

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**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**



**LITURGICAL YEAR C – GOSPEL OF ST LUKE**

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

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**6:00pm:** - Private Intention  
**7:30pm:** - Pro Populo  
**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
**9:30am:** - Jack Maguire (10<sup>th</sup> Ann), wife  
Maureen & dau. Sylvia Kennedy  
**11:00am:** - Michael Lyness (MM)  
Pat & Helen Carolan;  
Christy Carroll

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**6:00pm:** - Brian Butler  
**7:30pm:** - Desmond Giff (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann)  
**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**9:30am:** - ProPopulo  
**11:00am:** - Noreen Oakes & DFM;  
Seán & Deirdre Cahill;  
John & Mary Davis;  
Amby Carroll (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann);  
Annie & Maurice Guyot;  
Aongus Lydon & Máirín

**Weekday Mass Intention:**

**Mon. 9:30am:** Private Intention      **Tues. 9:30am:** Ann & Tony Gavin      **Thurs. 9:30am:** Aidan Reilly      **Fri. 9:30am:** List of the Dead

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy **John Christopher Joyce, Zoia Anastasia Natase,** and **Kimaya Acha Sita Crowe** through the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday. We pray God's blessing on them, their parents and families, as they begin their Christian life.

● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Conor Corcoran & Ailbhe McHugh,** who married in Johnstown on Saturday. We wish them every blessing of health and happiness for the future.

● **Advent:** The beautiful season of Advent lasting about 4 weeks, captures the essence of our Christian hope, arising from the Article of the Apostles Creed that states "He (Christ) will come again to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end." Do we truly live the hope that we will see Christ face to face, who came as that baby in Bethlehem, who still comes to us in the Sacraments and the life of the Church? Advent then is a time of purifying hope, by looking forward to the coming of Christ our King in glory at the end of time, by recalling the yearning expectation of the People of God for His first coming, as a baby in Bethlehem. There are many ways to live this season of hope: A Family Advent Wreath and the candles lit each Sunday, perhaps an extra Mass during the week, Dedicated Family Prayer, learning some of the great Advent Hymns (there's more than just one!), the Sacrament of Confession, etc. There's even some good Advent Recipes to make to celebrate the season (or buy if easier!). St Mary's Parish shop have some great resources available for Advent.



**Christkindl:** The original Kriskindl (German for Christ Child) was not a once-off gift-giving for Christmas but an Advent long Custom! Each member of the family is drawn by lot, and from the start of Advent until Christmas Day, the person selected is in the special care of the selectee! They must do many little favours for their ChrisKindl without ever being found out:- e.g. a bed being made, a chore being done, a treat left for them, a note to say they were prayed for that day, a letter to say how much they are loved signed 'Chriskindl', etc. The idea is that the person being cared for becomes like the little Christchild of Bethlehem, reminding us all that *"Whatsoever you do to the least of these, you do to me"*.

### Advent Hymn

O come, O come, **Emmanuel**,  
And ransom captive Israel;  
That mourns in **lonely** exile  
here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
**R/ Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
**Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, Thou **Wisdom** from on  
high,  
And order all things, far and  
nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge  
show,  
And cause us in her ways to go.  
**R/**

O come, O come, thou **Lord of**  
**might**,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's  
height  
in ancient times did give the  
law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
**R/**

● **Gospel of St Luke:** Nearly every Sunday of this new liturgical year, the Sunday Gospel reading will be taken from that of St Luke. A recent personal prayer idea has been to read one chapter of St Luke's Gospel each day of December, finishing on Christmas Eve, as there are 24 chapters in St Luke's Gospel. By the time Christmas begins, we'll know the One whose birth we'll celebrate by following his life given through the lens of St Luke!

● **Elections 2024:** Congratulations to our elected representatives. May God bless them with wisdom, prudence and courage as they serve our country and parish communities.

● **Vocations:** Advent asks us to prepare for the Infant Christ. Are you thinking of following the Son of Mary as His priest? Come to Mass in St Mary's Church, James Street, Drogheda this Sunday, **1st Dec. at 7pm.** Live from Facebook Page: DioceseOfMeathVocation. Contact details:

www.meathvocations.com Instagram - dioceseofmeathvocations Email: vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie Tel: Fr Tony Gonoude 0449 9373923

● **Altar Server Recruitment.** Applications Forms are available in the sacristy and the Parish Office for children who have received First Holy Communion to become Altar Servers. To serve at the Altar of God is a great privilege that affords our younger parishioners a chance to grow in their love of the Lord Jesus, deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith, and realise their dignity as valued members of the parish community. "Being an altar server is a call to prayer and mission" -Pope Francis

● **Church Gate Collections:** An Garda Siochana have given permits for two local charities to collect outside of the church grounds: **St Vincent DePaul** (30<sup>th</sup>Nov-1<sup>st</sup> Dec), **Meals on Wheels** (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Dec).

● **Johnstown Pride of Place:** Congratulations to our local volunteers who have worked so hard throughout the year to make our village a beautiful place to visit and so rightly deserve the civic award of **Pride of Place Best Small Town Award** again this year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout the year. Well done!

### 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.



<p><b>Last weeks' Offertory: €1,031.25 Envelopes: €442.00</b>  <b>Bank details for direct debits etc.</b> BOI Navan.  <b>A/C name:</b> Johnstown Church Current Account  <b>IBAN IE97 BOFI 9035 0989 9651 74</b></p>	<p><b>December Bulletin</b>  <b>kindly sponsored by Frank Burke</b>  <b>Thank you to all our generous Sponsors!</b></p>
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*Thank you for the generous support of the work and upkeep of the Parish*

GAA Lotto Results - 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - Numbers - 1, 2, 11, 26. One match 3 - Eamonn Doyle. Next Week's Jackpot €10,600  
 Walterstown GFC - Country Music/Social Dancing with Ray Murtagh. Come for what promises to be a great night on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.30pm-11.30pm - €10 admission includes light supper & free raffle.