

WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)
JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10TH AUGUST 2025



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 9th August

6:00pm: Nancy Clarke 5th
7.30pm: Edward Dowdall - 2nd, his parents -
Julia & Christy & baby sister Julia
Sunday, 10th August
9:30am: Pro Populo
11:00am:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 16th August

6:00pm: Rosie McCabe 1st
7:30pm:
Sunday, 17th August
9:30am:
11:00am: Pro Populo

Weekday Mass Intention

Funeral Mass 11:00am
Mary Carroll

Tue. 9:30am
Brendan Frayne

Thurs. 9.:30am

Fri. 9:30am

● **Rest in Peace:** We pray for the repose of **Mary Carroll (Nee McCoy)**, Old Road Athlumney who will be laid to rest after Funeral Mass on Monday at 11:00am in Johnstown.

● **15th August - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Johnstown 9:30am Friday

Walterstown 6:30pm Friday - Parish Feast Day



The celebration of the Assumption of Mary into heaven is a Holy Day of Obligation, providing us with a wonderful opportunity to praise God for the graces that He bestowed on our Blessed Mother by bringing her, both Body and Soul into heaven. It was widely held through Christian history of the special privilege given to Mary at the end of her earthly life, but it was only in the Marian Jubilee year of 1950 that Pope Pius XII formally defined it as an article of faith. "*We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven*" - **Munificentissimus Deus**. This day is held with great solemnity in many Christian countries with special processions, festive foods and vesperal fireworks. Mary completed her life as a shining example to the human race, and so too the perspective of the gift of assumption is offered to the whole human race as we pray in the creed that "*we believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting*".

The patronage of Walterstown is given to Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven and so this day is the feast for the parishioners of Walterstown. On these great parish occasions it invites us to celebrate the bonds of parish life, to encourage delight in our local community, to welcome home relatives and visitors, and to use it as a good excuse to catchup with neighbours or welcome new families who have moved into our parish community.

A cup of tea will be served after Mass in Walterstown. Happy Feast Day!

● **Holy Well:** Visit the ancient pilgrimage site of **Our Lady's Well** in the grounds of Slane Castle Estate on Friday next 15th Aug. Gate open from dawn to dusk. All welcome.

Cemetery Devotions 2025: The Annual Parish Prayers for our Faithful Departed interred in the cemeteries of our parish will take place on the 31st August. If anyone needs assistance with their family graves, please offer a hand,

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



● **Jubilee of Youth:** Last week, 38 young people of our diocese, including 3 from Johsntown Parish, joined with over 1.5million young Catholics from around the world for the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, visiting some of the revered sites of our Christian faith, passing through the Holy Doors only opened during a Jubilee Year, met up with the large Irish contingent for Catechesis, Mass, and a concert, as well as praying for us at home! The highlight of the week was the Night Vigil and Holy Mass celebrated



by Pope Leo XIV last weekend, who encouraged them: "If you truly want to find the Risen Lord, listen to His Word, the Gospel of salvation. Reflect on how you live and seek justice to build a more human world. Serve the poor and bear witness to the good we always long to receive from others."

Our Johnstown pilgrims share their experience of Rome 2025:

Osagumwenro: "I felt truly blessed to be part of the Meath Diocesan Group travelling to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth 2025 - what an extraordinary experience it was! Rome completely captivated me, not only with its stunning architecture, rich culture, and delicious pasta but also with its profound and living connection to the Faith and Catholic heritage. Throughout the city that week, flags from around the world proudly flew, representing the devotion and faith of countless pilgrims. We had the wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Catholics from different parts of the globe and bond over our shared beliefs. It was inspiring to learn that over 146 countries participated in this incredible event! For me, one of the most moving moments was seeing 600 young Irish people gathered together at the Irish gathering during the Jubilee. I felt immense pride to be among them!!! This experience has filled me with great hope and confidence in the future of the Faith in Ireland.

Katie: "I am extremely grateful to have gotten to experience the beauty and joy that was the Jubilee of Youth in Rome. Seeing over 1 million young Catholics from all over the world was inspiring and gave me a strong hope for the future of our Church. However, by far the most amazing thing about the week was the undeniable presence and love of Jesus. Everywhere I



looked I saw young people on fire for Jesus, burning with joy and most importantly hope. From getting the privilege to walk through the holy doors to seeing our new Pope, everywhere I went I felt the Holy Spirit stir something inside me. I am so lucky to have been with a wonderful group and great group leaders who were extremely encouraging in the faith. I hope I have brought the fruits of this pilgrimage home with me and can continue to spread the joy of Jesus Christ everyday!"

Kym: It's hard to say what it was that I enjoyed most about the Jubilee of Youth. It is definitely an experience I will never forget. My favourite thing I think was getting to see the Pope. I had missed seeing him the first time around and was queueing to brush my teeth when he unexpectedly came right by and it was just such a nice surprise. I also loved how caring everyone was and the support everyone gave each other through the difficult times. I really enjoyed getting to meet and know all the members of the group and I will be forever grateful for the 2 sisters who offered to be my bodyguards on the metro when it was super busy and insanely warm! I feel our journey was a true reflection of the pilgrimage of hope that we embarked on in so many ways and would like to thank everyone who made it possible.

The next World Youth Day will take place in Seoul, South Korea in 2027, keep an eye out for updates!



● **Tara to Slane Pilgrim Walk: 30th Aug:** celebrate this Jubilee with a pilgrim walk from the Hill of Tara to the Hill of Slane, the sight of St Patrick's Paschal fire. This 15mile (24km) walk will be undertaken as a group, passing through our parish enroute to Slane. Registration is necessary and can be done in Johnstown Parish Office, Sacristies after Mass or in St Mary's Parish Office, Navan.

● **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.



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