

## WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)  
JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)  
JOHNSTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)  
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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-MALABAR 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

### Fifth Sunday of Lent Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April

6:00pm: ProPopulo  
7:30pm: Elizabeth Moore  
Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April  
9:30am:  
11:00am: Hilda Smith (MM)

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April

6:00pm: Paul & Kieran McGuinness  
7:30pm: Joseph, Katie & John Kennedy  
Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April  
9:30am: ProPopulo  
11:00am: Barney, Kathleen, Barry & Declan O'Dowd

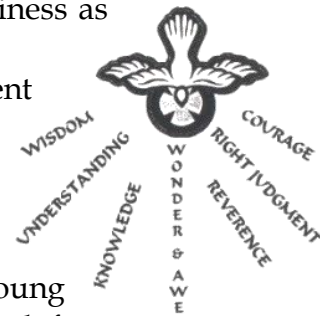
### Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am	Tues. 9:30am	Wed. 9:30am	Thurs. 9:30am	Fri. 9:30am
Intention for Sick	Special Intention		Jerome Lyness	

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Fr Peter Hughes**, SSC, Dalgan Pk, laid to rest this past week.

● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Eoin Morrissey Purcell** and **Margaret Mary Hand** who married on Friday in Johnstown Church. We wish them a lifetime of love, health and happiness as they enter the sacred covenant of marriage.

● **Confirmation:** Congratulations to our 112 Confirmandi, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday in St. Mary's, Navan, from Most Reverend Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath. We pray that having been filled with the Holy Spirit, they will continue the journey of Christian maturity to live the gospel in our parish. Thank you to the children's teachers, SNA's, the Principals and all the staff of St Stephen's and Holy Trinity, Lismullen schools who helped to prepare our young parishioners for their special day. A note of gratitude too to Fr Hurley and Navan Parish for the use of St Mary's and to Vivienne & Avril, Mary and Carmel for their help and support, and the Lismullen School choir under the guidance of Susan Fitzsimons.



● **Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion** – We welcome especially the children of our parish to Mass this 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 Celebration of Palm Sunday – 12th/13th April

Blessing of Palms before all Masses

Palm Sunday Procession with Palms – weather permitting:

**Johnstown** Beginning at **10:50am** in the Church Yard before the 11:00am Mass

● **Trocaire Boxes:** the fruit of Lenten penance, can be returned to the churches during the next 2 weeks



**Passiontide-** the time that precedes Holy Week which helps focus our attention on the saving events of that sacred Week, preparing the Faithful to accompany the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, following Him closely to Calvary. The weekday liturgy is saturated with the tensions between the Pharisees and Jesus, building towards His Betrayal by Judas and His Arrest. We use our sense of hearing in a greater way, as the sight of the Crucifix and Statues of the Saints are veiled from our eyes, allowing his word to speak into our hearts; Let us listen to the voice of the Lord saying, 'O that today, you would listen to His voice, harden not your hearts'. This is a particularly opportune time to seek the sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation in preparation for Holy Week and Easter

**Chrism Mass:** Spy Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm, Cathedral, Mullingar. **All welcome.**

## THE SACRED EASTER TRIDUUM

### Holy Thursday

**Johnstown** **Mass of the Lord's Supper** **7:30pm**

Procession of Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose for prayer and adoration, ending with Night Prayer at **9:15pm** which will be a special moment of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood throughout our diocese.

*All who serve in a parish ministry (Readers, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Collectors, Servers, PPC and PFC) members are particularly invited.*

### Good Friday

*Solemn Day of Fasting & Abstinence*

**Walterstown** **Way of the Cross 12 Noon** *Children's Dramatization*

**Johnstown** **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** **3pm**

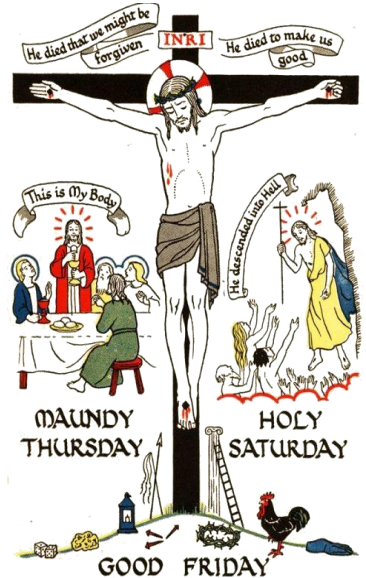
### Holy Saturday

**Johnstown** **Sacred Easter Vigil** **8:30pm**

### Easter Sunday

**Walterstown** **Mass of Easter** **9:30am**

**Johnstown** **Mass of Easter** **11:00am**



### Sacrament of Confession & Reconciliation

**St Mary's Navan:** **15<sup>th</sup> April** **Day of Confessions**  
*with local and visiting clergy*

**Johnstown** **Good Friday** **8am-9pm**  
**4pm-5pm**

### ● Easter Triduum in Navan Parish

**Holy Thursday** **Mass of the Lord's Supper** **St. Mary's at 6pm; St. Oliver's at 7:30pm**

**Good Friday** **Ecumenical Procession 12noon** **Celebration of Lord's Passion St. Mary's 3pm & St. Oliver's 7:30pm** **Stations of the Cross with Novena Prayers St. Mary's 9pm**

**Holy Saturday** **Confessions in St. Mary's, 12noon - 3pm.** **Easter Vigil St. Mary's 9pm**

● **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: € 725.82 Envelopes: € 335.00 Online: €330.50**

**Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.**

**A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account**

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### April Bulletin

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**St Vincent DePaul:** Church Gate collection this weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April

**GAA Lotto Results - Sun 30/02 Nos 4,15,26,28: Ann Daly & Barry.O'Brien-Lynch - Next Weeks' Lotto - €12,400**