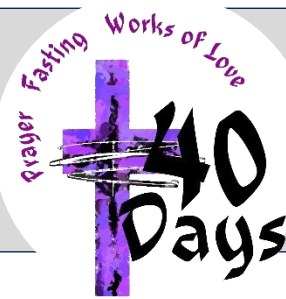


WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)
 JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
 JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9TH 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

First Sunday of Lent Saturday, 8th March

6:00pm: Patrick & Mary Cullen
 7:30pm: Peter & Ann Gibbons;
 Bridget Bird
Sunday, 9th March
 9:30am: Seamie McCabe – (1st) & parents
 Mickey & Maggie
 11:00am: William O'Brien-Lynch (6th);
 Liam & Mona Crinion & DFM

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)

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am	Tues. 9:30am	Wed. 9:30am	Thurs. 9:30am	Fri. 9:30am
Private Intention	Eilish Fulham			

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Hilda Smith**, Springfield Glen & **Pauline Clarke**, Athlumney Castle, both recently laid to rest.

● **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, our national patron who lit the Paschal Fire here in 432AD and spread the Gospel to all corners of our county. **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**. Event details: www.franciscansister-scfr.com/st-anthony or 041 983 0441.



● **Eve of St Patricks Day Eucharistic Procession in Athlone: Sunday 16th March:** Starts at 3 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Mary's Church Athlone N37 XP66 Jubilee Eucharistic Procession through Athlone's streets; Extraordinary Grace's for the Renewal of Ireland's Faith! 5pm Adoration and finish with Mass at 6pm.

● **Trocaire Lenten Campaign:** Trocaire Boxes are available in both churches and can be returned during Holy Week. This year, Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Guatemala.

● **Annual Parish Financial Statement:** This statement compiled by the Parish Finance Committee is available at the back of the churches, and is an important way of keeping parishioners informed of how their donations are managed in the running of the parish. Thank you once again for your generosity in support of the parish, and a note of gratitude to our Parish Finance Committee for their diligent oversight and wisdom in ensuring that parish assets are being managed for the good and mission of the parish.

LENT 2025

This first Sunday of Lent always puts before us the 40 days desert journey of Christ, where he faced down the



Pray Fast Give

temptations of the devil, overturning the falling to the temptations of our first parents in the Garden of Paradise (Genesis 3). This gospel at the beginning of Lent highlights the dynamic to which we are called to follow, which is, as some of saints called it, spiritual combat, relying on the weapons of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving/Works of Charity. Through these practices we acknowledge our need of God's grace and mercy as we seek to turn back to Him with all our hearts.

● **Daily Mass for Lent in Johnstown Parish: 9:30am – Mon-Fri:** Parishioners have asked if we could keep a full weekly schedule of Daily Mass for Lent and so there will be a Wednesday Morning Mass at 9:30am throughout Lent. (Funeral permitting). **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on Friday evening at 6:30pm, all welcome.

● **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

Some suggested Lenten Practices for Parishioners.

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.

● **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: €957.77 Envelopes: €818.90

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GAA Lotto Results: Sun 2nd March - Num: 7, 20, 22, 27 -No winner. 2 Match 3 - James O'Brien & Catherine O'Brien. next weeks' jpot €11,900