

## 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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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

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

#### Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July

6:00pm: Robert Battersby (1<sup>st</sup>);  
James McCabe (18<sup>th</sup>)  
7.30pm: John & Esther Gaffney & DFM  
Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July

9:30am:  
11:00am:

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

#### Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August

6:00pm:  
7:30pm: Thomas Dunne MM;  
Vincent Blake

#### Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August

9:30am: Joe Lenehan MM  
11:00am:

## Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Tue. 9:30am

Thurs. 9:30am  
No Mass

Fri. 9:30am  
No Mass



● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Áine Grace McMahon & Síomha Bridget McMahon** through the sacrament of Baptism last week, praying God's blessings on them and their families as they begin their Christian life.

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Padraig Clarke**, Athlumney Castle, Navan and **Brendan Frayne**, Edenderry, Co Offaly.

**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.

**TempleKieran Cemetery:** 1pm  
**Mounttown Cemetery:** 3pm  
**Old Kilcarn Cemetery:** 5pm



● **Weekday Masses this week:** Please note there will be no Mass on **Thursday** or **Friday** this week.  
● **Reek Sunday** 27<sup>th</sup> July: Masses at Croagh Patrick on the hour from 8am – 2pm; Confessions 7:30am – 2pm. All welcome.

● **Jubilee of Youth:** This coming week, 40 young people from our Diocese will travel to Rome to take part in the Jubilee of Youth, along with over a 1000 others from Ireland, and nearly a million young Catholics from around the world. Among the young people going with the Diocese, there will be 3 from our parish: Osagumwenro, Kym and Katie. The invitation to young people is part of the jubilee celebrations of this Holy Year which has been highlighting the many different groups that make up the fabric of our Christian society: Some of the groups that have gathered in Rome so far included: Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers, Jubilee of Communications, Jubilee of the World of Volunteering, Jubilee of Deacons, Priests and Religious, Jubilee of Educators, Jubilee of Families, Children, Teenagers and Grandparents, Jubilee of Bands and Popular Entertainment, Jubilee of Sports. Coming later this year will be the turn for the Poor, Prisoners, Migrants, Justice, Governments and Catholic Influencers, Etc. The Jubilee of Youth will include visits to the Holy Sites and the opportunity to enter through the Holy Door,



Mass and Catechesis, many encounters with other young people from around the world, celebrating our own cultural background, and gathering with Pope Leo XIV for an outdoor all-night vigil and the Mass of the Jubilee of Youth on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. We pray for our young pilgrims and looking forward to hearing from them on their return.



● **Grandparents Day:** This Sunday, the closest to the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne (July 26th) is given as a day to show appreciation for the role and work of grandparents in family life. Sts Joachim and Anne are the parents of Mary, and grandparents of the Lord Jesus. While we know of them from extra-biblical sources, we can surmise too, from our own experience of the positive and loving relationship between grandparents and grandchildren, the love and devotion that they had towards Jesus as He grew up in Nazareth, and indeed the love that He showed towards His “Granny and Granddad”, was both unique and a model for us to emulate as well. May St Anne and St Joachim bless all grandparents in their special vocation in a family, and a special congratulations to parishioners who became Grandparents for the first time this year.



**National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock.** All are welcome for this wonderful celebration of family and faith through the generations. Annual pilgrimage to Knock. Sun 27<sup>th</sup> July. Bus leaves Fairgreen at 8am. Call for information or booking: 087 9408195, 0863033532, 0877486565

#### A Grandparents Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasures of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the  
fruits of their mature human and spiritual  
experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly  
homeland, where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

● **Parish Works Update:** A big thank you to Shane Smyth and his team for their work in painting the porch and stairwell in Johnstown Church, as well as restraining the sacristy and storeroom doors, addressing the peeling paint on the internal walls and landing of the bell tower. Your generous donations through envelope, direct debit and online donations have covered the cost of the work. Thank you.

● **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 €758.93 Envelopes: €493.50 Online: €  
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