

### 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

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

### 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 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

| <u>Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare &amp; Mother’s Day</u><br><u>Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March</u> | <u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u><br><u>Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April</u> |
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| 6:00pm: Thomas & Kathleen Barry & son Thomas  | 6:00pm: ProPopulo  |
| 7:30pm: Christine O’Gorman (2 <sup>nd</sup> );<br>Michael Carroll (8 <sup>th</sup> )                | 7:30pm: Elizabeth Moore  |
| <u>Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March</u>  | <u>Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April</u>                                  |
| 9:30am: Betty & Brendan Alder & Cullen DFM  | 9:30am:  |
| 11:00am: Pro Populo   | 11:00am: Hilda Smith – Months’ Mind                                  |

#### Weekday Mass Intention

| Mon. 9:30am | Tues. 9:30am | Wed. 9:30am | Thurs. 9:30am | Fri. 9:30am |
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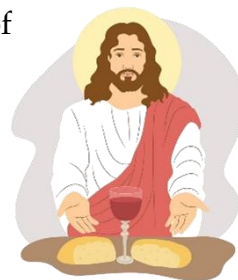
- **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Anne (Nan) Woods (née O’Brien)**, Dublin Rd, Navan and formerly Johnstown, laid to rest on Saturday
- **Baptism:** God’s Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Sean Charlie O’Donnell Nevin**, through the sacrament of Baptism last week, praying God’s blessings on him and his family, as he begins his Christian life.

● **Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation:** We welcome the Most Reverend Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath to our Parish this Thursday to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our young parishioners. The celebration will take place in St. Mary’s Church at 3pm. We pray for the Confirmandi as they are filled with the Holy Spirit, continuing the journey of Christian maturity and ready to live the gospel in our parish. Thank you to the children’s teachers, and all the staff of St Stephen’s and Holy Trinity, Lismullen schools in helping to prepare our young parishioners for this special moment.



Our Confirmandi and their families will celebrate **the Sacrament of Confession** and Reconciliation on **Monday at 7:30pm in St Mary’s Church** in final preparation before Confirmation.

● **Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion** – We welcome especially the children of our parish to Mass next Sunday as they continue their journey towards First Holy Communion, reflecting on the Last Supper. On Holy Thursday, Jesus gave the gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, and so we reflect on His great command to “Do this in Memory of Me”, as the children prepare to receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion in May.



● **The National Pioneer Ball** 2025 hosted by the Ulster Pioneer Council will take place on Sat, 5<sup>th</sup> April. Holy Mass 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

The Loveliest  
 masterpiece of  
 the heart of God  
 is the Love  
 of a mother.

-St. Therese of Lisieux

## A very happy Mother's Day to all our dear Mams!

May God bless you in His love and care.

We pray for all who will celebrate Mother's Day for the first time this year, as well as remembering and praying for all mothers who have passed beyond life's care.

**LENT 2025** The 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday of

Lent lightens the mood of this charged  
 season every so slightly with it's call to joy,



Pray Fast Give

giving a sense of what awaits those who heed the call of Lent and it's disciplines, encouraging us to struggle on for that final push towards Holy Week and Easter. Some Lenten Suggestions for the next 19 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 other

● **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, Parish Rooms, Navan. Canon Clarke and Fr. Declan will jointly lead reflections on the Soldier's Spear used in the Passion.

● **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.



Scan me!!

### Parish Sunday Collection

Offertory: €991.29 Envelopes: €459.60 Online: €45  
**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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**St Vincent DePaul:** Church Gate collection next weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**GAA Lotto Results** - Sun 23/02 Nos 1,16,21,28: E.O'Leary & R. O'Brien - Next Weeks' Lotto - €12,300