

### 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



### PARISH OFFICE

TUES, WEDS & THURS: 10.00AM - 1.00PM  
TELEPHONE: (046) 9021731  
EMAIL: [JOHNSNAVAN1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHNSNAVAN1@GMAIL.COM)  
WEB: [JWPARISH.COM](http://JWPARISH.COM)  
SOCIAL:   [JOHNSTOWNPARISH](https://www.facebook.com/JOHNSTOWNPARISH)



## PARISH NEWSLETTER FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18<sup>TH</sup> 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 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 Easter Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May

6:00pm: Pro Populo  
7:30pm: Chris Joyce (4<sup>th</sup>)

### Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May

9:30am: Ethna Mulligan (11<sup>th</sup>);  
Seamie Duffy, parents, James, Mary & DFM  
11:00am: Anne O'Callaghan (15<sup>th</sup>);  
Claire O'Reilly (9<sup>th</sup>)

### Sixth Sunday of Easter Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

6:00pm:  
7:30pm: Terry & Esther Larkin & Michael Neary;  
May McCormack (11<sup>th</sup>)

### Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May

9:30am: Pro Populo  
11:00am: Intention

### Weekday Mass Intention

|  |             |  |                          |
|--|-------------|--|--------------------------|
| Mon. 9:30am<br>Mona Hallahan (23 <sup>rd</sup> ) | Tue. 9:30am | Thurs. 9:30am<br>Annie & Michael Smith | Fri. 9:30am<br>Intention |
|--|-------------|--|--------------------------|

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Carmel Lynch**, Spire View Green, Johnstown, and for **Tom Garry**, Ardsallagh, both laid to rest on Thursday.

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy **Laoise Marie Cantwell** and **Noah Joseph Mathew**, through the sacrament of Baptism praying God's blessings on them and their families, as they begin their Christian life.

### ● **First Holy Communion**



Congratulations to our young parishioners from Holy Trinity School, Lismullen, 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 Lismullen Parish School for helping to prepare the children for this special moment in their lives, especially the children's teachers: Ms. Finnegan and Ms. Brady, the children's SNA's and all the teachers and staff of the Lismullen School.

On Friday, the children from **St. Mary's Special School** will receive their First Holy Communion at 11am.

**Crest of Pope Leo XIV:** The Papal Crest of our new Holy Father has been published earlier this week. The central heraldic shield is surmounted by the Crossed Keys of St Peter (Matthew 16:19) symbolising the authority given by Christ to St Peter and his successors that "whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth, shall be considered loosed in heaven. The Mitre is the episcopal symbol in this case as Bishop of Rome, and the triple stripes represent the pope's role as "the father of kings, governor of the world and Vicar of Christ". The shield is split diagonally with the blue field evoking "the heights of the heavens and is



distinguished by its Marian significance, with the lily (Fleur-de-Lis) appearing as the classic symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary." The opposite field containing the heart enflamed and pierced by an arrow, which is the emblem of the Order of St. Augustine, of which Pope Leo XIV served as Prior General for two terms. "This figure symbolically evokes Saint Augustine's words in the Confessions: 'Sagittaveras tu cor meum charitate tua' ("You pierced my heart with your love")," The open book, which symbolizes "the Word of God that transforms every human heart, as it did Augustine's." The White field behind the heart and book (in the papal arms rendered in ivory) recurs in many religious orders' heraldry as a sign of holiness and purity." Pope Leo XIV's motto – **IN ILLO UNO UNUM** ("In the One, we are one") – sits at the bottom of the coat of arms. The motto echoes St. Augustine's sermon on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."



- **Cemetery Devotions 2025:** The Annual Parish Prayers for our Faithful Departed interred in the cemeteries of our parish will take place on the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>TempleKieran Cemetery:</b> | <b>1pm</b> |
| <b>Mounttown Cemetery:</b>    | <b>3pm</b> |
| <b>Old Kilcarn Cemetery:</b>  | <b>5pm</b> |

● **St Rita of Cascia** is commemorated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, and she is known as the "Patroness of Impossible Causes" for many of the wonders of God's providence worked through her prayers and intercessions. Married to an abusive husband, she is also known for her care towards those in difficult relationships as well. She is often depicted in iconography in a religious habit, for she took religious vows after the death of her husband. After death, her body was found to be incorrupt and a smell of roses surrounded her.



● **Coláiste na Mí**, celebrated the 10th anniversary of their first Leaving Certificate class graduation. This special occasion, was commemorated with a reunion event in the school on Friday evening. Good wishes are extended to the school community as they build on the foundations of their first decade, and we wish them an 'Ad Multos Annos' for the future.

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.

Ŕ. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

### 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.

Ŕ. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, 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

- **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 € 1,080.99 Envelopes: €919.00

Online: €27 Trócaire: €4,346.41

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

A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account

IBAN IE97 BOFI 9035 0989 9651 74

#### May Bulletin

kindly sponsored by a parishioner

Thank you to all our generous Sponsors!

**GAA Lotto Results - Sun 11/05 Nos 1,13,19,24 1 match 3 -Tracey Byrne Next Weeks' Lotto - €12,900**

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