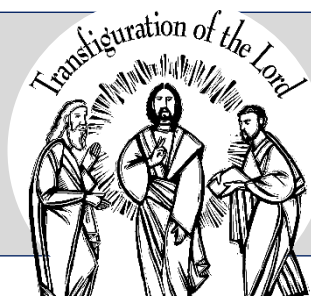


WEEKEND MASSES

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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16TH MARCH 2025



PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

WEEKDAY MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 9:30 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (LENTEN SCHEDULE)
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

Second Sunday of Lent
Saturday, 15th March

6:00pm: ProPopulo
7:30pm:

Sunday, 16th March

9:30am: Ann Sheils (MM);
11:00am: Fr Nicholas Dunican (12th);
Richard Davis (2nd); John & Carmel Lee

Third Sunday of Lent
Saturday, 22nd March

6:00pm: ProPopulo
7:30pm: Frank Carroll (4th)

Sunday, 23rd March

9:30am:
11:00am:

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am: Christopher & Breda Reynolds Mon. 11am: Marion Caldwell (21 st)	Tues. 9:30am Eugene Collins (3 rd)	Wed. 9:30am	Thurs. 9:30am	Fri. 9:30am
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- **Baptism:** God’s Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Amellia Grace Ross & Luke Mark Moore**, through the sacrament of Baptism last week, praying God’s blessings on them and their families, as they begins their Christian life.
- **LIGHT THE FIRE 2025** - The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to Slane on St. Patrick’s Day for the celebration of St Patrick,. **Schedule: 5:00 pm. Vespers** on the Hill of Slane, **6:15 pm. Mass** in St. Patrick’s Church, celebrated by the Papal Nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Montemayor and Bishop Deenihan, followed by a time of **Eucharistic Adoration**.



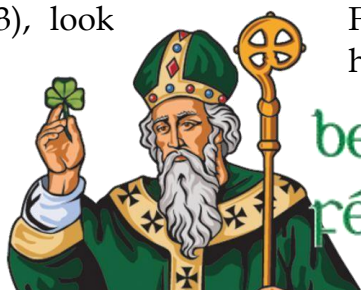
Saint Patrick’s Day: Holy Mass of the Solemnity of St Patrick, National Patron
Walterstown: 9:30am, Johnstown: 11:00am

Hail Glorious Saint Patrick

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear Saint of our Isle,
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;
And now thou art high in thy mansions above,
On Erin's green valleys, look down in thy love
On Erin's green valleys (x3), look
down in thy love.

as when thou wert on earth,
And our hearts shall yet burn, wherever we
roam,
For God and St. Patrick, and our native home.
For God and St. Patrick (x3), and our native
home.

Ever bless and defend the
sweet land of our birth,
Where the shamrock still
blooms



beannachtáí na
féile pádraic



LENT 2025

The 2nd week of Lent invites us to hike up the Mountain of the Transfiguration – Mt Tabor. It reminds us of the extra efforts that are required of us in Lent in our Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving (Works of Charity), yet with the goal of ascending to closeness with Jesus, in order that we may face our daily lives with His light to guide us. Some Lenten Suggestions for the next 33 days:



FASTING

No Meat on Wednesdays or Fridays, ½ the amount of some meals.
 Abstain from sweets,
 Abstain from desserts,
 Abstain from alcohol or soft drinks,
 No snacking between meals, Log off all Social Media accounts,
 Abstain from televised sports,
 Abstain from Movies,
 Abstain from TV series and Sitcoms,
 Use mobile phone and computer only for essential or work purposes,
 Abstain from Video Games,
 No Unnecessary Purchases to get by with what you have.

PRAYER

Attend daily Mass, or at least an extra Mass during the week,
 Pray the Rosary daily,

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet,
 Daily visit to the Church,
 Weekly Holy Hour
 Pray the Stations of the Cross, Go to Confession,
 Read the Gospels – particularly the Passion of our Lord.
 Read a Classic Spiritual Book.
 Take 20 mins of quiet prayer with the Lord at home daily,
 Pray as a family particularly at Meal Times,
 Make a pilgrimage, e.g. Knock, Croagh Patrick, Slane,
 Visit all the cemeteries in the parish, praying for those interred.
 Listen to a Catholic Podcast e.g. *Hallow, Ascension, Word on Fire, Abiding Forever, Bible in a Year etc*

CHARITY

Support a charity,

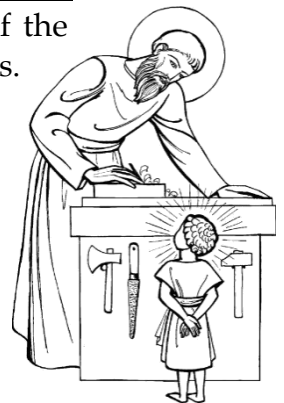
Spend extra and quality time together with your spouse and/or family.
 Set aside spare change for a good cause.
 Make an effort to visit a relative,
 Surprise someone with good deeds – even better when they don't know who it's from,
 Offer your services to the parish,
 Make an extra effort to help where there is a lack in the parish: music, reading, welcoming, encouraging others to come back to Mass. God has given you talents, how can they benefit others.
 Make a habit of seeing the best in others,
 Compliment others instead of taking their characters away through idle chat and gossip.

19th March St Joseph's Day: The wonderful celebration of St Joseph, Husband of the B.V.M will be celebrated this week, with Holy Mass at 9:30am, followed by devotions. *"Saint Joseph did not do extraordinary things, but rather by the constant practice of the ordinary and common virtues, he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all other saints."* – St. Joseph Marelllo.

THE MEMORARE OF ST JOSEPH

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

*"All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thine example, O patriarch Saint Joseph."
 Such shall be my motto in life and in death!*



- **Lent in Navan Parish:** 7:30am Mon-Fri in St. Mary's, 10:00am Mon-Sat in St. Mary's. Morning Prayer will begin 10 min before Masses. **Breakfast Club for Secondary School students** attending 7:30am Mass in the Parish Community Centre immediately after Mass. **Symbols of the Passion:** an ecumenical journey through Lent with the Passion Narratives, Tuesdays at 8:00pm. Canon Clarke and Fr. Declan will jointly lead reflections on the Crown of Thorns, the Robe of Jesus, the INRI inscription, the Soldier's Spear, and the Cross. Tuesday 11th March, 8pm: the Crown of Thorns St. Mary's (C of I) Parish Room, Church Hill
- **Mobile Donation:** Scan QR code (left) to donate to the parish for Offertory, Envelopes, Donations, or candle shrines. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Thank you to all who have chosen to donate using new this technology available to us.



Parish Sunday Collection

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