

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



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12TH 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 1ST & 3RD 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

The Baptism of the Lord Saturday, 11th January

6:00pm: - Sheila Bradley - (20th)
 7:30pm: -

Sunday, 12th January

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, 18th January

6:00pm: -
 7:30pm: - John Morgan (MM)

Sunday, 19th January

9:30am: -
 11:00am: - Michael (Mick) O'Shea (MM);
 Mary McCabe - (2nd)

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am
 Private Intention

Tues. 9:30am
 Noel Smith

Thurs. 9:30am
 Eliz Renehan

Fri. 9:30am
 Tommy Barrett

● **Baptisms in 2024:** As we celebrate this great feast of the Lord's Baptism, we pray for the 60 people who received the Sacrament of Baptism this past year in our parish and we pray for all who will come to faith this coming year through the grace of the sacrament.

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul **Isabella Spooner**, a student of St Mary's Special School, Tubberclaire Meadows & **Martin Maher**, Priory View.

● **The Society of St Vincent de Paul** is **seeking new members**. The aim of the society is: to provide support and friendship, promote self sufficiency and work for social justice. The conference hold a meeting weekly at the church in Johnstown on **Monday at 7:30pm** and this is followed by visits to families and individuals in the locality who are in need of help. For further information see www.svp.ie or speak with one of the volunteers. Anyone requiring assistance please contact St Vincent De Paul 1800 677 777 and a visit will be arranged.

Parish Sunday Collection



● **Mobile Donation:** Thank you to so many parishioners who have begun to donate online, through the QR code link. 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: €744.22 - Envelopes: €380.00

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

The Church welcomes you with great joy"

Some Guidelines for the Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism, the gateway to the sacraments and necessary for salvation by actual reception, is validly conferred only by a washing of true water with the proper form of words. Through baptism men and women are freed from sin, are reborn as children of God, and configured to Christ by an indelible character and so incorporated into the Church.

Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks; they are to go to the priest to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it as soon as possible after the birth or even before it.

Parents, sponsors, and the priest are to take care that a name foreign to Christian sensibility is not given.

As a rule those to be baptised are baptised in their parish church unless a just cause suggests otherwise.

For an infant to be baptised licitly:

1/ the parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent;
2/ there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be delayed according to the prescripts of particular law after the parents have been advised about the reason.

- A sponsor (Godparent) also helps the baptised person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfil faithfully the obligations inherent in it.
- One sponsor (Godparent), male or female is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each sex. They must be not less than 16 years of age, a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and received the Blessed Eucharist and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.

Elements of the Rite of Baptism:

- The **welcome** at the entrance of the Church marks the desire of the parents for the one to be baptised to become part of the family of God, the Church, accepting the great duty to raise their child up in the Catholic Faith, both in the practice and teaching of the Faith.
- The **Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens** strengthens the person's heart to reject evil and love God above all.
- The **Profession of Faith** is a joining with the faith of Christians who believe in God, in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, the Church and all that she holds and teaches.
- The **triple pouring of Holy Water**, the central element of the Sacrament of Baptism, accompanied by the words of the Rite of Baptism confers the grace of the Sacrament and marks the person forever as a Child of God, by invoking baptism in the name of the Most Holy Trinity.
- The **Anointing with the Oil of Chrism** confers the dignity of Christ upon the person; He who was anointed a Priest, Prophet and King and shares those offices with the Baptised.
- The **clothing in White** calls to mind the noble company of Saints in heaven who are imaged in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 7:9) arrayed in spotless white robes before the Lord God in heaven
- The **lighting of the Baptismal Candle** from the Paschal Candle signifies that the Baptised person has been enlightened by Christ who is the Light of the World (John 8:12), and allows that light of faith to illumine their lives.
- The **praying of the Our Father** is a sign that the newly baptised is part of the Christian Community who approaches God, in filial trust and love as His Children.



Walterstown GFC - would like to invite all Senior Citizens to their **Annual Dinner, next Sunday 19th January, at 1.00pm.** in the Clubhouse. There will be food, entertainment and plenty of fun. Please contact **Seán 087 6637956** or **Ethna - 086 8435807**, to confirm your attendance.

GAA Lotto Results - Sun 5th Jan. Numbers **4, 23, 24, 26.** No winner. 1 Match 3 - Michael Burke - **Next week's Jpot €11,100**