

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 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11TH JANUARY 2026



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 Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, 10th January

6:00pm: Patrick & Mary Lynch, Luke & Teresa Smyth
7:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday, 11th January

9:30am: Sheila Bradley (21st);
Sharon McGinn
11:00am: Thomas & Mary Nugent

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 17th January

6:00pm: Tom Gibbons, parents & DFM
7:30pm:

Sunday, 18th January

9:30am:
11:00am: Gerry & Bridie Shiels;
Martin Maher (1st)

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am	Tue. 9:30am	Thurs: 9:30am	Fri: 9:30am
Thanksgiving Intention	Private Intention	Christmas Intention	Christmas Intention

● **Baptisms in 2025:** As we celebrate this great feast of the Lord's Baptism, we pray for the 65 people who received the Sacrament of Baptism this past year in our parish and we pray for all who will come to faith this coming year through the grace of the sacrament.

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Brendan Halpin**, Garlow Cross & Robinstown, who was laid to rest in Mounttown on Friday



● **Ordinary Time:** As we move on from the celebration of Advent and Christmas, we enter the period of time in our Liturgical Calendar known as Ordinary Time. This season incorporates most of the year and is broken up into two chunks – the first is the time between Christmas and Lent, and then the second period picks up after Pentecost Sunday and continues right through until Advent again. For the Sundays of Ordinary Time this year we will have the Gospel of Matthew as our guide in growing in our relationship with Jesus in our ordinary day to day living. Green is the colour associated with Ordinary Time.

The Church welcomes you with great joy"

Some Guidelines for the Sacrament of Baptism

● The Sacrament of **Baptism**, the gateway to the sacraments and necessary for salvation by actual reception, is validly conferred only by a washing of true water with the proper form of words. Through baptism men and women are freed from sin, are reborn as children of God, and configured to Christ by an indelible character and so incorporated into the Church.



Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks; they are to go to the priest to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it as soon as possible after the birth or even before it.

Parents, sponsors, and the priest are to take care that a name foreign to Christian sensibility is not given.

As a rule those to be baptised are baptised in their parish church unless a just cause suggests otherwise.

For an infant to be baptised licitly:

- 1/ the parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent;
 - 2/ there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be delayed according to the prescripts of particular law after the parents have been advised about the reason.
- A sponsor (Godparent) also helps the baptised person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfil faithfully the obligations inherent in it.
 - One sponsor (Godparent), male or female is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each sex. They must be not less than 16 years of age, a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and received the Blessed Eucharist and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.

Elements of the Rite of Baptism:

- The **welcome** at the entrance of the Church highlights the will of the parents for the one to be baptised to become part of the family of God, the Church, accepting the grave duty to raise their child up in the Catholic Faith, both in the practice and teaching of the Faith, as well as the joy of the church in receiving one into the family of God.
- The **Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens** strengthens the person's heart to reject evil and love God above all.
- The **Profession of Faith** is a joining with the faith of Christians who believe in God, in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, the Church and all that she holds and teaches.



- The **triple pouring of Holy Water**, the central element of the Sacrament of Baptism, accompanied by the words of the Rite of Baptism confers the grace of the Sacrament and marks the person forever as a Child of God, by invoking baptism in the name of the Most Holy Trinity.
- The **Anointing with the Oil of Chrism** confers the dignity of Christ upon the person; He who was anointed a Priest, Prophet and King and shares those offices with the Baptised.

- The **clothing in White** calls to mind the noble company of Saints in heaven who are imaged in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 7:9) arrayed in spotless white robes before the Lord God in heaven
- The **lighting of the Baptismal Candle** from the Paschal Candle signifies that the Baptised person has been enlightened by Christ who is the Light of the World (John 8:12), and allows that light of faith to illumine their lives.
- The **praying of the Our Father** is a sign that the newly baptised is part of the Christian Community who approaches God, in filial trust and love as His Children.

- The **Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage 2026** is in the footsteps of St. Blaise and to Medjugorje from 22nd - 29th September staying in the coastal town of Mlini at Hotel Astarea. The cost is €1350 which is inclusive of Aer Lingus return flights, checked in luggage, seven nights half board, transfers, all trips and a full religious programme. Bookings with Navan Travel on 046 9068600 and enquiries to Kingscourt Parish Office on 042 9667314

• **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

Sunday 5th Jan - Offertory: €747.12 Envelopes: €545.52
Online: €53.00

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