

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

23RD 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

Third Sunday of Lent Saturday, 22nd March

6:00pm: ProPopulo
 7:30pm: Frank Carroll (4th)
Sunday, 23rd March
 9:30am: Jim & Kate Clinch
 11:00am: Seamus Reilly (B' day Rem) & Tom (Father)

Fourth Sunday of Lent Saturday, 29th March

6:00pm: ProPopulo
 7:30pm: Christine O' Gorman (2nd)
Sunday, 30th March
 9:30am:
 11:00am:

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am	Tues. 9:30am	Wed. 9:30am	Thurs. 9:30am Jerome Lyness	Fri. 9:30am
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● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Josephine (Josie) McCabe**, laid to rest on Tuesday last & for the soul of **Sr. Geraldine Doyle**, laid to rest on Friday

Solemnity of the Annunciation 25th March - 9:30am Mass in Johnstown

Nine months before Christmas Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord. 'Giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes in that moment the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with Him and dependent on Him, by God's grace' (CCC494). A popular name for this feast in central Europe is "Feast of Swallows" as sight of the first swallows occurs around this time. "When Gabriel does the message bring, Return the swallows, comes the spring. ". Let us take this great feast to refresh the beautiful practice of praying the Angelus at the top of the clock (12Noon) and the bottom of the clock (6am/6pm)



The Angelus

- The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
 - And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace,
 - Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
 - Be it done unto me according to Thy word.
Hail Mary...
 - And the Word was made Flesh:
 - And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...
 - Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
 - that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

LENT 2025

The 3rd week of Lent marks the halfway point of our journey, and once again we are invited to heed that great call of Lent – Conversion – to change and restore all things to the way of Christ and the gospel. This spiritual season is a chance to remove so much of what is hindering our living out of the way of the gospel by deliberately focusing on 3 basic Christian practices, in order to establish them more firmly in our lives. Some Lenten Suggestions for the next 26 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

Tithe! Save 10% of your income in Lent for alms.
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
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!

● **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
The National Pioneer Ball 2025 hosted by the Ulster Pioneer Council will take place on Saturday 5th April 2025. Mass will be in St Maccartan's Cathedral at 6.00pm followed by dinner and dance in the Four Season's Hotel Monaghan at 7.30pm. Information and tickets available from Jim at 087 6734553.

● **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

Offertory: €824.95 + €491.91 Envelopes: €744.90
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account
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St Vincent DePaul: Church Gate collection on weekend 4th/5th April 2025

GAA Lotto Results – Sun 16th March – Nos 1, 18, 20, 24 – 2 match 3 Charaine McGuirk & Edel Storey – Next Weeks' Lotto - €12,200