

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH AUGUST 2025



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 23rd August

6:00pm: Pro Populo
7.30pm: Sheila Lynch;
John & Breda Keogan
Sunday, 24th August
9:30am: Phil Brady (26th)
11:00am: In thanksgiving for Leaving Cert Results

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 30th August

6:00pm: Souls interred in Parish Cemeteries
7:30pm: Pro Populo
Sunday, 31st August
9:30am: Souls interred in Parish Cemeteries
11:00am: Helen Loftus (1st Ann.)
Hugh & Mary Tully;

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9.30am

Tue. 9:30am

Thurs. 9.:30am
Children of the Eucharist

Fri. 9:30am

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy: **Abbie Monerawela, Daithí Soden, Warren James, Lyla Grace & Kailum Eamon Power Brennan**, through the sacrament of Baptism, as we continue to pray God's blessings on them and their families, as they begin their Christian lives.

● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Enda Seery & Amanda Reilly** who married on Thursday in Johnstown Church. We pray that the Lord will bless them with a lifetime of love, health and happiness as they enter the sacred covenant of Holy Matrimony



● **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.

● **Cemetery Devotions 2025:** The Annual Parish Prayers for our Faithful Departed interred in the cemeteries of our parish will take place next Sunday - 31st August.

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



Please be aware of those who may need assistance in tending a loved one's plot in preparation for our cemetery devotions next week. Take away and recycle where possible any rubbish that may arise in tidying graves. Please walk as carpark spaces are limited and should be kept for those who are most in need of parking close to the cemetery. A special word of thanks for all who maintain our parish cemeteries throughout the year.

Please be generous in supporting the collection that will be taken up at the entrance of the cemeteries that goes towards offsetting the bills associated with keeping the cemeteries tidied and accessible for families visiting a Loved One's resting place, as well as ensuring a welcoming place for those who will escort the remains of a loved one on a funeral day in the coming year.

● A **Columbarium Wall** has been built in TempleKieran Cemetery where the ashes of loved ones who have been cremated may be placed. Enquires to the parish office.

● **Leaving Certificate Results:** Congratulations to our young parishioners who received Leaving Certificate Results on Friday. We wish you the very best in the new possibilities that lie open to you and pray God's blessings on the decisions in what road you now take. *"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end!"*

● **Welcome Back to School:** We wish every blessing to our even younger parishioners as they return to our parish schools this week, and of course a big welcome to the new Junior Infants on their first day of school. A big welcome back too, to the school principals, teachers, SNA's and school staff at the beginning of this new academic year. May they have a blessed year of happiness, learning and growth in the love of the Lord. In the next few weeks we will bid a fond farewell to the old school building of Holy Trinity School, Lismullen as it is demolished to make way for the brand new school building, and our we pray God's continued blessing on all involved in its construction.

● **Tara to Slane Pilgrim Walk: 30th Aug:** "Bealach an tSolais". The annual pilgrim walk from the Hill of



TARA TO SLANE PILGRIMAGE Tara to the Hill of Slane will take place on Saturday 30th August. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the first Tara to Slane 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.

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the
night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my
light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

● **27th Aug: Feast of Saint Monica**, Patroness of parents concerned for wayward children:

Prayer: St. Monica, patroness of wayward children, I lift up to you my son/ daughter, and all those young souls who have wandered from the path of faith. May your prayers obtain for them the graces necessary for their return to the sacraments and the rekindling of their love for God and neighbour. In our moments of doubt and despair, remind us of the profound transformation in your son's life. May this inspire us to hope against hope, to believe in the impossible, and to trust in God's perfect timing. O glorious St. Monica, we entrust our children to your care. Amen.

● **RCIA Programme:** Are you, or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? R.C.I.A., the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a faith-formation process which prepares and supports adults who wish to become Catholic. Applications are currently being invited for this year's programme which will commence in the autumn. For further details, please contact the Parish Office or visit www.dioceseofmeath.ie/

● **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 €859.22 Envelopes: €389.00

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Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
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