

## 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

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 17TH AUGUST 2025



#### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 16th August

6:00pm: Rosie McCabe 1<sup>st</sup>

7.30pm:

Sunday, 17th August

9:30am:

11:00am: Pro Populo

#### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 23rd August

6:00pm:

7:30pm: Sheila Lynch;

John & Breda Keogan

Sunday, 24th August

9:30am:

11:00am: Pro Populo

#### Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9.30am

Tue. 9:30am

Thurs. 9.:30am

Fri. 9:30am  
Michael Reilly

● **Rest in Peace:** We pray for the repose of **Mary Carroll (Nee McCoy)**, Old Road Athlumney who was laid to rest in Old Kilcarn Cemetery on Monday.



● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy: **Ruairí Neil O'Sullivan, Jessica Margaret O'Brien Lynch** and **Abbie Monerowela** through the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday, as we continue to pray God's blessings on them and their families, as they begin their Christian lives.

● **Mass Times App:** A handy app that gives you the times of Masses around the world, particularly useful when travelling, on holidays or in a different parish. Download **Catholic Mass Times** from your Phone's App store or website: [catholicmasstimes.com](http://catholicmasstimes.com).



**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. If anyone needs assistance with their family graves, please offer a hand.

**TempleKieran Cemetery:**

1pm

**Mounttown Cemetery:**

3pm

**Old Kilcarn Cemetery:**

5pm



● **Walterstown Patrons Day:** A Thank You to all who helped make the celebration of our Parish Patron's Day a lovely celebration of community bonds, from the choir, to the cup of tea after Mass to the preparation of the grounds around the Walterstown Church. A great day for the Parish!!!



● **Tara to Slane Pilgrim Walk: 30th Aug:** Bealach an tSolais. The annual pilgrim walk from the Hill of Tara to the Hill of Slane will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the first pilgrimage for the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, and a beautiful way to celebrate this Jubilee Year of 2025. Tara is associated with our pre-Christian history while Slane, according to tradition, is the site where St.

Patrick lit the Paschal Fire for the first time in Ireland. The walk is therefore a journey towards the Light of Christ, the source of hope on our pilgrim journey through life. The walk is 15 miles (24 kms) long and winds along country roads through Skryne, Walterstown, and Beauparc, before crossing the Boyne at Slane. Applications Forms are available in the Sacristies and Parish Office of Johnstown, and also in Navan Parish Office.

● **Saints celebrated this week: (Aug 20th) St Bernard,** Patron Saint of the Cistercian Order, Beekeepers, and Mountaineers. He had a closeness to Our Lady and wrote beautiful sermons on Mary.

(21<sup>st</sup> Aug) Pope St Pius X, gave permission for First Holy Communion to be given at the age of reason (aged 7/8). His Motto was to "Restore all things in Christ".

(22<sup>nd</sup> Aug). The Queenship of Mary, celebrated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary



**Memorial of our Lady of Knock 17<sup>th</sup> August.** On the rainy evening of August 21, 1879, in the village of Knock, County Mayo, fifteen faithful witnesses beheld a silent yet radiant vision at the gable wall of their parish church. In a scene bathed in heavenly light, they saw: **The Blessed Virgin Mary**, clothed in white, crowned in gold, hands raised in prayer, her gaze lifted toward heaven.

**Saint Joseph**, with reverently inclined toward Mary. **Saint John the Evangelist**, the youngest apostle, vested as a bishop, holding a book and gesturing toward an altar. Upon the altar stood a **Lamb**, symbolizing Christ, with a cross behind it, surrounded by angels. ★ The apparition lasted for two hours, during which the witnesses—young and old—stood in the pouring rain, praying the Rosary. Miraculously, not a drop touched the

vision itself. Though no words were spoken, the message was profound: a silent call to adoration, faith, and hope during a time of famine and hardship. The presence of the Eucharistic Lamb emphasized the centrality of Christ in suffering and redemption, and the Mass being the Source and Summit of the Christian life. Knock has since become a cherished Marian shrine, a place of pilgrimage and healing, where countless miracles have been reported – testimonies to the enduring grace of Our Lady of Knock.

**Prayer to Our Lady of Knock**, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find". Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen.

● **Mass Cards**: A selection of Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office or in the Sacristies.

● **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 €684.12 Envelopes: €571.98

Online: €35.00

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