

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – VOCATIONS SUNDAY

11TH MAY 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Vocations Sunday

Saturday, 10th May

6:00pm: Patrick (Paddy) Kennedy (MM);
7:30pm: Michael Halligan (10th);
Tom & May Halligan & daughter Olive

Sunday, 11th May

9:30am: James & Maureen Smyth
11:00am: Ena Reynolds (M.M). Carole Barry;
James Murtagh & Frances Kelly

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 17th May

6:00pm: Pro Populo
7:30pm: Chris Joyce (4th)

Sunday, 18th May

9:30am: Ethna Mulligan (11th);
Seamie Duffy, parents James & Mary & DFM
11:00am: Anne O'Callaghan

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am Intention	Tue. 9:30am	Thurs. 9:30am Get Well Intention	Fri. 9:30am Intention
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- **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Christy Kavanagh**, late of Priory Grove, Johnstown, who was laid to rest in Old Kilcarn Cemetery on Friday
- **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Shane Hughes and Claire Cassidy** 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.
- **Parish Works:** A big thank you to Eamon Hynes and his team for the wonderful work in painting the interior of Walterstown Church, and to parishioners who have contributed to supporting this work.

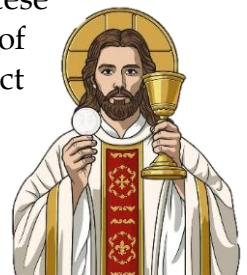
● **First Holy Communion**



Congratulations to our young parishioners who received the Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Eucharist as they made their First Holy Communion this weekend. As they take their place among God's Holy People at Mass each Sunday may they grow in the love and likeness of Christ our Saviour. We are very grateful for the support of the teachers and staff of St Stephen's Parish School for helping to prepare the children for this special moment in their lives, especially the children's teachers: Ms. Cope, Ms. Coyne, Ms. Daly, Ms. Hyland, Ms. Noonan, Ms. Moriarty, Ms. Smith and Ms. Higgins. We welcome the children attending Holy Trinity School, Lismullen for First Holy Communion next Saturday.

- **Vocations Sunday:** A Holy Hour to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese will take place in St Mary's Church, Navan this Sunday at 6pm, with the celebration of Solemn Evening Prayer. All welcome. In this time of prayer for Vocations, we will reflect on Christ, the Voice that calls to the Sacred Priesthood.

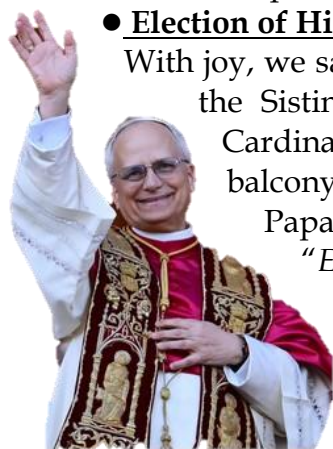
If you feel called to be a priest, open your heart to Jesus, follow the Lord and do not be afraid. Vocations Director Fr Tony Gonoude Tel: 044 937 3923. meathvocations.com. A retiring collection will be taken up in support of vocation, especially the 4 men currently in formation for priesthood in our diocese.



Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

O Lord, my God, You renew the Church in every age by raising up priests outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unchanging Love. In Your Plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for Your people. Fill the hearts of many men with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer Your call generously. Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example. Raise up worthy priests for Your Altars and ardent, but gentle servants of the Gospel. Give the Church more priests and keep them faithful in their love and service. Amen

● Election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV:



HABEMUS PAPAM

With joy, we saw the white smoke rising from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel on Thursday evening, and then Cardinal Dominique Mamberti appeared on the balcony of St Peter's and proclaimed "Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum - Habemus Papam - I announce to you news of great joy, WE HAVE A POPE" and continued "Eminentissimum ac reverendissimum Dominum Robertum Franciscum Sanctae Romane Ecclesiae Cardinalem Prevost qui sibi nomen imposuit Leonem XIV" - The most eminent and most reverend lord, Lord Robert Francis, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church Prevost, who has taken the name Leo 14th. Many wonder about the choice of the new papal name, and for that we may look at those who have chosen the name before him, including Pope Leo the Great

(400-461) whose defended the people of Rome during the time of the invasions of Attila the Hun, was an able theologian who defended the nature and identity of Christ, and the fundamental dignity of Christians. Fast forward to Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903) who is best remembered for his groundbreaking encyclical "Rerum Novarum" which highlighted the dignity of and rights of workers, and set the ground work for growth of Catholic Social Teaching and action in the social sphere.

Upcoming Dates for Pope Leo XIV:

May 11th - Regina Caeli Prayer and Address to the Faithful 11am (Irish time), St Peter's Square

May 12th - Meeting with the press and media from around the world.

May 16th - Meeting with the Ambassadors of the Diplomatic Missions to the Holy See

May 18th - Solemn Mass for the beginning of His Pontificate, and greeting with World Leaders following Mass. During this Mass, Pope Leo will receive the Pallium, the band of lamb's wool worn over his shoulders symbolising his call to be the chief shepherd, after the heart of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and will place the Fisherman's ring symbolising the central call of Jesus to Peter, to the Disciples and all Christians to become Fishers of people.

We pray God's abundant blessings on Pope Leo as he takes upon his shoulders the care for the Church and the world. *"You have called me to carry that cross and to be blessed with that mission, and I know I can rely on each and every one of you to walk with me as we continue as a church, as a community, as friends of Jesus, as believers, to announce the good news, to announce the Gospel,"- Pope Leo XIV.*

● **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 €996.56 Envelopes: €2,681.00 Online: €29.00

Trocaire: €4,023.96

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A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account

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GAA Lotto Results - Sun 04/05 Nos 3,8,22,27: 2 match 3 - Gerry McConnell & Lorraine Finlay Next Weeks' **Lotto** - €12,900 ● **Celebration Concert**, in aid of **St. Mary's Special School, Johnstown**, with Navan Silver Band & Navan Male Voice Choir, on Friday 16th May at 7pm. in new school hall - Johnstown Educational Campus. Tickets available from St. Mary's Navan Parish Shop

● **Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**, led by Most Rev Bishop Deenihan, on 9th September, 2025 - 4 nights €829 pps /5 nights €995 pps . Contact Jennifer 086 8770729

● **Navan Floral Art Club**, demonstration Ardboyne Hotel, Wednesday 14th May at 8pm.