

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH OCTOBER 2025



PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

WEEKDAY MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 9:30 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (EXCEPT WEDNESDAY)
ON OCCASION OF A FUNERAL, 9:30AM MASS IS SUSPENDED
SYRO-MALABAR MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
TRAD. LATIN MASS: JOHNSTOWN 1PM EVERY SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
BAPTISMS: SUNDAY FOLLOWING 11:00AM MASS – *ENQUIRIES TO PARISH OFFICE*
CONFESSION: CELEBRATED IN THE CONFESSIONAL IN JOHNSTOWN, SATURDAY, 7:10PM

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 11th October

6:00pm: Pro Populo
7.30pm: Thomas, Marguerite & Michael Davis & DFM

Sunday, 12th October

9:30am: Claire Tobin (MM)
11:00am: Peter Mac Mahon (4th A.V);
Seamus Reilly & his father Tom

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 18th October

6:00pm:
7:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday, 19th October

9:30am:
11:00am: Joe Flannery & parents Mick & Kitty

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9.30am

Butler & Rushe families & DFM

Tue. 9:30am

Thurs. 9.:30am

Fri. 9:30am



● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Darren Goodman & Natalia Bordadora** 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

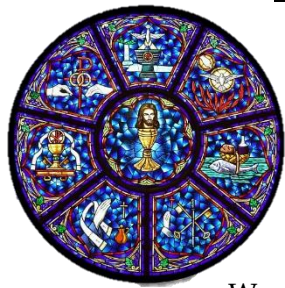
● **Mission Sunday:** With joy we will celebrate Mission Sunday next week with it's emphasis this year on the call to bring hope and God's love to everyone as "Missionaries of Hope among all peoples". All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1,150 young dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God. We are blessed to have the home of the Columban Fathers located in Dalgan Park here in our parish

whose society has been so dedicated to work as missionaries of hope in China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and in South America. A collection basket will be made available for donations.

● **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. More information is available via navanyoucat@gmail.com

● **Siól Youth Group:** Explore your faith, make friends and have fun for post confirmation youth aged 12-18. Meets every Thursday, 7:30pm-8:45pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms, Navan. Contact St Mary's Parish Office for more information. (046) 9027518





Dates of the Celebration of the continuing Sacraments of Christian Initiation

First Confession

The celebration of God's mercy in the sacrament of First Confession will take place in the evening of:

2nd March 2026 St Stephen's School

Church of the Nativity, Johnstown

3rd March 2026 Holy Trinity School, Lismullen,

Church of the Nativity, Johnstown

First Holy Communion

We will celebrate the children of our Parish receiving the Lord Jesus Christ in the sacrament of First

Holy Communion on:

16th May 2026 St Stephen's School

10am & 12 Noon

Church of the Nativity, Johnstown

23rd May 2026 Holy Trinity N.S., Lismullen:

10am

Church of the Nativity, Johnstown

Confirmation

The celebration of receiving the fulness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **11th March 2026 at 3pm** in St Mary's Church, Navan.



School Enrolment for our Parish Schools for 2026/2027

Lismullen: Applications from Mon. 20th Oct. - office@lismullenns.ie

for new Junior Infants beginning in the next school year.

St Stephens: Enrolment from Wed. 1st Oct. - www.ststephensns.ie

For any further queries info@ststephensns.ie / 0469020080.

Saint of the Week: Saint Teresa of Avila: On October 15th, we celebrate the feast of St Teresa of

"Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks
nothing;
God alone suffices.
-St Teresa of Avila

Ávila, a woman whose life reminds us that holiness is not reserved for the cloistered or the perfect – it is forged in the furnace of daily struggle and deep prayer. Teresa was a mystic, reformer, and Doctor of the Church, yet she was also witty, practical, and deeply human. She once quipped, "God save us from sour-faced saints," reminding us that joy is not a distraction from holiness, but a fruit of it. Her great work, *"The Interior Castle"*, invites us to see our soul as a radiant dwelling place for God. She teaches that prayer is not just words – it is a journey inward, a quiet trust, and a surrender to divine love. In a world that pulls us outward, Teresa calls us to

return to the center, where Christ waits. May her life inspire us to deepen our prayer, embrace joy, and walk with courage toward the God who dwells within. St Teresa is an outstanding example of how the contemplative life can well up and overflow into action. A favourite story about St Teresa illustrates the intimate relationship that the saints have with God. When she was on one of her innumerable journeys across Spain, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river. Soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" We should bring everything to God in our prayers, even our reproaches. For a reproach, in the end, is simply our way of offering up to God our incomprehension of what he is giving us.

● **Parish Offertory Envelopes, Direct Debit and Online Donations.** Your continued generosity given through the monthly envelopes, Direct Debit or Online Donations are a very important source of support to the work and maintenance of our Parish, particularly in offsetting the costs of repairs, renovation and upkeep of the parish buildings, while also seeing that the ongoing day to day expenditures of Insurance, Electricity and as we face into Autumn and Winter, heat as well. Thank you for that support.

Parish Sunday Collection

Offertory: € 640.54 Envelopes: €519.00

Online: €

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