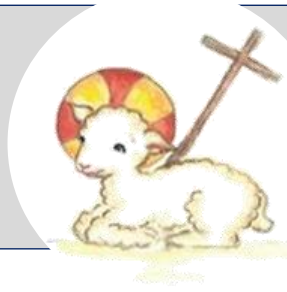


WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)
JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
JOHNSTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
PARISH PRIEST: FR. KEVIN HEERY PP



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY

20TH APRIL 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-MALABAR 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

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Holy Saturday, 19th April

8:30pm: SACRED EASTER VIGIL

Easter Sunday, 20th April

9:30am: Pro Populo

11:00am: Tom Daly (25th) & daughter Emma Jane



Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)

Easter Saturday, 26th April

6:00pm:

7:30pm: Ita Lyons (née Bourke) (3rd); Anne Ratty (11th);
Gerry Smith (12th)

Low Sunday, 27th April

9:30am: Pro Populo

11:00am: Anne (Nan) Woods – (née O'Brien) MM
Cecil Geoghegan (12th);
Paddy & Moira King, Paddy & Elizabeth
King, Tommy Russell, Mikey & Margaret
McDonagh & Vesey DFM

● Weekday Mass Schedule for Easter Week:

● Easter Monday 11:00am

● Easter Tuesday 9:30am

● Easter Thursday No Mass

● Easter Friday No Mass

● **Pilgrimage to Lisieux:** celebrating the centenary of the canonisation of St. Thérèse, led by Fr. Declan Hurley (Navan). 25-30 May 2025, €995 per person sharing, half board. Small number of places remaining. Contact Navan Travel, 1 Bridge Street, Navan, 046-9068600.

● **Trocaire Boxes:** Please return Trocaire Boxes to the Churches or the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous response.

● **ACCORD** (Catholic Marriage Preparation Service) is recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive free professional training during seven in-person workshops and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in the region. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or see www.accord.ie



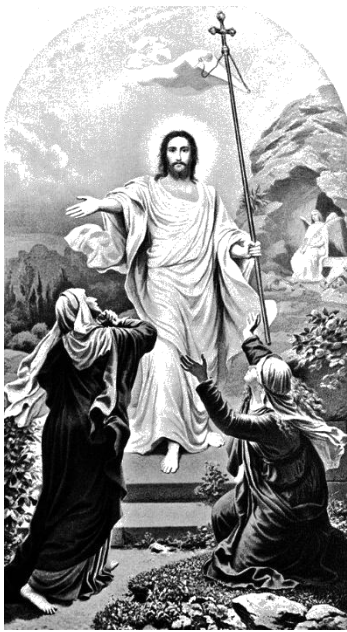
● **Mobile Donation:** Scan QR code (left) to donate to the parish for Offertory, Envelopes, Donations, or candle shrines. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Thank you to all who have chosen to donate using new this technology available to us.



Parish Sunday Collection

Offertory €971.16 Envelopes: €854.84 Online:
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Happy Easter!

The celebrations of Holy Week, the Easter Triduum, and now this Easter Season

would be much less had it not been for the generous spirit of so, so many of our parishioners. On behalf of all our parishioners, I would like to express the thanks of the parish to all who enhanced and serviced the liturgy during these sacred days: Readers, Choirs under the directions of Martina and Eileen, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans Mary and Anne, Servers and their Parents, Stewards, and Counters and the Lockup Team, the children of Walterstown who acted out a beautiful Stations of the Cross, Debbie, Sandra and our youth group who lead the Prayer around the Cross, Declan Carroll for making our new cross, and Mike McGrane for electrical and elevation support. For all who gave of their time to tidy the churches, arranging flowers, cleaning and polishing and maintain the churchyards preparing to

welcome us all to the Easter Ceremonies, AnneMarie in the Parish Office and all who have done so much noticed only by the Lord, not least the generosity of so many parishioners that support the parish.

I pray the blessings of this holy season may overshadow the homes of our parish as we celebrate this most sacred time of the Christian year, that God may bestow His love, His Closeness and His Peace upon us all. Have a very blessed Easter Season for the next 50 days, the Lord is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!



Christ is risen!

ALLELUIA

The Easter Octave and the Season of Easter 2025

The eight days that flow from Easter Sunday to Low Sunday (next Sunday), called the Easter Octave is a time of great rejoicing, wherein each day is an Easter Day (Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday....Easter Saturday, and then Low Sunday). Enjoy celebrating after the Lenten Fast! The continuing season of Easter celebrating Christ's Resurrection lasts for 50 days, until the evening of Pentecost Sunday, and is a time marked with the great acclamation of our joy in the Lord - ALLELUIA! The Alleluia hangs on every aspect of the Sacred Liturgy and invites us to share the joy that fills our Christian hearts with all whom we encounter. In times ago, a customary greeting during this time, instead of a bland 'hello' would be "**Christ is Risen, Alleluia**" inviting a response "**He is Risen indeed, alleluia**" or in Irish "**Tá Críost éirithe! Alleluia- Go deimhin, tá sé éirithe! Alleluia**"

Sharing that joy with Our Lady, the Angelus at Noon and 6pm is replaced until Pentecost with the **Regina Caeli** prayer:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Ÿ. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

Ř. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ gave joy to the world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Regina Caeli

Regina Caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Ÿ. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.

Ř. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.