

### 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



"Do you  
**LOVE**  
me?"  
"Feed my  
**SHEEP.**"

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 4<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

### Third Sunday of Easter

#### Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May

6:00pm: Seamus Hennelly (1<sup>st</sup>)

7:30pm: Martin Smith (2<sup>nd</sup>)

#### Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May

9:30am: ProPopulo

11:00am: Tony & Mary Deane



### Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May

6:00pm: Paddy Kennedy (MM)

7:30pm: Ena Reynolds (MM)

Michael Halligan (10<sup>th</sup>);

Tom & May McMahon & daughter Olive

#### Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May

9:30am: Pro Populo

11:00am: Carole Barry;

James Murtagh & Frances Kelly

### Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am	Tue. 9:30am	Thurs. 9:30am	Fri. 9:30am
No Public Mass	Intention		Jeremiah Michael Farrell (10 <sup>th</sup> )

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy **Kyle Reilly, Jayden Cassin, Ollie Naughton, PJ Fionán Cummins, Hugo Gerry Burke & Myla Robyn Burke**, through the sacrament of Baptism praying God's blessings on them and their families, as they begin their Christian lives.

● **Monday Mass** – there will be **no 9.30am Mass on Monday**, owing to the Bank Holiday

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Evelyn McGreehan**, formerly Johnstown Wood, who was laid to rest on Wednesday

● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Pádraig Synnott** and **Caroline Maher**, 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.

● **First Holy Communion** Congratulations to the children from the Syro-Malabar community who received the sacrament this Saturday. Next Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, our young parishioners attending St. Stephen's Primary School, will receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at Masses at 10am and 12noon. We continue to pray for them, their families and the class teachers guiding them towards this special moment in the life of our parish. *"How holy this feast in which Christ is our food, his passion is recalled, grace fills our heart and we are given a pledge of the glory to come". – O Sacrum Convivium*

● **Trocaire Boxes:** Please return Trocaire Boxes to the Churches or the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous response. **The amount returned to date is €3,023.96**

● **Jubilee Year Confessions,** St. Mary's Church, Navan. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month, 4pm-6pm. This Sunday's confessor will be Fr Maurice Henry PP, Castletown Kilpatrick.

● **Vocations Sunday:** Next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. 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](http://meathvocations.com). A retiring collection will be taken up in support of vocations in our diocese, especially the 4 men currently in formation for priesthood in our diocese.

● **Parish Works Update:** The painting of the interior of Walterstown Church has begun and should be completed next week – we wish Eamon & his team every blessing. Some trees around the parish grounds of Johnstown have been removed due to damage from Storm Eowyn, and some new trees will be planted. With great joy, our parish school in Lismullen had the ceremonial “Turning of the Sod” and blessing of the work on Thursday, as we watch the great work progress towards the new school buildings.



**Pro-Life - March for Life 2025:** Bank Holiday Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. Beginning from St Stephen’s Green at 2pm and walking to Leinster House. Advocating For Change, Unity, and Empowerment for Mothers and their Babies. Be part of something bigger – Let’s Make A Difference Together. More info can be found on [marchforlife.ie](http://marchforlife.ie)

● **Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the Election of a New Pope:** We pray for the Cardinal Electors who will enter in Conclave on the 7<sup>th</sup> May to elect a new Pope, asking the Holy Spirit to guide their discussions and ultimate decision that the man they choose will fulfil the important role of Vicar of Christ, Bishop of Rome, and Holy Father to the church and the world.

*“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

*Let us pray: O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

● **The Month of May** is dedicated to Our Lady, and the Faithful are encouraged to mark this month with renewed devotions and pious practices,

**Tips to celebrate May as the month of Mary:** Pray the Rosary, Put up an image of Mary at home, work, in the car, mobile screensaver, and make a May Altar at home with flowers from the garden, Read the scripture passages about Mary, reflect on the Seven Sorrows of Mary, pray the consecration to Mary, Receive the Sacraments, Learn a hymn or prayer to Mary, share a Marian gift/image with someone, Go on pilgrimage to Knock either personally or with family. Share the joy of Mary that she sang so beautifully, in her great hymn the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) “The Almighty has done great things for me, Holy his name”.

### **Bring Flow’rs of the Rarest!**

Bring flow’rs of the rarest  
Bring blossoms the fairest,  
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee,  
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true.  
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,  
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.



### **Refrain:**

O Mary, we crown thee  
with blossoms today!  
Queen of the Angels,  
and Queen of the May.

● **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 €955.95 Envelopes: €627.55 Online: €238  
**Bank details for direct debits etc.** BOI Navan.  
A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account  
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**GAA Lotto Results** – Sun 27/04 Nos 2,9,20,27: 3 match 4 -Maeve McCabe, Aaron McLoughlin & Alicia Reynolds -  
Next Weeks’ **Lotto** - €12,800 ● **Celebration Concert, in aid of St. Mary’s Special School, Johnstown**, with Navan Silver Band & Navan Male Voice Choir, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. in new school hall – Johnstown Educational Campus. Tickets available from St. Mary's Navan Parish Shop