

## 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

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025



#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

##### Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September

6:00pm: Pro Populo  
7.30pm: Marie Valentine (1<sup>st</sup> Ann);  
Catherine Crerar

##### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September

9:30am:  
11:00am: John McCormack (1<sup>st</sup> Ann);  
Frank Donnellan (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann);  
Mary Sheridan (recently deceased)

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

6:00pm:  
7:30pm: Eamon Cleary & DFM;  
Noreen Ward (recently deceased)

##### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

9:30am: Bartle Christie (6<sup>th</sup> Ann)  
11:00am:

#### Weekday Mass Intention

| Mon. 9.30am       | Tue. 9.30am               | Thurs. 9.30am | Fri. 9.30am |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Special Intention | Children of the Eucharist |               |             |

● **Rest in peace:** We pray for the repose of **Claire Tobin**, The Glan, Monktown, who was laid to rest in Mounttown on Thursday, for **Olimpio Matias Pereira**, Chestnut Court, laid to rest in Old Kilcarne on Saturday and for **Noeline Harvey**, Cork.

● **Enrolment for Sacramental Preparation:** This weekend, we extend a warm welcome to children of our parish wishing to be enrolled for preparation for First Penance & First Holy Communion, which will be celebrated next year. The receiving of the sacraments always calls for careful preparation whether it is the course that draws out the wonderful meaning of baptism before the sacrament of Baptism; the PreMarriage Course that offers couples wishing to enter into a sacramental marriage a chance to reflect on the meaning of Christian Marriage and to offer support for their shared life together, and of course the years that men are asked to discern the call to Holy Orders and preparing for that life of service that comes with Ordination. The celebration of the sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are no different in the requirements to be prepared in order to receive them joyfully. These are major steps in the life of a Christian and so we pray as a parish for these young parishioners and their families particularly in the months ahead. May God who has begun this good work in them, bring it to fulfillment. Today marks the moment of enrolment in this period of preparation as the children present their forms. We thank the 2<sup>nd</sup> class teachers who will assist parents in preparing the children for these important moments of their Christian journey.

● **Bus to Knock - Legion of Mary Pilgrimage** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Bus pick-up - **Johnstown 8am** **Fairgreen, Navan - 8.15am**. Contact 087 9299544 to book a seat.

● **Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo**, 5<sup>th</sup> October. €799.00 pps. Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 / 087 1890 236 / email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).





● **The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, celebrated today, honors the cross as the instrument of Christ's victory over death and the symbol of divine love and redemption.

✦ **Historical Roots:** (A) It commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, around 326 AD. (B) The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem was dedicated in 335 AD, and the cross was publicly venerated the following day (C) The feast also recalls the restoration of the Cross to Jerusalem after it was taken by the Persians and recovered by

Emperor Heraclius in 628 AD.

† **Spiritual Significance:** The celebration emphasises not the suffering of the Cross, but the love and mercy of God revealed through Christ's sacrifice. It invites believers to "lift up their gaze" and recognise the Cross as a tree of life, a source of hope and salvation. In essence, this feast transforms a symbol of death into one of eternal life, reminding Christians of the transformative power of divine love.

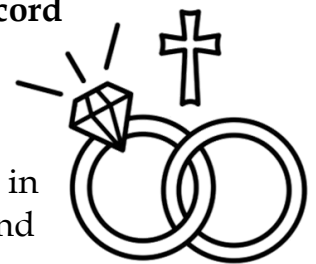
● **Getting Married in 2025/2026: - Details of Pre-Marriage Courses:** Accord Navan Marriage Preparation Programmes: 28th September & 5th October 2025, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Also Friday 17th October 7pm - 10pm & Saturday 18th October 2025 9am-4.30pm. Book on Accord.ie or phone 046 9023146

● **Marriage Enrichment Weekend:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November in Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. For information and booking [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

● **YOUCAT Companion Study Group:** Would you like to know your faith better? Do you wish to learn what Catholics actually believe? Be able to answer those difficult questions about the Catholic faith that friends or colleagues put to you? Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30pm beginning with an information night on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. More information is available via [navanyoucat@gmail.com](mailto:navanyoucat@gmail.com).

● **Mass Cards:** A selection of Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office or in 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: €950.05 Envelopes: €984.70

Online: €109.00

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GAA Lotto: 07/09 - Numbers - 14,20,24,26 - No jkp winner no match 3 - Jackpot now €14,700

**Navan and District Historical Society** - Talk by Christopher Lynch, in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, Navan on Thurs, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Based on a heritage compiled by Katty O'Brien and Annie Delany & colleagues of the Johnstown Guild of the I.C.A. 1985.

Admission €5 - Students and Members free .join online [www.navanhistory.ie](http://www.navanhistory.ie). Further info to [navanhistory@gmail.com](mailto:navanhistory@gmail.com)