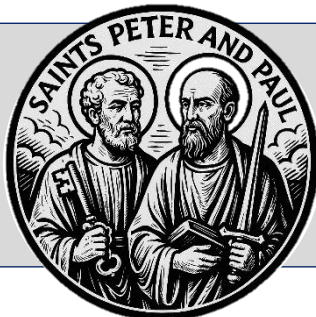


## WEEKEND MASSES

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

## SOLEMNITY OF STS PETER AND PAUL

### 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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

### Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June

6:00pm:  
7:30pm: Larry & Eileen McEnteggart  
Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June  
9:30am:  
11:00am: Bernie Cullen (13<sup>th</sup>), Audrey Lewis (4<sup>th</sup>)

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July

6:00pm:  
7:30pm: Noel Murphy  
Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July  
9:30am: Olive Farrelly, John & Mary (Parents),  
Moira and Dan  
11:00am:

## Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Tue. 9:30am  
Intention

Thurs. 9:30am

Fri. 9:30am  
Parish List of the Dead

● **RIP:** We commend to your prayers the repose of the soul of Jack McGrath, Farganstown



● **The Keys, the Upside Down Cross and the Death of St Peter:** According to tradition, Saint Peter is usually holding either a set of keys or an upside down cross. The keys are a symbol of the authority given to St Peter by the Lord; "I give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven...." (Matt 16:19). When St Peter met his martyrdom in Rome under the Emperor Nero's persecution of Christians around 64 AD, out of profound humility, he requested to be crucified upside down, feeling unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus. His death marked a powerful testament to his unwavering faith and love for Christ. Though once a fisherman who denied the Lord three times, Peter ultimately embraced the cross with courage, sealing his witness with his blood. His martyrdom remains a cornerstone of the Church's legacy, reminding us that grace can transform even the frailest heart into one of heroic strength.



● **The Sword, the 3 Fountains and the Death of St Paul:** The Abbey of the Three Fountains in Rome is traditionally believed to be the site of Saint Paul's martyrdom. According to early Christian tradition, Paul was beheaded there around 67 AD during Emperor Nero's persecution of Christians. Because he was a Roman citizen, he was granted a more "honorable" execution – beheading rather than crucifixion. Tradition holds that when Paul was decapitated, his head bounced three times on the ground, and at each spot, a spring miraculously gushed forth. These springs became known as the *Aquae Salviae*, and the site was later named *Tre Fontane* – Italian for "Three Fountains". His remains were buried and the beautiful basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls along the Ostian Way was built over his tomb, which can still be seen under the High Altar. The Sword is both the symbol of his manner of execution but also his love for Sacred Scripture, which

is described in Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword..." which cuts through falsehood stirring the heart to truth and transformation.

● **Peter's Pence** The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. A collection bucket will be available at the end of Mass to receive your generous donations.

● **Loughcrew Sunday - June 29th Mass at 3pm: St Oliver Plunkett -**

**400th Anniversary of his Birth & 50th Anniversary of his Canonisation**

This year marks two significant anniversaries in the life of the Church in Ireland and the Diocese of Meath: the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1625, and the 50th anniversary of his canonisation in 1975. To mark these occasions, Our annual Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Deenihan, with the priests of the Diocese at Loughcrew, the birthplace of St Oliver this Sunday. All are welcome to attend this special celebration in honour of our diocesan saint and martyr. Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All-Ireland, Most Reverend Eamon Martin will be the homilist.



● **Summertime:** These months of summertime are a great opportunity for parishioners and families to enjoy some relaxing holiday time. It can also become a time where we can grow in faith by taking the opportunity to go on pilgrimage. The Marian Shrine of Knock hosts its annual Novena in August, but can be visited anytime. The pilgrimage season is in full swing in St Patrick's Purgatory on Lough Derg with opportunities to undertake the 3day pilgrimage available anyday until the middle of August. Croagh Patrick is a wonderful chance to follow our national patron saint in climbing Ireland's Holy Mountain. St Kevin's monastic site in Glendalough, Lady Island in Wexford, St Bridget's home in Faughart, or indeed our Lough Crew site in Oldcastle give plenty of options. On the last Saturday of August, we will join with Navan Parish for the Annual Pilgrim Walk from Tara to Slane. Whatever we do, let it be the glory of God.

● **Mobile Donation:** Scan QR code 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 this way.



## **Parish Sunday Collection**

Offertory €492.26 Envelopes: €625.52 Online: €245.00  
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