

### WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)  
 JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
 WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)  
 JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)  
 PARISH PRIEST: FR. KEVIN HEERY PP

*The Wise  
Still Seek Him*



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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

### 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025



#### PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

WEEKDAY MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 9:30 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY EXCEPT WEDNESDAY  
*ON OCCASION OF A FUNERAL, 9:30AM MASS IS SUSPENDED*

SYRO-MALABRAR MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

TRAD. LATIN MASS: JOHNSTOWN 1PM EVERY SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

BAPTISMS: SUNDAY FOLLOWING 11:00AM MASS – *ENQUIRIES TO PARISH OFFICE*

CONFESSION: CELEBRATED IN THE CONFESSIONAL IN JOHNSTOWN, SATURDAY, 7:10PM

#### Second Sunday after Christmas Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> January

6:00pm: -  
 7:30pm: - Michael Meegan

#### Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> January

9:30am: - Pro Populo  
 11:00am: - Thomas & Mary Nugent

#### The Baptism of the Lord Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January

6:00pm: - Sheila Bradley – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 7:30pm: -

#### Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January

9:30am: - Gerty Kavanagh (MM) & her husband Michael  
 11:00am: -

#### Weekday Mass Intention

<b>Mon. 9:30am</b> Molly & Patrick McEvoy	<b>Tues. 9:30am</b> Christmas Intention	<b>Thurs. 9:30am</b> Private Intention	<b>Fri. 9:30am</b> Christmas Intention
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- **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Joe McLoughlin**, laid to rest on Friday.
- **Sacraments of Christian Initiation:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy **Heidi Beau Cooney** through the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday and **Mr. Joshua Briggs** to the fullness of the Christian Faith in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. We pray God's blessing on them and their family.
- **Back to School:** We pray God's blessing on the children of our parish schools who return this week after their Christmas break, as well as the teachers, assistants and staff of our schools. May God bless them in the term ahead.
- **Parish Envelopes 2025:** The new Parish Envelopes are now available for collection, from the porch at both churches. The parish envelopes are of vital support to the parish and go towards the maintenance of the parish buildings, offsetting the running costs of the parish and allows us to plan towards future projects. A big thank you to all who contribute through their box of Parish Envelopes. If you are new to the parish, and would like to register for the parish, Please contact the parish office or fill in the New Parishioner Registration Form at the back of the church and drop into Office or Sacristy. A Standing Order, Direct Debit or Donating online are also available through the Parish Website.



#### Still time to make some Spiritual Resolutions for 2025:

- An extra Mass during the week.
- Make a Weekly Holy Hour
- Read the Gospel of Luke entirely – it will be the gospel for most of the Sunday's of this coming year.
- Become a Reader, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, join the Choir, Help with stewarding or collecting.
- Take time to read some of the great spiritual classics. Follow Rosary in a Year with Ascension Media Podcast
- Pray the Rosary daily for the intentions of the parish.
- For the men of the parish as a fraternity, think of doing Exodus90 beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January (Exodus90.com for info or speak with Fr Kevin)

# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (6th January)

Johnstown 9:30am

St Mary's Navan 8:00am, 10:00am and St Olivers 7:30pm

The celebration of the great feast of the Epiphany, a Holy Day of Obligation celebrates the arrival of the Magi (The Three Wise Men or Three Kings) to Bethlehem representing all the nations of the world coming to meet the Lord. The word Epiphany means a revealing or manifestation and denotes the nations coming to worship Christ. Traditionally given as 3 in number because of their



gifts, and depicted in art as three ages of humanity (Youth, Middle Aged and Elderly- notice the length and colours of their beards), and in skin tone the three known continents of the ancient world (Europe, Africa and Asia). The gifts that they present to the Infant Jesus also have symbolic meaning:

**Gold:** pointing to royalty and indicating that Jesus is King

**Frank-Incense:** offered by a priest in worship; it tells that Jesus our Lord is God.

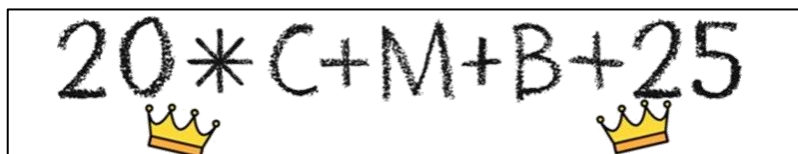
**Myrrh:** A pungent strong-smelling ointment, used to anoint the body after death, foreshadowing the sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday. It was this spice that

the women brought to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning.

This beautiful feast helps us to realise that all people of every age and of every place are invited to know the love of God revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour. For Eastern Christians, today is the day in which the celebrations for Christmas occur and presents are exchanged.

**Epiphany Blessing of Homes with Chalk.** The month of January is a traditional time for homes to be blessed in a parish, (Which can be arranged through the Parish Office) and one of the ways to

bless one's home is to make an inscription with chalk over the doors of the house, with the inscription above: the Year 2025, and the names of the 3 Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazzar with their initials making an acronym for Christus Mansionem Benedicat "May Christ bless this house". The blessing of Chalk will take place after Mass on Monday, and will be available at the Crib to take home.



## We Three Kings of Orient Are

We Three Kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain,  
Moor and mountain,  
Following yonder Star.

Star of Wonder, Star of Night,  
Star with Royal Beauty bright,  
Westward leading,  
Still proceeding, Guide us to  
Thy perfect Light.

Glorious now behold Him  
arise,  
King, and God, and Sacrifice;  
Heav'n sings Hallelujah:  
Hallelujah the earth replies.

## Parish Sunday Collection

● **Mobile Donation:** Simply scan the QR Code with your Phone camera (or google app) to connect to the Parish Account and choose the amount to donate. You can also click the link on the Parish Website above. Providing an email or contact information will allow us to acknowledge the donation. It can also be used to pay for shrine candles. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office.



Offertory - 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec : €2,560.90

Envelopes - 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: €2,088.00

**Bank details for direct debits etc.** BOI Navan.

**A/C name:** Johnstown Church Current Account

**IBAN** IE97 BOFI 9035 0989 9651 74

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GAA Lotto Results - Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Dec - Numbers 5, 11, 18, 20. No winner. Match 3 - Ger Soady, Bernadette McMahon, Robert Burke, Ann Shiels, Andy Hughes & Bernie McMahon, Next week's Jpot €11,000