the Churches for those who did not get a chance to support the cemetery appeal this year at Old Kilcarne. Please drop into baskets or Parish Office. Donations can be made online through Bank Transfer to Parish Account with description "Name of Cemetery"*

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

**Annual Garlow Cross Party on the Green** will take place this year in Walterstown GFC, at 4pm on Sunday next Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Please come along for caint, craic agus ceol. All families welcome

**GAA Lotto Results - 1<sup>st</sup> September - Numbers drawn- 4, 17, 20, 26 - No jackpot winner**  
**1 with 3 numbers - Niamh Donegan. Next week's jackpot €10,000**

**Pope Francis' Intention for September:** *For the cry of the Earth:*  
We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:** 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Further information - Tel. 01 4434510 or website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

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