

## 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

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2025



#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> August

6:00pm: Souls interred in Parish Cemeteries

7.30pm: Graham O'Grady (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann)

##### Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August

9:30am: Souls interred in Parish Cemeteries

11:00am: Helen Loftus (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.);  
Hugh & Mary Tully; Kay Barry (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann)

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September

6:00pm:

7:30pm: Pro Populo

##### Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

9:30am:

11:00am: Mary Carroll (MM);  
John Dowdall, his wife Helena & DFM

#### Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9.30am

Get Well Intention

Tue. 9:30am

Get Well Intention

Thurs. 9.:30am

Children of the Eucharist

Fri. 9:30am

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy: **Summer Clara Jackson, Arley Anthony Dixon & Eva Cosgrove Murray**, through the sacrament of Baptism, as we continue to pray God's blessings on them and their families, as they begin their Christian lives.



● **RIP:** We pray for the repose of **Kathleen McTigue**, Dunshaughlin.

● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Nigel Watts & Lynn Crampton** 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

## Cemetery Devotions 2025

Intercessions for the Souls of the Faithful Departed interred in the Parish Cemeteries of Johnstown Walterstown takes place this **Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August**. **Holy Mass** will be offered this weekend for the Faithful Departed interred in our parish cemeteries and included too with the Parish List of the Dead on the First Friday of each month.

#### Intercessions and Prayers for those interred in the Cemeteries:.

**Mounttown** 1pm;

**Templekieran** 3pm;

**Old Kilcarne** 5pm.

*Eternal Rest grant on to those interred in our parish cemeteries*



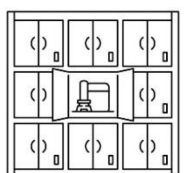
We welcome visitors and parishioners to our annual cemetery devotions this weekend, not least those who have suffered bereavement since this time last year, as we recall our loved ones buried in our parish cemeteries.

If possible, please walk as carpark spaces are limited and should be kept for those who are most in need of parking close to the cemetery. Please bring any packaging or waste materials home with you in order to keep these sacred places tidy and honoured spaces that hold our Beloved and Faithful Departed.

A special word of thanks for all who maintain our parish cemeteries throughout the year.

A **Gate Collection** will be taken up at the entrance of the cemetery to offset 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. Please support generously. Donations can also be made online by scanning the QR Code below, or through Banking Online with the Bank Details below. Thank you for your generous support.

● 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. Places will be given as the need arises and cannot be pre-purchased.



● **'Why Sunday Matters'-Pastoral Initiative from the Irish Bishops Conference:** As we journey together through this Jubilee Year of Hope, we, the Irish Bishops, warmly invite all Catholics to reflect on the profound gift of Sunday Mass. This special year offers a unique opportunity to rediscover the heart of our faith and, for those who have been away, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist. Sunday – the day of the Lord – has always held a central place in the life of the Church. It is the day of resurrection, rest, and Eucharist. It is the day when we gather as a



How can you enrich your experience of Mass and make it a central part of your life?

community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul. In this document, we reflect on the immense significance of Sunday Mass – not simply as a ritual, but as the source and summit of our faith. Here, we meet Christ in His living presence and are strengthened to live as His disciples. Attending Sunday Mass, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is

more than a duty; it is a sacred privilege and a chance to be renewed by God's love. We invite you to explore this message with an open heart, and to embrace the precious gift of Christ's presence among us in the Eucharist. Copies of "Why Sunday Matters" are available at the back of the churches and online from [CatholicBishops.ie](http://CatholicBishops.ie)

What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in the Mass?

What could it mean?

### HYMN: Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing.  
Praise him, praise him,  
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Praise him, praise him,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him, praise him,  
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Praise him, praise him,  
praise with us the God of grace.

● **Catholic Mothers Ireland – Family Day:** Will be holding their Annual National Mass on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Church of St James, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath. Beginning with Adoration and Rosary for Children at 11am, Confessions available. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty at 12pm, followed by food and activities in the hall. A lovely day for all the family! Email [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie) for more information and booking.

● **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/](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/)

● **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 €819.86 Envelopes: €450.00

Online: €221.00

**Bank details for direct debits etc.** BOI Navan.  
A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account  
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### August Bulletin

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GAA Lotto: 24/08 Numbers - 10,11,13,16 - 6 match 3 -Ed Roche x3, Jenny Barry, Sandra Masterson & Siobhan Carroll Jackpot now €14,500