

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 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

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

Saturday, 27th December

6:00pm: Pro Populo
7:30pm: Malachy Oakes – (5th);
Tommy Lynch

Sunday, 28th December

9:30am: Jack & Maureen Maguire
11:00am: Joe McLoughlin (1st);
Margaret & Anthony Lynn;
Anne & Noel Collins; Elizabeth & Paddy King

Second Sunday of Christmas

Saturday, 3rd January

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

Sunday, 4th January

9:30am:
11:00am:



Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am
No Mass

Tue. 9:30am
No Mass

Thurs: 9:30am
No Mass

Fri: 9:30am
No Mass

- **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the repose of **Breda Lyons**, (née McMahon), formerly of Farganstown
- **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy **Chloé Solange Miriam Séon-Traynor, Arthur John Stafford** and **Dáithí Jeremiah Finegan** through the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday. We pray God's blessing on them, their parents and family as they begin their Christian lives.
- **Morning Mass:** There will be no 9.30am Mass this coming week.
St. Mary's Navan – Mass times: Monday – Friday 10:00am; St. Oliver's at 7:30pm
- **Parish Office:** Will reopen on Friday 2nd Jan. 2026, after the Christmas Break.

A Prayer for Families

"O God, who gave us the Holy Family of Nazareth as a perfect model of life,
Help us to live our family life in faith, love, and total commitment to your will,
Just as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived in humble obedience and mutual respect.
Lord Jesus, consecrate our homes by your virtues,
Grant us the wisdom of Joseph, the gentle heart of Mary, and the truth of your presence.
May our families become authentic schools of the Gospel, places of communion, prayer, and deep understanding.
Protect us from violence, rejection, and division, and help us to experience the sacredness and beauty of the family in your divine plan.
Strengthen the faith of our children, Increase love in all marriages,
And guide us all to the eternal joy of our heavenly home.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

New Year's Day Mass: Will be celebrated in St Mary's Navan at **12Noon on 1st January, 2026**. This Mass is the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and more recently has been asked to have an intention to pray for peace. All welcome to pray for the gift of peace in our homes, families and community, and above all the end of warfare in the troubled and suffering parts of the world



Happy New Year!

Anno Domini 2026! The Year of the Lord 2026: As we end this year of 2025, let us thank God for the blessings which He has bestowed on us, and seek his blessing for the New Year about to begin. A notable tradition of our faith, and one richly blessed by the church, by offering a Plenary Indulgence to all who offer the “**Te Deum**” Prayer on 31st December (A great prayer of thanksgiving to God) and invoking the Holy Spirit with the prayer “**Veni Creator Spiritus/Come O Creator Spirit**” on 1st January, placing this new year under His guidance and providence. Both prayers can be found on the Parish Website under “Prayer” section. Let this year be truly lived as the Year of the Lord by ordering all things to His service.



SILENT NIGHT!

Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child!

Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace!
(x2)

Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight!

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Saviour is born! (x2)

Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!
(x2)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him

Born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore Him (x3)

Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,

Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Very God, Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,

Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!

Glory to God In the highest.

AWAY IN A MANGER,

no crib for a bed,

the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,

the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes; but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;

I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my bedside till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever,
and love me, I pray:

bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

- **Parish Envelopes 2026:** The new Parish Envelopes are now available for collection in both churches.

The parish envelopes are of vital support to the parish and go towards the maintenance of the parish buildings, offsetting the running costs of the parish and allows us to plan towards future projects. A big thank you to all who contribute through their box of Parish Envelopes.. A Standing Order, Direct Debit or Donating online are also available through the Parish Website.



- **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 in this way



Parish Sunday Collection

Offertory: € 980.10 Envelopes: €1,869.10

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